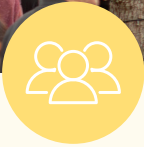


Six Monthly Report

Snapshot – Jan to June 2024



Libraries

662*
new library
members



Thrive Kids

31 new
positions at
Fern Bay
OOSH



Arts, Events and Culture

100+ participants
at the inaugural
Creatives Conference



Safe and accessible beaches

Over
699,000*
beach visits

Our Community

- We adopted a new Community Wellbeing Strategy and Disability Inclusion Action Plan.
- We celebrated Harmony Week, Seniors Week, Youth Week and International Women's Day with our community.
- The Homelessness Stakeholder Advisory Group worked together to develop an action plan to improve homelessness.
- We held 4 Community events including Illuminate Raymond Terrace, Sail Port Stephens Street Party, Little Beach for All and Australia Day.



Road repairs and rehabilitation

\$20M
Spent on roads and
drainage



Active investment

167*
development
applications approved



Public Safety, Health and Liveability

52 educational visits to
our schools by Rangers

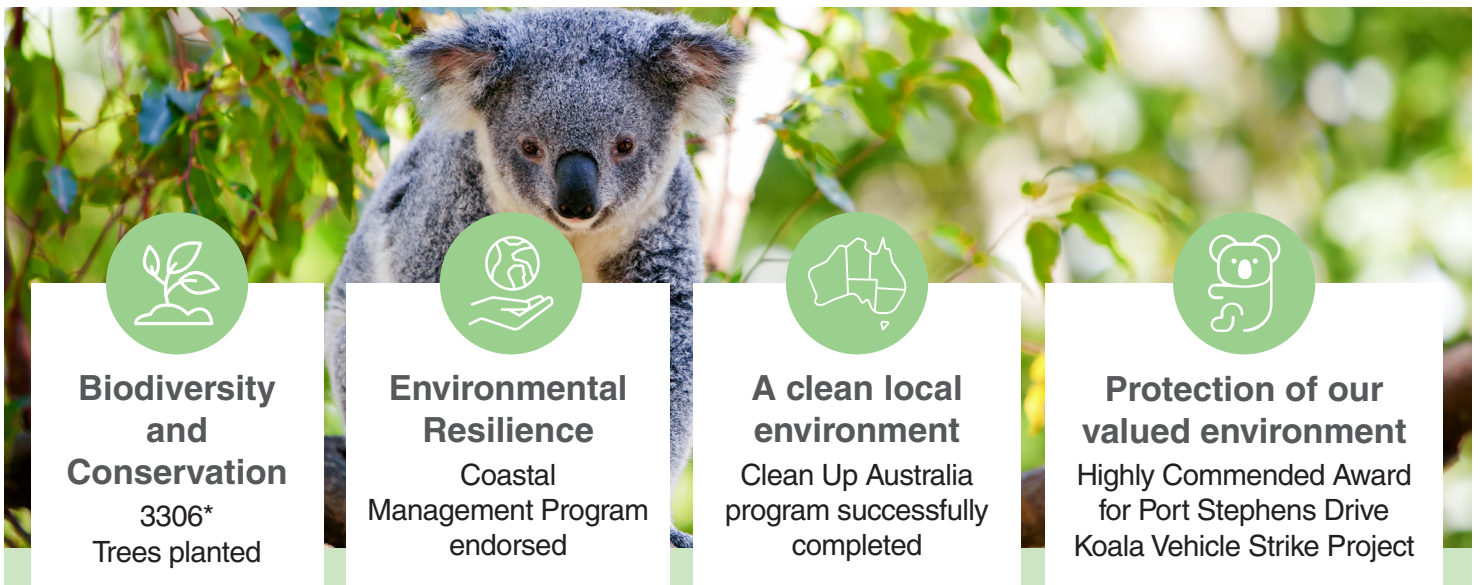


Workforce for the future

20 Mayoral
Academic Scholarships
awarded

Our Place

- The new Port Stephens Local Housing Strategy was adopted with a focus on housing supply, diversity and affordability.
- We expanded Smart Parking into Shoal Bay, Little Beach and Fingal Bay and will reinvest revenue into local projects.
- The Shoal Bay Place Plan was adopted following extensive community engagement.
- We completed pathway connections at Marine Drive, Fingal Bay and Nelson Bay Road, Fern Bay and the design for the "Port Walk" connection between Nelson Bay to Shoal Bay.



Biodiversity and Conservation

3306*
Trees planted



Environmental Resilience

Coastal Management Program endorsed



A clean local environment

Clean Up Australia program successfully completed

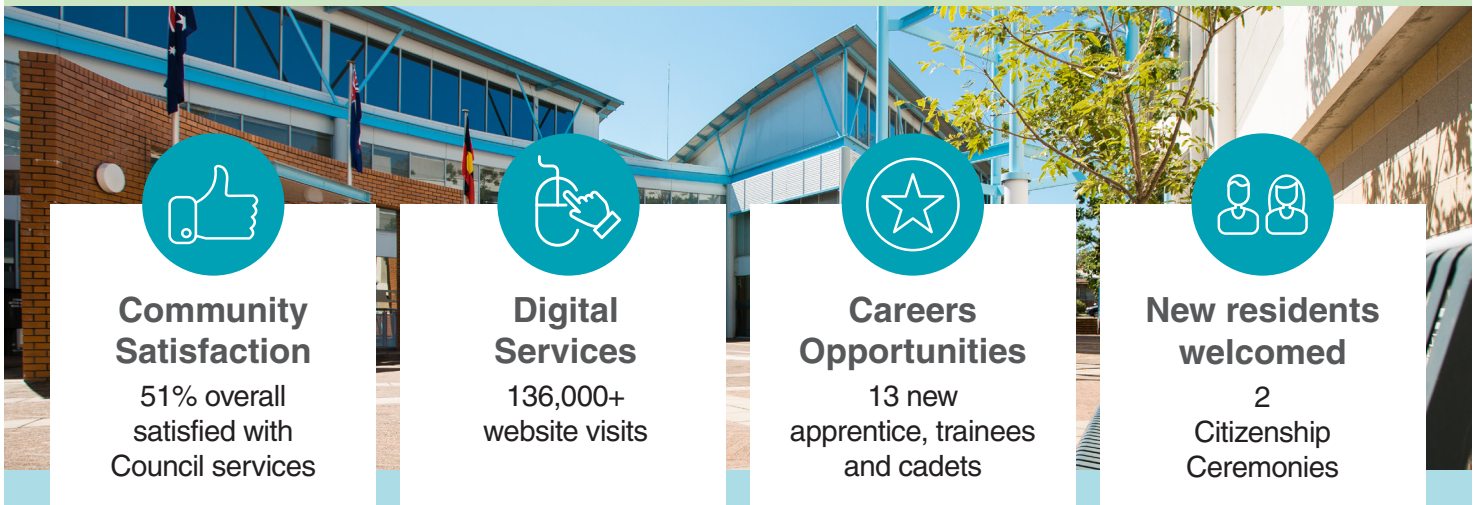


Protection of our valued environment

Highly Commended Award for Port Stephens Drive Koala Vehicle Strike Project

Our Environment

- We delivered a number of Clean Up Australia programs across Port Stephens.
- We finalised our Emission Reduction Action Plan to guide our organisation in achieving carbon neutrality by 2025.
- We completed the Port Stephens Drive Koala Vehicle Strike Project to reduce koala fatalities on one of the worst koala road-strike locations in NSW.
- We are updating our vegetation and koala mapping to ensure we protect and enhance important habitats across Port Stephens.



Community Satisfaction

51% overall satisfied with Council services



Digital Services

136,000+ website visits



Careers Opportunities

13 new apprentice, trainees and cadets



New residents welcomed

2 Citizenship Ceremonies

Our Council

- We have established a Resilience Fund Reserve to invest into significant strategic projects across Port Stephens.
- We finalised our Employee Value Proposition to help attract and retain the brightest and the best to work at Council.
- We improved our Report, Request and Apply online service to allow 24 hour, 7 day a week requests.
- The Port Stephens Koala Sanctuary was a finalist at the prestigious Australian Tourism Awards.

*1 January 2024 to 30 April 2024



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