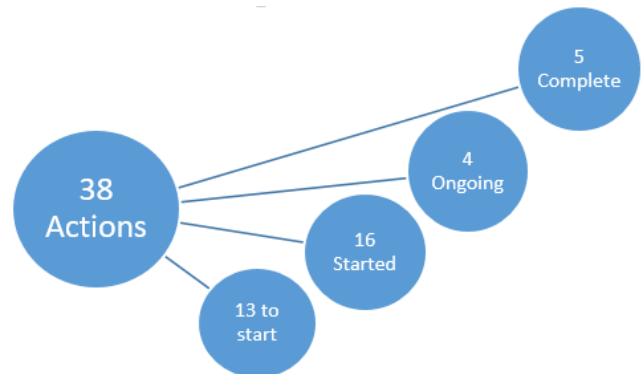


What's happening in Raymond Terrace & Heatherbrae?

The Raymond Terrace & Heatherbrae Strategy (RT&H Strategy) is the long term plan of Port Stephens Council to create a strong regional centre and a great place to live, work and play. We are working together with the community and stakeholders to achieve this vision and implement the priority actions from this Strategy.

RT&H Implementation Panel

The RT&H Implementation Panel consists of Council Staff, ward councillors and community members. The Panel meetings provide a forum for reporting back on the 38 actions in the RT&H Strategy, seek community advice at relevant stages, and monitors the implementation of the strategy to ensure progress on actions is being made.



We have actions underway

Infill Housing Study (relates to Action 15)

As part of developing the Port Stephens Housing Strategy, we are investigating opportunities for infill housing in Raymond Terrace. This includes looking at whether dual occupancies, granny flats, and small residential flat buildings are feasible around the town centre or if the planning controls need to do more to support these developments. For more information visit: www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/grow/portstephens-planning-strategies

Boomerang Park Pathway (Action 26)

A new shared pathway is a key action in the Master Plan for Boomerang Park and provides a much needed link between the major community facilities in the park. The path will also provide access for existing residential communities to make their way to main street Raymond Terrace through the beautiful surrounds of Boomerang Park. Construction of this path is now close to finalisation. For more information, visit:

<https://www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/live/resident-services/capital-works>

There are also things going on behind the scenes

Expansion of Bulky Goods at Heatherbrae (Action 2)

Council has received a Planning Proposal to rezone land along the Pacific Highway to enable bulky goods development. This is consistent with the actions in the RT&H Strategy to support Heatherbrae as the key destination for bulky goods in Port Stephens. The Planning Proposal will be reported to Council before being submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for consideration, prior to any public exhibition.

Economic Prospectus (Actions 3, 12, 14, 24, 25)

Our Economic Development & Tourism team is preparing a prospectus to help investors better understand the commercial development potential of various areas in Port Stephens, including Raymond Terrace. The prospectus will also include data about our population, workforce, and existing services which assists in attracting new business and major institutions to the area.

Speedy Lock Lane residential development (Action 19)

The rezoning of 5 Speedy Lock Lane for future residential development has received a Gateway determination from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and will be exhibited before Council makes a final decision. For more information, visit: <http://leptracking.planning.nsw.gov.au>

Budget allocation for shared pathway (Action 6)

One of the Port Stephens 2020 community priority projects for Raymond Terrace is the construction of a shared pathway along the levee bank (\$300k) which is expected to start in January 2020.

Town Centre improvements and Public Domain Plan for Raymond Terrace (Actions 31-33)

Another Port Stephens 2020 community priority project for Raymond Terrace is making town centre improvements (\$1M), with most of the works expected to start in July 2020. A portion of the funds will help to set a long-term vision for the town centre through the development of a Public Domain Plan (PDP) for the Raymond Terrace town centre.

This PDP will also include a Streetscape Design Guideline, a Street Tree Masterplan, and an Implementation Plan. The PDP is expected to be exhibited in the first half of 2020, with multiple opportunities for the community and the RT&H Implementation Panel to be involved along the way. The budget for the town centre improvements is also available to implement any initial short-term works identified during the development of the PDP, as well as provide place activation, place making, and public realm improvements.

Other good stuff you should know about!

Projects on our Capital Works Program 2019-2020

Some activities undertaken in the RT&H area may not relate directly to the actions in the RT&H Strategy. For example, works on the seawall at Riverside Park, Raymond Terrace are now complete. The new seawall does not only look great, it also helps reduce erosion, stabilises the river bank, and improves safety for people walking along the park.

Below are some recent examples from a handy map you can find on our website: <https://www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/live/resident-services/capital-works>

- Replacement and modification of various public amenities at recreational facilities, including improved disabled access.
- A Safer Roads Grant has been received to design a safer road at Newline Road, Raymond Terrace (\$150k).
- Raymond Terrace Depot – Scoping & planning underway (\$250k).

