

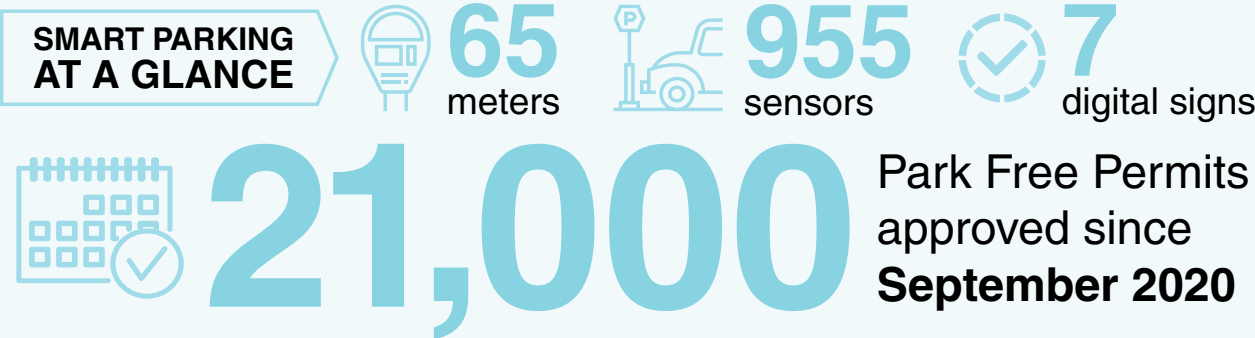
# Love koalas? You'll love this.



As part of our Community Visitor Program, Port Stephens residents can visit the Koala Sanctuary at special rates and can purchase an annual pass, which will help to secure the long-term future of koalas in our region.

Learn more at [portstephenskoalas Sanctuary.com.au](http://portstephenskoalas Sanctuary.com.au)

## Smart parking in Nelson Bay



### What we're doing thanks to smart parking



A greener town centre



New and improved car parking



Pedestrian and cyclist friendly streets



Spaces for people to enjoy that come alive

### What we've already done



Donald Street East carpark



Road stamping in shared zones



Extension of one-way on Stockton and Yacabaa streets



Beautification, including public art and fairy lighting

**What's next?** We're investigating the benefits of smart parking in other areas, including Birubi Beach and Shoal Bay.

# YOUR PORT

Autumn 2021



- Clean up begins after March downpour
- Get involved in making over Medowie
- Major projects across Port Stephens



PORT STEPHENS  
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# Message from the Mayor



The Port Stephens community never ceases to amaze me, particularly during difficult times.

Last month, we experienced some of the biggest downpours of rain ever recorded in parts of Port Stephens.

After fires and a pandemic, flooding was the last thing our community needed. But it was heart-warming to see people help each other out when it's needed most.

I want to thank the amazing emergency services, who worked tirelessly to protect lives and property.

I also want to thank the Council employees who worked day and night to keep our community safe during the event and who are now leading the clean up efforts.

There has been significant damage to many of our roads, drains and recreation assets. We have a team of employees dedicated to the recovery effort and I'm working closely with them to make our roads and facilities safe.

We're now in the process of assessing the damage and reprioritising our projects for 2021 to help rebuild Port Stephens.

One of our biggest priorities will be designing and constructing a new crossing at Foreshore Drive, Corlette where the road and culvert were washed away.

Thankfully, there has been a natural disaster declaration for Port Stephens that will help our community and our Council recover financially.

I'm also committed to matching funding for these repairs from our Council's budget so that we can get back to our feet as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your patience as we work to rebuild Port Stephens together.

*Ryan*  
Ryan Palmer

# Medowie's makeover on the way



It's Medowie's turn for a 7 Day Makeover and we're gearing up for a big week from 8 to 14 May! After the success of the Anna Bay makeover, we're proud to be bringing Creative Communities back to work their magic on the Medowie town centre.

To make it a success, we need your help! Make sure to register as a volunteer and get involved at [7day.com.au](https://7day.com.au) or head to our Facebook page to stay up to date.

# We heard you, Raymond Terrace



Over \$1 million of improvements are on the way for Raymond Terrace in mid-2021. During consultation last year, you told us you wanted more shady spots and better footpaths and links. We'll soon be getting to work installing new seating, more shade and better links between key places. These works are all part of our Public Domain Plan for Raymond Terrace and are key actions of the Raymond Terrace and Heatherbrae Strategy. Keep up to date at [portstephens.nsw.gov.au/projects](https://portstephens.nsw.gov.au/projects)


# Big upgrade for Little Beach boat ramp



A \$2 million upgrade for the ever-popular Little Beach boat ramp is on the way, with works set to begin in May 2021 thanks to a grant from the NSW Government's Boating Now program. We'll also be taking the opportunity to install new accessible toilets and beach showers, and improve pedestrian access.

The ramp will be closed from May to August for the works. Visit [portstephens.nsw.gov.au/projects](https://portstephens.nsw.gov.au/projects)

# Major projects

 Read more about our completed and upcoming major works across Port Stephens at [portstephens.nsw.gov.au/projects](https://portstephens.nsw.gov.au/projects)

-  **Complete:** Shoal Bay parklets
-  **In progress:** Shoal Bay amenities
-  **Scheduled:** Boyd Oval, Medowie sporting amenities featuring change rooms, canteen, unisex bathroom facilities, accessible bathroom facilities, referee rooms and first aid room



 **COMPLETE**



 **IN PROGRESS**



 **SCHEDULED**