

NEWSLETTER 1 July 2008:

THE WATERFRONT MASTERPLAN (Corlette to Shoal Bay) – Port Stephens

1. Commencement of the project

The Department of Lands and Port Stephens Council have appointed The Planning Group (NSW) Pty Ltd to prepare “*The Waterfront Masterplan: Corlette to Shoal Bay - Port Stephens*”.

2. The Waterfront Masterplan is to be a strategic Masterplan that can guide the future use and development of approximately 8 kilometres of Crown and Community land on the north-eastern shoreline of Port Stephens between the townships of Corlette and Shoal Bay.

This extended foreshore area consists of a number of unique waterfront precincts that have current and future potential to provide a range of recreational and tourism related experiences and, in doing so, contributing to the social and economic development of the local area.

This masterplanning project is to complement and build upon planning work currently underway within the planning area at the Nelson Bay foreshore (referred to as the *Nelson Bay Revitalisation Project*).

3. The Consultation Program

As part of the community consultation program, a Community Reference Group (CRG) has been formed. The first CRG meeting was held on 12th June 2008.

4. Ideas

Some of the ideas/issues discussed at the first CRG meeting, for consideration in the Masterplan are noted below:

- Preserving the natural amenity and beauty;
- An integrated walkway/cycleway with consistent design,
- Guidelines for street furniture;
- User friendly signage;
- Location of amenities;
- Creation of landscaping concept using native species, along the entire length of the foreshore;
- Upgrading of boat ramps;
- Minimise vehicular access to key points/activity nodes,
- Audit of car parking;
- Identify appropriate locations for commercial activities to finance foreshore works and maintenance;
- Provision of public transport, and
- Create an area for major events.

5. Contact

If you have any concerns or suggestions for the Waterfront please contact Steve Hills on (02) 9925 0444 or Jenny Titterton via email: jenny.titterton@tpgnsw.com.au

