

A photograph of a family walking away from the camera on a paved coastal path. The father, wearing a blue t-shirt and pink shorts, is holding the hand of a young girl in a denim jacket. A woman in a blue top and white skirt walks ahead of them. In the background, other people are walking on the path, and the ocean is visible under a clear blue sky. The path is bordered by greenery and a low wall on the right side.

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2022 Community advocacy priorities



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A balanced approach

TO ENSURE
THE LONG TERM
SUSTAINABILITY OF
THE WATERWAYS AND
THEIR SUPPORTING
ECONOMIES

Foreshores and Waterways

Funding to implement foreshore revitalisation works that seek to sustainably manage and support recreational, commercial and economic outcomes.



- \$250,000 – Business case and concept design for the Nelson Bay commercial tour operator wharf, visitors centre and foreshore upgrade.
- \$150,000 – Development of a Port Stephens Waterways Strategy to deliver economic, tourism and environmental outcomes.
- \$600,000 – Minor stabilisation works at Shoal Bay and Corlette to reduce coastal erosion.
- \$1.6 million – Co-funding to support construction of a new Marine Rescue Facility at Lemon Tree Passage.



Creating liveable cities

TO ATTRACT A DIVERSE
RESIDENTIAL BASE

Housing Supply

Ensure a pipeline of new housing to attract residents, support housing affordability and attract a workforce for the future.



\$80 million +



- Commit funding to the highway interchange and drainage channel at Kings Hill to catalyse housing development.
- Support increased building heights and density in strategic centres.
- Commit funding to public transport connections between Port Stephens, Maitland and Newcastle to support the needs of students and workers.
- Commit to ensuring adequate education and health facilities to support population growth.

Creating liveable cities requires quality infrastructure, increased density and investment in public transport to provide suitable housing and connectivity.

Supporting Council to bring forward a supply of development ready land in and around the strategic centres of Nelson Bay and Raymond Terrace will support population targets and economic growth.





Williamstown Special Activation Precinct

Drive investment in defence, aviation and aerospace through the delivery of government led investment in infrastructure and development at the Williamstown Special Activation Precinct (SAP).



\$150 million



- Resolve long term drainage issues to alleviate land use constraints to unlock development.
- Align all levels of government to facilitate future development through streamlined planning and investment attraction.
- Plan for and deliver sustainable design elements and public domain treatments to identify Williamstown as a global gateway to the Hunter, Greater Newcastle and Port Stephens.

Jobs and investment

UNLOCK DEVELOPMENT
AND CREATE 4300
NEW JOBS



Town centre revitalisation

Seek funding opportunities to compliment Councils financial commitment to invest in increasing the vibrancy of our town centres through a place based approach to infrastructure and development.



- \$2.3 million – Planning and concept design for Medowie Town Centre and District Playground.
- \$15+ million – Deliver package of works for the Raymond Terrace Public Domain Plan.
- \$5 million – Deliver package of works for the Nelson Bay Public Domain Plan.

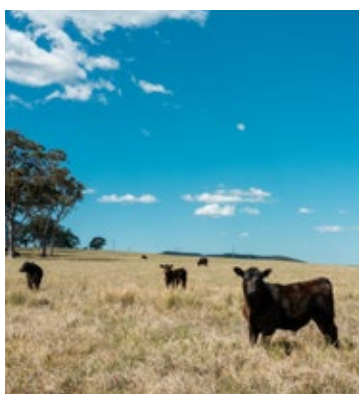


Creating vibrant and liveable spaces is a key driver of economic growth.

Investment in tourism infrastructure, wayfinding signage and public domain enhancements that will help boost the NSW economy through new private investment, infrastructure enhancements and a thriving visitor economy.

Drive Port Stephens' economy

TO CREATE VIBRANT
PLACES AND SPACES





Better connections

Seek a firm commitment for funding and the delivery of major infrastructure items to reduce travel times, improve liveability and expand active transport options.

- Progress – the long awaited M1 extension to address sustained traffic growth on one of our nation's most important motorways, the duplication of Nelson Bay Road from Williamtown to Bobs Farm and the Fingal Bay Link Road to cater to forecast population growths and reduce congestion.
- \$100 million – Upgrade to Cabbage Tree Road to accommodate traffic growth from expanded Newcastle Airport and Williamtown/Tomago industrial areas.
- \$17 million – A rolling program of road reseal will address significant risks to road safety for residents and visitors.
- \$2.5 million – Connecting pathways between Shoal Bay and Nelson Bay to improve health, wellbeing and mobility between aged care facilities and the town centre.
- \$2 million – Improving cyclist and pedestrian connectivity between Medowie and Raymond Terrace CBD.
- \$3 million – Shared path between Williamtown RAAF to Medowie connecting pedestrian staff between the base and the community.
- \$9 million – High priority pathways as part of the Tomaree Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan ensuring safety and accessibility for pedestrians.
- Commitment to upgrade the Medowie Road and M1 intersection and Bucketts Way and M1 intersection.

Improve connections

TO REDUCE TRAVEL TIMES, INCREASE SAFETY AND ATTRACT INVESTMENT



Upgrades to Newcastle Airport Terminal

Seek funding to assist Council, as co-owner of Newcastle Airport, to upgrade the terminal to service new international flights, increasing domestic flights, freight and logistics.

- \$55 million – A Code E runway at Williamtown is a game changer for NSW, generating 4,410 full time jobs and driving \$12.7 billion in regional economic benefit through increased freight and stimulation of the visitor economy.

\$12.7b boost to the NSW economy

THROUGH UPGRADES TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT

Shared pathway



Keep left



Warn when approaching





Creating a sustainable future

Seek funding for programs to reduce emissions, mitigate environmental impacts and grow circular economy outcomes.

(\$ \$20 million +

- Investment in new technology to support the adaptation of fleet services, construction materials and renewable energies to achieve a carbon neutral council by 2025.
- Investigate the suitability of a Green Energy Corridor for Tomago and Williamstown.
- Deliver the Port Stephens Coastal Management Plan.
- Renew the Port Stephens Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management (CkPOM).

Environmental sustainability

ENHANCE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL ASSETS



Sport and recreation infrastructure

Seek funding support for high quality, multi-functional sports complexes at Medowie, Raymond Terrace and Nelson Bay.

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- \$11 million – Stage 1 King Park Masterplan.
- \$50,000 – Feasibility and business case for the Raymond Terrace Indoor Sports and Multipurpose Centre.
- \$2.1 million – Stage 2 Tomaree Sports Complex expansion.

Sport and recreation

TO IMPROVE WELLBEING, ATTRACT EVENTS AND DRIVE VISITATION



Message from the Mayor

Port Stephens is known for its incredible natural beauty, unique wildlife and strong community spirit. These characteristics make our place an ideal recreation and visitor destination as well as a great place to live, work and play.

As we prepare for our future and potential growth, it's important we are equipped to meet the needs of our community for many years to come.

Like communities across the globe, our region has felt the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. To restart our economy and deliver on our region's full potential, we require significant investment from both public and private sectors.

Our Council calls on all levels of government to partner with us and drive these major initiatives that will shape the future of Port Stephens for years to come.

Our community is like no other – and we are seeking policy commitments from government to ensure the focus on our community is at the forefront of their future planning.

We ask that our state and federal representatives join us in delivering these projects for our community as we work together on building a bright tomorrow for Port Stephens.



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A stylized, handwritten signature of Ryan Palmer in black ink.

Ryan Palmer
Mayor of Port Stephens

