

Plans that put people and places first



It's easier than ever for communities in Port Stephens to understand and get involved in planning for the future of their place.

Place plans are being developed for a number of towns across Port Stephens. It all starts with our community — your values and priorities for your place. Together, we identify the unique local character of a place and the ways our community can enhance or protect these aspects.

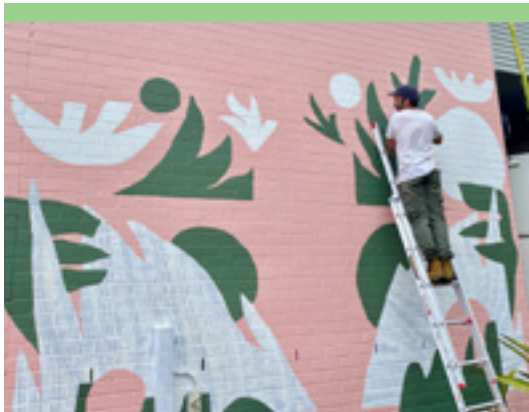
Every place is unique and so is every place plan. That's why a place plan may include things like events and activities, major projects and works, land use changes and more.

Our initial focus is on Anna Bay, Shoal Bay, Karuah, Medowie and the West. While not every place will have a place plan, we'll be rolling out this collaborative approach over the coming years as we plan for the future of our towns.

Find out more and get involved at portstephens.nsw.gov.au/placeplans

Funding available for local projects

It's time for a chemical cleanout



More than \$300,000 in funding is now available to support the Port Stephens community and create a vibrant place to live, work and visit. Our 2021–22 Community Funding Program has 10 funding streams available for a range of initiatives, events and activities.

We're on the lookout for projects that help to create vibrant places, improve our environment, enhance our community's wellbeing and more. Most funding streams are open year-round, while others have 2 rounds to apply.

For details and to apply, visit portstephens.nsw.gov.au/funding

Drop off your chemicals for free on Saturday 4 December at the Salamander Bay Waste Transfer Station between 9am and 3:30pm. You can drop off for free:

 Garden chemicals	 Pool chemicals	 Household cleaners	 Poisons
 Hobby chemicals	 Batteries	 Paint	 Motor oils, fluids, fuels
 Fluoro lights	 Gas bottles	 Fire extinguishers	 Smoke detectors

Up to 100L (in 20L containers) of paint accepted. Only household quantities accepted (20L or 20kg), except paint.

For more information call the Environment Line on 131 555 or visit cleanout.com.au.

YOUR PORT

Spring 2021



- Fixing local roads Council's priority
- \$1.1 m win for Port's sports complexes
- Funding available for local projects

Message from the Mayor



As another wave of COVID-19 impacts Port Stephens, I want to thank the vast majority of people who continue to do the right thing to keep our community safe.

By staying home, getting tested and getting the vaccine as soon as we're eligible, we're going to get through this as quickly as we can.

To help support our community through this time, we have launched our 2021–22 Community Funding Program. There's 10 funding streams available for a range of initiatives, events and activities.

I know there are lots of individuals, groups, not-for-profits and businesses who will benefit from these funds. The pandemic has also given rise to a new wave of creativity and big thinking that I can't wait to see expressed in these new initiatives when the time is right.

I'd encourage you to apply for funding now so that we can inject a much-needed dose of activity and vibrancy to Port Stephens as soon as it's safe to do so.

We're also using this time to focus on the important things – like our roads. Thanks to \$665,000 funding from the NSW Government, we'll soon be getting to work on improvements to James Road at Medowie and Hannah Parade at One Mile.

Fixing our roads is a focus of this Council – particularly after the natural disaster in March caused widespread damage to our network. I want to thank everyone for your patience as we get through the \$7 million of repairs to our roads and infrastructure.

With a roadmap to freedom now clear, the future ahead looks bright for Port Stephens. Stay safe and continue to look out for each other so we can get through this together.

Ryan

Ryan Palmer

COVID-19 updates and information

To help limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community, our Administration Building is temporarily closed to the public. You can get in touch by: **Phone:** 02 4988 0255

Online: portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Facebook messenger: Port Stephens Council

Email: council@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Visit our website for the latest changes to our facilities and services.

Major projects



Read more about our completed and upcoming major works across Port Stephens at portstephens.nsw.gov.au/projects



Complete: Shoal Bay Foreshore



In progress: Mallabula Activity Hub



Scheduled: Robinson Reserve Skatepark Stage 2



COMPLETE



IN PROGRESS



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\$1.1 m win for Port's sports complexes



King Park



Tomaree Sports Complex

King Park and Tomaree Sports Complex are the lucky recipients of the NSW Government's Regional Sport Facility Fund to keep communities healthy, active and connected.

More than \$840,000 will go to King Park Regional Sport Complex to upgrade the existing amenities building including unisex change rooms, revamped meeting and function area, pathways, seating and signage.

Tomaree Sports Complex has received \$260,000 to revitalise the Elizabeth Waring building into a high-quality sporting and community space plus new pathways, seating and signage. This will complement works already underway on a new multipurpose amenities building, which is scheduled to be complete in early 2022.

Keep up to date at portstephens.nsw.gov.au/projects

Fixing local roads a priority



The bridge for Foreshore Drive is being manufactured at a local Tomago plant and will look similar to this prefabricated bridge. This solution was chosen for its speed and environmentally friendly construction approach.

We know our roads need some attention after the natural disaster in March – that's why we're committing an extra \$3 million from property sales to go directly to rehabilitating roads.

A new bridge for Foreshore Drive is currently being built offsite – we expect construction to begin onsite from November 2021 and finish by the end of the year, weather permitting. We're focused on fixing Gan Gan Road, Anna Bay in the coming months too.

We've also successfully applied for \$665,000 funding from the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads initiative.

The much-needed funds will go towards rehabilitating a section of James Road at Medowie, while Hannah Parade at One Mile will be resealed and the car park will be upgraded. Construction on both projects is scheduled to start in late 2021.

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