

PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL

2020 Community advocacy priorities



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1 Progressing the Williamstown Special Activation Precinct

Seek firm commitment and funding to establish a Special Activation Precinct (SAP) at Williamstown.

(\$) \$150 million+

- (?) 1. To significantly improve the drainage of water out of Williamstown to alleviate significant land use constraints.
- 2. To unlock the potential of land surrounding Newcastle Airport, driving Aerospace investment, innovation and 6000 jobs in Port Stephens.
- 3. Seek a commitment for a rail link from Newcastle Airport to Tomago to increase accessibility through public transport options
- 4. Align all levels of government to facilitate future development through streamlined planning, processes and access to funding through a city/regional deal.

6000 jobs
IN PORT STEPHENS



2 Essential upgrades to Newcastle Airport terminal and runway

Seek a joint commitment to assist Council, as co-owner of Newcastle Airport, to upgrade the airport terminal and runway to accommodate long range international flights.

(\$) Less than \$100 million

- (?) Newcastle Airport requires an upgrade to accommodate long range aircraft (Code E) to unlock the full potential of the Hunter region, create 4400 jobs and boost the economy by up to \$12 billion. The uplift would be gained through international airfreight together with increased passenger tourism traffic. The required work includes both airfield and substantial terminal upgrades. Making this happen requires a coordinated funding model from State and Federal Governments along with Newcastle Airport's monetary commitment.

\$12b
boost to
economy
THROUGH UPGRADES
TO NEWCASTLE
AIRPORT





3 Kings Hill urban development

Seek a commitment to assist Council and landowners to implement the Kings Hill urban release area, delivering approximately 4000 dwellings — 40% of Port Stephens' entire additional housing requirements.

- (\$) \$80 million for highway interchange and drainage channel
- (?) Port Stephens' largest town, Raymond Terrace, is a centre of strategic importance across virtually every metric. Its population growth targets and commercial/retail future relies almost entirely on a substantial increase in available affordable housing. The Kings Hill urban release area is currently the only viable solution to this significant challenge.

4000 new homes

MEANS MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING



4 Town centre revitalisation

Seek support and funding opportunities to complement Council's financial commitment to invest in and rejuvenate the town centres of Port Stephens.

- (\$) \$25 million to complement Council's \$25 million investment
- (?) Several of Port Stephens' iconic towns have seen little investment for a number of years. Council has committed to investing heavily to rectify this situation, including allocating significant funding to activate town centres as part of our Port Stephens 2020 projects.

Drive Port Stephens' economy

BY ACTIVATING TOWN CENTRES

Support is sought from the State Government to help build on this momentum and invest in tourism infrastructure, wayfinding signage and public domain enhancements that will drive private investment, as well as investment in infrastructure, the visitor economy and the retail sector.





5 Major investment in roads

Seek firm commitment and funding for:

1. M1 Pacific Motorway extension to connect Sydney, the Hunter and NSW north coast
2. Cabbage Tree Rd/Tomago Road duplication
3. Sealing unsealed roads across Port Stephens
4. A dual carriageway for Nelson Bay Road from Stockton to Williamtown

Reduce traffic issues

ALTERNATE ROUTES AND REDUCE SAFETY ISSUES



1. \$100+ million for next stage — A critical missing link, the long-awaited M1 extension will address sustained traffic growth on one of our nation's most important motorways.



2. \$100 million — A strategic upgrade to accommodate traffic growth from an expanded Newcastle Airport and Williamtown/Tomago industrial areas.

3. \$17 million — A rolling program to seal roads will address significant risks to road safety for residents and visitors.

4. \$100+ million for next stage — Slated for significant growth from tourists and permanent residents, the realisation of Nelson Bay's potential is constrained by this largely single lane road.



6 Regional sport infrastructure

Seek funding support for high class, multi-functional sports complexes at Nelson Bay and Raymond Terrace that will cater for local, regional and national sporting organisations and events.

Multi-functional sports complexes

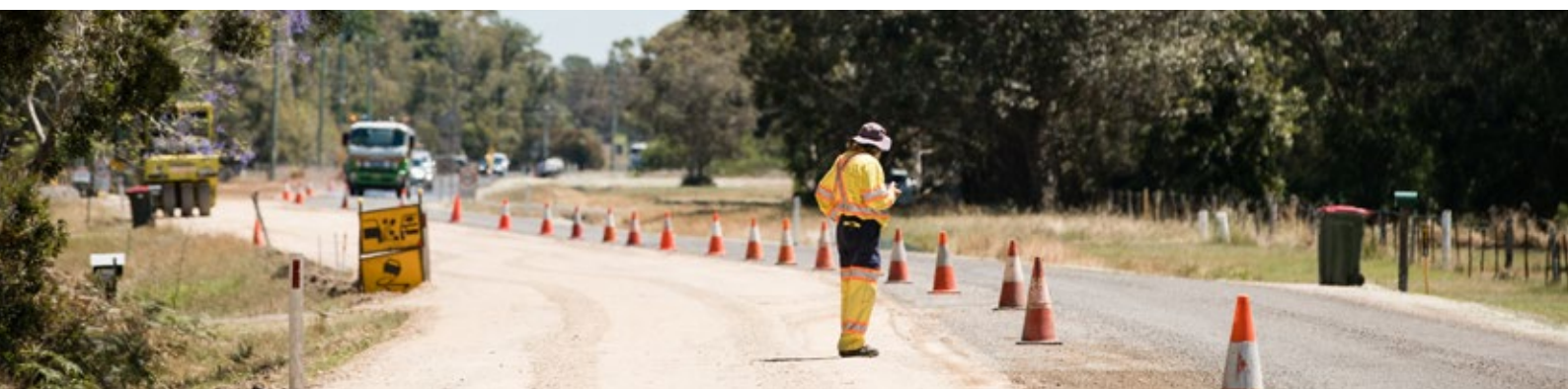
ENHANCE VISITOR ECONOMY AND DRIVE DEMAND FROM EVENT ORGANISERS



\$10 million for initial stages of Tomaree and King Park sports complexes



Whilst delivering high quality sporting infrastructure is a fundamental requirement of Port Stephens Council, this project has the potential to significantly enhance the region's visitor economy and drive demand from national sports event organisers, particularly in the off-peak tourism season.





7 Smart cities blueprint

Seek a commitment to assist Council in implementing a range of actions from our Smart Cities Blueprint.

- (\$) \$1 million for Smart Cities pilot projects
- (?) Port Stephens is undergoing a digital transformation that will significantly change the lives of people in our region. Our Smart Cities Blueprint aims to use digital technologies to improve community connectivity, make better decisions and create partnerships to lead innovation. Investment in digital technologies and infrastructure will improve the liveability of our town centres, support local business and create a sustainable future for residents, workers and tourists.

Smarter cities

BY INVESTING
IN DIGITAL
TECHNOLOGIES



8 Urgent coastal management works

Funding to implement important coastal erosion work at Sandy Point, Corlette — one of Port Stephens' most iconic pieces of shoreline. A detailed management plan has been certified and includes sand nourishment, rock revetment work, stormwater drainage and public safety measures.

- (\$) \$6 million
- (?) Port Stephens is a pristine marine park more than double the size Sydney Harbour and is home to some of the most physically striking tourist destinations in NSW. Protective works are urgently required for a section of this coastline before further extreme weather events deliver catastrophic results for residents and visitors.

Reduce coastal erosion

PROTECT AGAINST
FUTURE EXTREME
WEATHER EVENTS





Better community health facilities

TO SUPPORT THE WELLBEING OF OUR GROWING COMMUNITY AND IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES



Coordinated approach to PFAS response

INCLUDING MANAGEMENT OF REMEDIATION, COMPENSATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Maximise the economic contribution

OF REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING NEWCASTLE AIRPORT, THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GREATER NEWCASTLE METROPOLITAN PLAN

POLICY COMMITMENTS COUNCIL IS SEEKING FROM GOVERNMENT



Message from the Mayor

Port Stephens local government area is part of NSW's largest regional centre. It's home to centres of major strategic importance including Tomago industrial area, Newcastle Airport and Aerospace precinct, as well as an iconic tourism industry.

Port Stephens enjoys many natural advantages —proximity to Sydney and Greater Newcastle, a magnificent Marine Park and the greatest coastal sand dune ecosystem in the southern hemisphere.

To deliver on its full potential however the region requires significant investment — both public and private. My Council calls on all levels of government to partner with us and drive the major initiatives that will shape the future of the region for decades to come.

We need affordable housing, major infrastructure and investment in tourism, transport and digital solutions. We need representatives who understand our strategic importance and growth potential and are prepared to invest in that future.

We will be working closely with our community in our efforts to deliver on these projects and are asking our state and federal representatives to join us on that partnership.



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Mayor of Port Stephens