



<p><b>Thu 30</b></p> <p><b>It's On! Lights On! Christmas Tree Celebration</b></p> <p>Apex Park, Nelson Bay 5 to 8:30pm</p> <p>Lighting of the Christmas tree, with Santa, live music and games.</p>	<p><b>Sat 9</b></p> <p><b>It's On! Seaside Singers</b></p> <p>Stockton Street Stage, Nelson Bay 11am to 1pm</p> <p>Christmas carols by the Seaside Singers choir.</p>	<p><b>Fri 15</b></p> <p><b>Nelson Bay Family Carnival</b></p> <p>Neil Carrol Park 6 to 11pm</p> <p>Running nightly from 15 Dec to 14 Jan 2024 come along for fun, food and family amusements.</p>	<p><b>Sun 31</b></p> <p><b>It's On! McGrath New Year's Eve 2023</b></p> <p>Nelson Bay foreshore 9pm</p> <p>Ring in the new year with the McGrath Port Stephens New Year's Eve fireworks display. Proudly sponsored by McGrath Port Stephens and d'Albora Marinas.</p>
<p><b>Sun 10</b></p> <p><b>Carols at the Bay</b></p> <p>Fly Point Park 5:30 to 9:30pm</p>			



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# East Ward update

November 2023



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**Smart Parking in your place**



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**Christmas celebrations at Nelson Bay**



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**Little Beach upgrade works**

In 2019, the Nelson Bay Town Centre Public Domain Plan was adopted, setting out the long term vision to revitalise the town centre. You can view the plan in detail on Council's website.

A key focus of the plan is to create streets that prioritise people, a greener town centre and more spaces for the community to enjoy. Many of the projects recently completed and outlined in the following update are designed to help achieve this vision.



## Smart Parking in your place

Smart Parking was installed in Nelson Bay CBD in 2020 and recently expanded to include Laman Street and Fly Point in Nelson Bay and also in Shoal Bay. We're now talking to the community about expanding Smart Parking to other locations including Fingal Bay and Little Beach.

You can learn more and provide feedback by visiting [haveyoursay.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/smart-parking](https://haveyoursay.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/smart-parking)  
**Have your say before 17 December 2023.**

## What's planned next for East Ward?

### Little Beach improvements

We're getting closer to completing the improvements at Little Beach, with most of the road and shared path works now finished.

Upgrades to the park are also almost complete with irrigation installed to help reinstate the parks open grassed areas.

The new general amenities are open and in use while we continue constructing the changing places amenities.

As part of the improvements, we're also replacing the fish cleaning table, which includes:

- wheel chair access
- solar lighting
- improved pedestrian access
- eight cleaning stations

The location, size and design of the new fish clean table has been made with future car park improvements in mind.

Thank you to all of our nearby residents and park users for their ongoing patience while we complete this major park improvement project.

Keep up to date at [pscouncil.info/LittleBeach](https://pscouncil.info/LittleBeach)



This photo is indicative only of the planned new fish cleaning table at Little Beach.

### Shopping local

'Tis the shopping season and this Christmas, we're encouraging you to spread the cheer by shopping local and keeping our hard-earned dollars in Port Stephens.

Shopping local is important and has a huge impact on the local economy. Every time you spend money, you vote with your dollar. When you shop local, each dollar you spend is a vote for local business, local jobs and local people.

This Christmas, we're working with local retailers across Port Stephens to raise awareness about the value of shopping local.

It doesn't matter if you want to buy a surfboard, pushbike, a dinner for 2 or handmade homewares – it's all available in Port Stephens.

There's a whole lot happening in your town centres this season, so check it out. While you're there, grab some Christmas goodies.

Did you know? For every \$100 you spend with a small business in Port Stephens \$62 stays in the local community.



### Fingal Bay park upgrade and amenities

We've listened to the feedback from the Fingal Bay community relating to the new amenities building for Fingal Bay Foreshore. In the new design the amenities block will feature 2 change rooms, an accessible family room, 2 unisex toilets, and an ambulant toilet.

We're looking to secure the contract before Christmas with a completion date prior to Easter 2024.

The privacy screening on the outside of the new amenities block will feature a Fingal Bay headland mural artwork.

These amenities are another addition to the recent works around the Fingal Bay foreshore precinct, including the updated park furniture and connecting paths. Work is due to commence on the furniture after Easter next year with the view to have all work completed prior to July 2024.

Keep up to date at [pscouncil.info/fingal-bay-amenities](https://pscouncil.info/fingal-bay-amenities)

### Marine Drive landslip rectification

We've almost completed works along Marine Drive, Fingal Bay, following the landslip that occurred during storms in March 2021. We're constructing a retaining solution along the landslip zone and formalising the current stormwater solutions in the area, to help prevent future incidents during high rainfall weather events.

The permanent one-way traffic arrangement will ensure better pedestrian access to connect Fingal Bay Foreshore to Barry Park and to the Tomaree Coastal Walk.

Keep up to date at [pscouncil.info/marine-drive-fingal-bay](https://pscouncil.info/marine-drive-fingal-bay)

### Play spaces

Brand new playgrounds are set to be installed at Tomaree Sports Complex, Korora Oval and Taylors Beach prior to July 2024.

The playgrounds at Tomaree and Korora will be local spots that kids and families can now enjoy along with local sporting clubs and their spectators.

The new playground for Taylors Beach is in its draft design phase with the playground set to bring new appeal to the waterfront for families that can also enjoy the BBQ's and picnic table settings.

### Teramby Road, Nelson Bay

We have funding to rectify the 2 landslip sites on Teramby Road. Works have begun at one site with more works to come in 2024.

Keep up to date at [pscouncil.info/teramby-road](https://pscouncil.info/teramby-road)



Landslip rectification works at Marine Drive, Fingal Bay

