

This newsletter provides an update on a number of Port Stephens Council projects that we are working on at Shoal Bay.

Sand management

The sand management project along Shoal Bay beach aims to re-nourish the area with sand and reduce sand inundation that is currently occurring at Little Beach and Fly Point. The project is now in its second stage and these works are a repeat of what was undertaken in Spring 2019.

The project involves machinery moving sand from Shoal Bay West along the beach (approx 1500m) to near Shoal Bay Wharf. Sand will also be removed from Little Beach boat ramp to Shoal Bay East by excavator and truck.

The removal of the accumulated sand at the Western end of Shoal Bay will help limit the natural sand movement westwards around Nelson Head. This will help ensure that both the Little Beach boat ramp and the fragile marine biodiversity in this area is less inundated by sand.

Public access to some sections of Shoal Bay Beach will be restricted during these works to allow for machinery to move the accumulated sand. The daily operations will determine which sections of Shoal Bay beach will be closed to ensure public safety and not all of the beach will be closed at any one time.

Works are expected to begin in early June and take 1-2 weeks for completion.

Surveys of the area will be undertaken using a drone and these surveys will help us to monitor and track sea grass health before and after the works.



Shoal Bay West

Shoal Bay Road pedestrian crossing upgrade

An upgrade to the existing pedestrian crossing across Shoal Bay Road, near Shoal Bay Holiday Park main entrance, will soon begin. This upgrade is designed to improve visibility of pedestrians to drivers.

Funding has also been received from RMS to extend the existing 40km zone, high pedestrian activity zone, along Shoal Bay Road to include this pedestrian crossing.

The works will involve the planned removal of two gum trees to increase visibility around the pedestrian crossing.

These works should be complete June 2020.

Shoal Bay Foreshore improvements

In March 2020 we talked to you about a number of improvements planned for Shoal Bay Foreshore including extension of the existing shared pathway, new public amenities building and new park furniture.

A snapshot of the findings of our engagement is here <https://haveyoursay.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/shoal-bay-foreshore>

Since March 2020 we have been dealing with the impacts of COVID-19 on Council operations and the previously advised scope of the upgrades for Shoal Bay foreshore will change.

We are now currently working out what the revised scope and timing for Shoal Bay foreshore will be and we will be back in touch once this is finalised.



Tomaree Road update

The major upgrade to Tomaree Road between Fingal and Rigney Streets is now fully complete. These works involved full road reconstruction, new pathways and drainage network improvements.



Before



After

Keeping up to date

For more information go to the Projects and Works page on Council's website.

If you have any questions please contact our Customer Service team on 02 4988 0255 and they will direct you to the most relevant department.