

GOOD FOR THE HOOD



Sustainability at home workshops

Port Stephens Council has partnered with Good for the Hood, as seen on ABC's 'War On Waste', for a 6 week series of free online workshops, focussing on sustainability in the home! These workshops will empower you to make small changes for a big impact!

Topics will include:

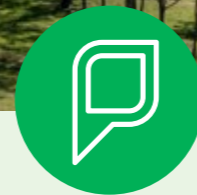
- Meal planning and re-using leftovers
- Reusable nappies and sanitary products
- Electric vehicles
- Solar power and energy savings
- Composting and worm farms
- Natural skincare



There are 2 sessions per week, for 6 weeks, and you can choose to participate via zoom or watch the recording later via The Good for the Hood website. To participate, head to the Port Stephens hub and register at tinyurl.com/portstephensathome or scan the QR code.

West Ward update

July 2023



July 2023
Draft Hinterland Place Plan



August 2023
Completion of Sturgeon Street Raymond Terrace



August 2023
William Street Revitalisation Stage 2 works

In 2021, the Raymond Terrace Public Domain Plan was adopted, setting out the long term vision to improve the town centre. It provides a great overview of our plans to improve the public spaces in Raymond Terrace – take a look at it on Council's website. One of the key aims identified in the plan is to create a better connection between the primary shopping precincts of the town centre and create a more inviting environment for people to linger and enjoy Raymond Terrace.

What's the latest update?

After completing stage 1 of the William Street revitalisation works including the William Street crossing and improved lighting, architectural shade structures and decking with seating and planter boxes, we're about to kick off with stage 2.

The Draft Hinterland Place Plan was endorsed for public exhibition at Council's ordinary meeting on Tuesday 25 July. The wider community will have the opportunity to review the draft plan and provide feedback during the 28 day exhibition period.

There's a lot happening in Raymond Terrace over the next few months, with a number of road improvements, public spaces improvements and activations – read on for more information.



Keep up-to-date with the various works

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What's planned next for Raymond Terrace?

Sturgeon Street, Raymond Terrace

Works are underway in Sturgeon Street to upgrade the condition of the road to improve safety for road users and pedestrians. The works are due for completion soon and include:

- Rehabilitation of the road pavement
- Formalising the parking areas with an asphalt surface and line-marking
- Tree protection measures to retain the tree lined streetscape
- Improving the stormwater catchment in the road reserve
- Improving the traffic and refuge island arrangements at Sturgeon Street, Swan Street and the Jacaranda Avenue intersection

The project is jointly funded by Council and Phase 3 of the Federal Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

William Street Stage 2

As part of the implementation of the initiatives of the Raymond Terrace Public Domain Plan, Stage 2 of the William Street revitalisation works will begin in August. The works, funded through the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program aim to improve the overall function and aesthetics of William Street, creating a main street that can be celebrated by the public and surrounding businesses.

The upcoming William Street Stage 2 project will include a number of deliverables to enhance the area, including:

- removal and replacement of existing landscaping including hedging
- landscaping around existing street trees
- cleaning and replacement of damaged pavers
- new entry signage

The removal of hedging plants along William Street will help improve visibility for pedestrians and drivers, while the existing street trees will be retained and evaluated by an arborist.

As part of these works, there'll be 5 canopy seating structures, featuring laser cut elements. These will be installed along the southern side of



PROJECT OVERVIEW

\$1.5 million

50% external funding

**Expected completion
august 2023**

Pavement rehabilitation and urban renewal between Swan Street and Glenelg Street.

**Keep up to date at
[pscouncil.info/
sturgeon-st-raymond-terrace](https://pscouncil.info/sturgeon-st-raymond-terrace)**



Artists impression: New canopy seating structures for William Street stage 2 works

William Street (the opposite side to Marketplace entrance). We'll also be installing an entry feature at the roundabout approaching William Street from the east. Some street furniture will also be relocated to make the street more accessible.

Works are scheduled to start on Monday 31 July, taking around 4 weeks to complete.

**Keep up to date at
pscouncil.info/william-street-works**

Hinterland Place Plan

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the development of the draft Hinterland Place Plan. The draft document will be available for public exhibition and comment in early August 2023.

This draft is full of exciting proposals, including helping people to diversify their rural businesses and improving access to interesting places and providing options for additional income opportunities with changes to DA rules allowing secondary dwellings on properties.

Celebrating and protecting the rivers and waterways of the area is also a key element to the draft plan.

We encourage you to keep an eye out for the draft plan's release and we appreciate your continued support!

**Keep up to date at
pscouncil.info/hinterland-place-plan**

Brandy Hill pathway

We recently received a community petition requesting the Brandy Hill shared pathway be located on one side of the road only, rather than both, for safety reasons. We've listened and the route of the new pathway will remain on the 'western' side of Brandy Hill Drive.

To allow for enough space to locate the new shared pathway adjacent to Brandy Hill Drive, we'll have to acquire some private land. This acquisition, along with inflation has increased the the overall estimated project cost.

The project is funded through a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPS) as part of the Brandy Hill Quarry expansion project approved by the Independent Planning Commission in 2020. This agreement doesn't cover the cost of the project. Hansons, the owners of Brandy Hill Quarry, are in discussions with both Council and the Independent Planning Commission regarding a way forward for this project.

There aren't any time frames for construction for the project at this time.

**Learn more about the Port Stephens
Pathways Plan at
pscouncil.info/pathway-plans**



UPCOMING PROJECTS

Brandon Park, Seaham

Works to the amenities and court surface are complete. Lighting will be installed by early August 2023.

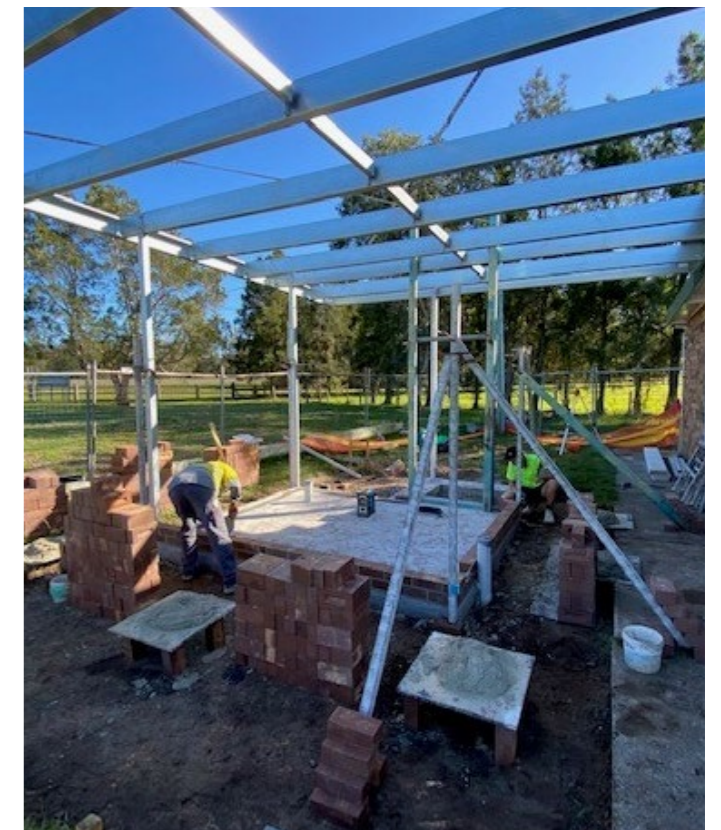
Yulong amenities replacement, Medowie

Early site works have commenced. The major contract works tender assessment is underway. Construction is scheduled to start in August.

Lemon Tree Passage roadworks

Planning and design are underway for Lemon Tree Passage Road (near Oyster Cove). The road safety improvements are scheduled to start in August.

**Learn more about upcoming projects
and works at pscouncil.info/projects**



Works underway on the amenities at Brandon Park, Seaham