

Your Port

Autumn 2024

Message from the Mayor



It was a fun filled summer in Port Stephens this year, with plenty of events and activities for everyone to enjoy. The Nelson Bay marina was packed with people celebrating New Year's Eve with a spectacular display of fireworks and it was great to see so many people enjoying our Australia Day activities at Raymond Terrace, Lemon

Tree Passage, Nelson Bay and Karuah – including 2 citizenship ceremonies and our Annual Awards.

There's lots more to look forward to in Port Stephens this autumn including Sail Port Stephens, the Sustainable Living Festival, a range of It's On! activations and in June, we're excited to present Illuminate Raymond Terrace.

Over the last few months, we've drafted some key strategic documents that we've sought your feedback on, including the Community Wellbeing Strategy,

the Port Stephens Coastal Management Program, the Shoal Bay Place Plan and Port Stephens Local Housing Strategy.

Work on several major projects is also continuing, including the local road rehabilitations thanks to the \$10 million commitment from the state government, the Avenue of the Allies reconstruction at Tanilba Bay and the new contemporary sports amenities at Yulong Oval.

I'm particularly excited to officially celebrate the completion of the Little Beach reserve upgrades that have created an accessible and improved public space for everyone.

The past seven years serving as the Mayor of Port Stephens have been nothing short of amazing. The community here is truly unique in your resilience, support, positivity and motivation.



Ryan Palmer, Mayor of Port Stephens

Major projects – portstephens.nsw.gov.au/projects



✓ COMPLETE

Road rehabilitation at Tomaree Road (\$10M state commitment)
Shoal Bay



⊖ IN PROGRESS

Sporting amenities replacement at Yulong Oval
Medowie



⌚ SCHEDULED

Landslip rectification works and scuba dive access
Nelson Bay

Have Your Say



Playspace upgrades prioritised for Port Stephens

We recently asked you what your childrens favourite ways of play are at our local playspaces and we heard that climbing, swinging, sliding, balancing, imaginative and sensory play were the most popular. We're using this feedback to upgrade 5 playspaces across Port Stephens to improve the wellbeing and liveability of our community, thanks to NSW Government funding.

The works will kick off at Korora Oval at Taylors Beach, Salamander Bay, Elkin Avenue, Centennial Park and Tomaree Sports Complex. For more information visit pscouncil.info/playspaces



Aliceton Reserve Masterplan

We recently consulted with the Karuah community to find out what they'd like to see in a masterplan to enable the reserve to become a vibrant precinct, aligning with actions in the Karuah Place Plan, creating better places and spaces for the local community. Stay up to date at haveyoursay.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/aliceton-reserve



Wellbeing Strategy

Following extensive consultation, we've developed a Community Wellbeing Strategy to create a more inclusive and healthy community. This is our commitment to making Port Stephens a place where wellbeing is prioritised, and people can lead happy, healthy and connected lives. It also incorporates our Disability Inclusion Action Plan, so we have a holistic view of the wellbeing of our whole community. Stay up to date at pscouncil.info/wellbeing-strategy



Community Satisfaction Survey

Our Community Satisfaction Survey is an important part of delivering outcome that improve the wellbeing and livability of our community and helps us to understand what's working well and what's not. The survey only take around 7 minutes to complete and is open until 5pm Sunday 5 May 2024. Have your say at portstephens.nsw.gov.au/community-satisfaction-survey

Report, request and apply

We've made it easier for you to report an issue, request advice or submit an application.

Our new Report, Request and Apply webpage is a one stop shop for our customers.

One location for everything. Available anywhere, anytime.
Get started at portstephens.nsw.gov.au



Environment and sustainability



Keeping our environment clean and green

We're lucky enough to have over 20 environmental volunteer groups across Port Stephens. Whether you fancy working near the water to conserve the coast, planting and maintaining gardens in our parklands or saving the bushland from invasive weeds, there is a volunteer opportunity for you!

Check out our website to see which groups align with your values and preferred location and express your interest in joining at pscouncil.info/volunteers



Safe battery disposal

Did you know that batteries aren't allowed in your domestic waste bin or kerbside collection?

Batteries are flammable, and contain hazardous metals like lead, mercury and lithium, which are harmful to people and the environment.

To find a battery recycling location near you visit bcycle.com.au



Green waste drop off days

9am to 2pm, April to September

- Karuah: first Sunday of each month
- Raymond Terrace: second Sunday of each month
- Lemon Tree Passage: third Sunday of each month
- Salamander Bay: fourth Sunday of each month

To find your fortnightly recycling and garden organics collection week and day, learn more about the terms and conditions of drop off days or book your kerbside collection go to portstephens.nsw.gov.au/waste

Planning for your place



New blueprint for the future of housing in Port Stephens

Port Stephens is growing and in 20 years, 20,000 more people will call this place home. The problem is, we're running out of undeveloped land and house prices are climbing.

To enable more housing, we've developed a blueprint for the future – the revised Port Stephens Housing Strategy. The 3 big goals of the strategy are to create a wider variety of housing types, more affordable housing and identifying where we can build more homes.

We need your help to shape our future! The revised Local Housing Strategy is on public exhibition for community feedback until Monday 29 April 2024.

Have your say at pscouncil.info/housing-strategy



Smart parking in your place

The extension of Smart Parking has been approved to Little Beach, Fingal Bay, and Birubi Headland.

Little Beach is first in line for installation and expected to be operational by the end of April 2024, with Fingal Bay following soon after in May 2024. Timeframes haven't been set for Birubi Beach yet. Stay up to date at portstephens.nsw.gov.au/smart-parking

Autumn
@ your library

Find out what's on this Autumn at your Libraries – there's something for everyone!

Learn more about our upcoming programs, activities and events by subscribing to our e-newsletter, follow us on Facebook or go to pscouncil.info/library-events





ANZAC Day

Learn more about the part Port Stephens and Newcastle played in defending our area in WWII at the ANZAC exhibition currently on display at the Visitor Information Centre (VIC). Presented by the Tomaree Museum, the exhibition features a fascinating collection of maps, compasses, uniforms, and other artefacts. As well as the normal operating hours, the VIC will be open on ANZAC Day from 10am to 2pm so people can visit the exhibition.

To see where you can commemorate ANZAC Day on 25 April visit pscouncil.info/anzac-day



Sail Port Stephens Locals Lounges

Sail Port Stephens is an exciting annual yachting regatta held in our gorgeous waterways. It's family friendly, affordable and fun! Experience all the on water excitement from the best vantage points at our free 'Locals Lounges'. Grab a bite to eat from one of our locals, or bring a picnic and relax.

For more details visit pscouncil.info/sail-port-stephens

April

Sail Port Stephens Street Party

Wed 17, 5 to 10pm
Magnus and Stockton Streets,
Nelson Bay

It's On! Silent Disco Karuah

Thur 18, 4:30 to 7:30pm
Karuah Community Hall

Sail Port Stephens Locals Lounge

Fri 19 and Sat 20,
11am to 2pm
Nelson Bay Foreshore

It's On! Silent Disco Medowie

Wed 24, 4:30 to 7:30pm
Medowie Community Hall

ANZAC Day

Thu 25
Various events, see website
pscouncil.info/anzac-day

May

Sail Port Stephens Locals Lounge

Sat 4, 11am to 2pm
Bay Sailing Centre Waterfront,
Soldiers Point

Sustainable Living Festival

Sat 18, 9am to 2pm
Medowie Community Hall

ILLUMINATE

RAYMOND TERRACE

Saturday 1 June 2024

pscouncil.info/illuminate-raymond-terrace