



PORT STEPHENS
COUNCIL



Volunteering

Reach out and reap the rewards



700+

Volunteers in
Port Stephens

Volunteering for Port Stephens Council

Whatever your interest, we've got the volunteering opportunity for you.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Port Stephens – they give their time and energy to make our beautiful region a better place to live, work and play.

Without volunteers, many Port Stephens Council programs and services could not be provided to our community.

Whether you want to make a hands-on contribution, gain new skills, help others, share your own knowledge and experiences, or just stay active and form new friendships, we may have just the right thing for you.

Port Stephens Council's volunteering opportunities can be flexible to suit your availability, skills and interests.

For general enquiries, please contact Council.

Phone (02) 4988 0255

Email volunteers@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Web portstephens.nsw.gov.au/live/volunteers



Community

Centres and Halls

Many of our local halls and community centres are run by volunteers on behalf of Council. Our volunteers do a wonderful job of ensuring that these facilities are run efficiently and meet the needs of locals, community groups, businesses and visitors.

Opportunities for volunteers include helping with the day-to-day running of the facility, attending meetings, public relations, managing bookings, finances and committee administration.

More hall volunteers are desperately needed, so find out how you can help your local community. Volunteer committees manage the following council facilities:

- Anna Bay,
Birubi Point Hall
- Bobs Farm Public Hall
- Corlette Hall
- Fern Bay
Community Centre
- Hinton School of Arts
- Karuah Community Hall
- Lemon Tree Passage
Old School Centre
- Mallabula
Community Centre
- Medowie
Community Centre
- Nelson Bay
Community Hall
- Raymond Terrace Senior
Citizens Hall
- Salt Ash Community Hall
- Tanilba Foreshore Hall
- Williamtown Hall



Park and Landcare Groups

Wherever you live in Port Stephens – from Fingal Bay to Seaham – there are parks and reserves groups that need your help! Our volunteers help to maintain our local parks and reserves, as well as carrying out important bush regeneration, habitat improvement and weeding activities.

Whether you want to join a working bee once a week or once a month, additional hands always help. If you can't be physically active, there are other opportunities such as group management, working bee administration and public relations. So come along and help – there are opportunities for everyone.



Our community groups include:

- Anna Bay/Birubi Landcare
- Boat Harbour Parks and Reserves
- Corlette Headland
- Corlette Parks and Landcare
- Fingal Bay Parks and Reserves
- Hinton Parks and Foreshore
- Karuah Landcare
- Lemon Tree Passage Parks, Reserves and Landcare
- Mallabula Parks and Reserves
- Mambo Wanda Wetlands, Reserves and Landcare
- Medowie Tidy Towns
- Nelson Bay West Landcare
- Port Stephens Native Flora Garden
- Raymond Terrace Park Reserves and Tidy Towns
- Seaham Park and Wetlands
- Shoal Bay Beach Preservation
- Soldiers Point – Salamander Bay Landcare
- Tanilba Bay Parks Reserves and Landcare
- Tilligerry Landcare



Cemetery Groups

Cemeteries provide space for families to pay respect to their loved ones, and it's important that they are well taken care of. Our Cemetery Group volunteers work with Council and the community to improve our local cemeteries and undertake working bees.

Our Cemetery Groups are:

- Tomaree Cemeteries Group
- West Ward Cemeteries Group





Sporting Clubs and Sports Councils

If you love your local sporting club, why not volunteer? Volunteers are the key to success for all sporting clubs by ensuring that local sport thrives both now and into the future. If you're interested in learning more, contact any of your local sporting clubs – they will welcome you with open arms!

Port Stephens Council also has four Sports Councils which provide an avenue for consultation between our Council, government departments and the sporting community. These Sports Councils are made up of volunteer representatives from local sporting clubs, schools, special interest groups, elected Councillors and community representatives.

Advisory and Cultural Groups

Whether you're an artist, writer, performer, musician, or just creative at heart, you can help shape the future of the arts in Port Stephens by joining Council's **Strategic Arts Committee**. This committee is made up of volunteers of all ages who are passionate about promoting and developing cultural opportunities across our community.

If you care about protecting and promoting our local heritage, you may be interested in joining our **Heritage Advisory Committee**. This committee provides an opportunity for our heritage interest groups to participate in the conservation and management of important heritage buildings, places and items.

The Worimi are the traditional owners of the Port Stephens area and Council enjoys a strong relationship with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, collaborating on a range of projects to celebrate their contribution to the region. Our **Aboriginal Strategic Committee** helps to direct Council's focus including the delivery of the Yabang-Gu-Butunga or the Road to Tomorrow agreement.

“The YAP is an incredible opportunity to be a part of ... as it unites our leaders with the youth.”

– Youth Advisory Panel member
Katerina Nicopoulos (opposite)



The Sister Cities movement provides opportunities to enhance our rich diversity and culture by promoting peace, understanding and cooperation through international partnerships. The **Port Stephens Sister Cities Committee** has adult, youth and family memberships available.

If you're between the ages of 15 and 24, our **Youth Advisory Panel (YAP)** wants you!

The Youth Advisory Panel gives local young people a voice on matters of importance – in Council and in the wider community. The YAP meets quarterly and is a great way for young people to meet like-minded peers and develop leadership skills.

Our **Port Stephens Australia Day Committee** volunteers organise celebrations for our beloved Australia Day events in Nelson Bay, Raymond Terrace and Tanilba Bay.





Port Stephens Library

Our library volunteers are like family! They assist library staff immensely and keep our libraries going by re-shelving, cleaning DVDs and CDs, covering books and preparing craft materials for children's programs. We also have volunteers who assist with exhibitions at the Art Space located in the Raymond Terrace Library.

If you're interested in becoming a library volunteer, please contact the library directly. Please note this is a very popular activity with only a small number of opportunities available.

Tomaree Library and Community Centre

Phone 4988 0670

Email tomareel@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Raymond Terrace Library

Phone 4988 0111

Email raymondterracel@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Tilligerry Library

Phone 4982 3477

Email tillilibrary@portstephens.nsw.gov.au



Stories in the street

Volunteers visit families at their houses in Raymond Terrace or Medowie one morning a week. They read books and activity stencils to children aged 0-5 yrs and provide educational or community information to parents.

Volunteers occasionally read stories at events and promote the Library and stories in the street programs.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Melissa Beasley.

Phone 4988 0128

Email melissa.beasley@portstephens.nsw.gov.au



Visitor Information Centre

Do you love telling others about all the wonderful things to see and do in Port Stephens?

Our Visitor Information Centre couldn't run without the help of our wonderful volunteers.

Their local knowledge and enthusiasm for Port Stephens promotes our area as a premier tourist destination. Volunteers assist with information and directions, tour and accommodation enquiries, as well as administration and sales.

If you're interested in volunteering at our Visitor Information Centre drop by or contact us.

Phone 4980 6900

Email info@portstephens.org.au

While it is a popular place to volunteer, we're always looking for good help.





Ngioka Centre

The Ngioka Centre provides an opportunity for volunteers to grow and care for native plants in partnership with Council. These plants are used by our groups for their activities in our local parks and reserves. Ngioka volunteers are a values part of this process and we would not do it without them! There are a wide range of opportunities for volunteers to get involved, so come and lend a helping hand.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer for the Ngioka Centre, please contact Council's Volunteers Coordinator on 4988 0255 or email volunteers@portstephens.nsw.gov.au



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