

Your Port

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Plans that put people and places first

Place Plans start 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 shape, enhance or protect these aspects. We put a local filter on all of our Council's existing strategies to make one easy-to-read, action-oriented plan.

Where are we up to?

Following public exhibition late last year, the Medowie Place Plan is scheduled for endorsement at the Council meeting on Tuesday 11 April.

On 20 March, 4 Medowie schools participated in National Ride2School Day, fulfilling one of the Medowie Place Plan actions to provide local kids a safe walking and cycling environment along the shared pathways in Medowie. Across the schools, 248 kids rode, walked, scooted or skated to school. Read the new Medowie Place Plan at pscouncil.info/medowie-place-plan

We're about to start our next phase of consultation for the Hinterland Place Plan to test the draft themes and actions. Following community feedback, the draft Hinterland Place Plan is scheduled to go on public exhibition later this year.

To keep up to date on opportunities to have your say, visit pscouncil.info/place_plans



Protecting our coastline

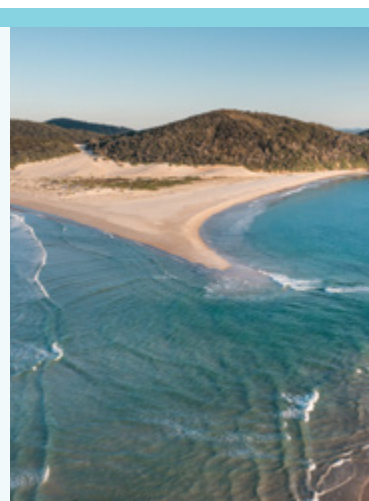
The coast is one of our greatest assets and is constantly changing. We need to determine how we can protect our communities from the impact of climate change now and into the future and that's why we're developing the Port Stephens Coastal Management Program (CMP).

A coastal management program (CMP) sets the long-term strategy for managing our coast. It identifies risks to our coast and how to manage these now and into the future, so we can all enjoy the benefits of the coast for years to come. CMPs are prepared by local councils in accordance with the Coastal Management Act 2016.

In early May, we'll be holding 4 drop-in sessions where the community can meet with Council staff and coastal specialists to discuss the coastal hazards identified in Stage 2 of the CMP.

Additional drop-in sessions will be held in early June to discuss and identify potential strategies to mitigate the risks to the coast.

Find out more and get involved at pscouncil.info/cmp



Garden Organic waste bins are coming!



Garden organic waste bins are coming to Port Stephens! From July this year, we'll be rolling out the service, which will be collected fortnightly, on the alternate week to your yellow lid recycling bin. Keep an eye out for your new green lid bin that'll be delivered to residents from June!



What we've achieved in the last 6 months

Every 6 months, we pause and reflect on how we're progressing as an organisation against our 4-year Delivery Program and annual Operational Plan. The Six-month Progress Report for July to December 2022 was adopted in March and can be viewed on our website. As a community, we've achieved a lot in the last 6 months in light of some challenges.

Read the Six-month Progress Report at pscouncil.info/6-month-report



Roads remain a key community priority

Earlier this year in the lead up to the NSW State Election, we developed our 2023 Community advocacy priorities document, seeking commitment from the NSW Government, to provide funding and support for the delivery of projects across the community, from health and housing to roads, public transport and education.

The repair and rehabilitation of our roads is a key priority and can't be funded by Council alone. Over the past year, Council has secured over \$5 million in grant funds to support the repair of potholes and road damage from recent storm events.

In March we had great news, with Member for Port Stephens Kate Washington, announcing almost \$12 million in funding to help repair and upgrade Port Stephens roads.

For more information and regular updates about our road works visit portstephens.nsw.gov.au/projects

Read the 2023 Community advocacy priorities document at portstephens.nsw.gov.au/community-advocacy-priorities



The Mobile Library is getting a makeover

The Mobile Library will be off the road from **Monday 3 to Saturday 22 April**. During this time the truck will receive a refurbishment, including a fresh new look, updated computers, new lighting, carpet and furniture.

Alternate arrangements will be available for our Mobile Library customers during the closure period. For more information contact us on **4988 0111**.



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RAYMOND TERRACE

Fri 26 May 2023
5 to 9pm
Riverside Park

A QR code linking to the event page.

portstephens.nsw.gov.au/illuminate-raymond-terrace