T'S ON!

December 2023



Fri 01

The Rectory

Raymond Terrace 6pm Lighting of the Christmas Tree, with Santa and games.

Fri 8

It's On! Mens **Shed Choir**

William Street. Raymond Terrace 10am to 1pm Musical performance.

Sat 9

Seaham Community **Christmas** Carols Seaham Park 5 to 9pm

Terrace Central Christmas **Community Day** Terrace Central Shopping Centre, **Raymond Terrace** 10am to 2pm Free rides, market stalls, Santa parade, photos and a BBQ.

Raymond Terrace Community Parade William Street

9 to 10am

Community parade. **MarketPlace Christmas** MarketPlace **Raymond Terrace** 10am to 1pm Christmas carols, free kids craft workshops, and Build-a-Bear workshops (\$10, bookings via

MarketPlace website).

Fri 15

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West Ward update November 2023

November 2023 Hinterland Place Plan endorsed

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the development of the Hinterland Place Plan. This plan includes a wide variety of short, medium and long term actions to help diversify rural business, improve connectivity between towns and villages and improve economic outcomes. The actions have been designed to reflect the values and priorities of the community and create genuine outcomes in the Hinterland.

Get involved!

We'll be working closely with residents and business in the Hinterland to help establish a new Town Team for the Port Stephens Hinterland.

The Town Teams model has been used over the past year successfully in both Karuah and Medowie to help implement their place plans. Contact us if you're interested in joining a town team or already have a great idea and need some support. The finalised place plan provides great inspiration for projects that would qualify under our grants program.

Visit **pscouncil.info/hinterland-place-plan or** scan to QR code to learn more.



For other upcoming events in Port Stephens scan the QR code



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Support your community and shop local this season

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What's happening in your area?

William Street Stage 2

As part of the implementation of the initiatives of the Raymond Terrace Public Domain Plan, we started Stage 2 of the William Street revitalisation works in August. The works, funded through the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program aim to improve the overall function and aesthetics of William Street, creating a main street that can be celebrated by the public and surrounding businesses.

The works are currently underway. So far, we've begun to remove hedging plants along William Street to help improve visibility for pedestrians and drivers, while the existing street trees will be retained and evaluated by an arborist.

We've also started creating garden beds with irrigation in the small verges between car parks and started establishing a garden bed in the roundabout near Best & Less. The street will be looking greener in no time!

The roundabout approaching William Street from the east will soon have an entry feature installed, welcoming people to the area.

We've recently begun additional works as part of Stage 2 that brighten our streets, including rejuvinating the Sturegon Street bus stop with a large mural. There'll also be new artworks created in the laneways between 24 and 26 William Street.

Works are expected to be comple before the end of 2023.

Keep up-to-date at pscouncil.info/william-street-works

Shopping local

'Tis the shopping season and this Christmas, we're encouraging you to spread the cheer by shopping local and keeping our hard-earned dollars in Port Stephens.

Shopping local is important and has a huge impact on the local economy. Every time you spend money, you vote with your dollar. When you shop local, each dollar you spend is a vote for local business, local jobs and local people.

This Christmas, we're working with local retailers across Port Stephens to raise awareness about the value of shopping local.

It doesn't matter if you want to buy a surfboard, pushbike, a dinner for 2 or handmade homewares — it's all available in Port Stephens.

There's a whole lot happening in your town centres this season, so check it out. While you're there, grab some Christmas goodies.

Did you know? For every \$100 you spend with a small business in Port Stephens \$62 stays in the local community.



Brandon Park upgrades

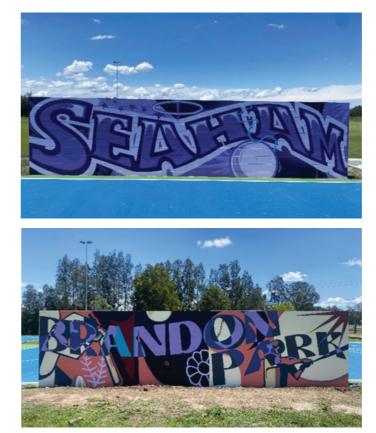
Brandon Park at Seaham has been transformed with the final touches to the upgrades now complete.

This project has included:

- a new multi-sport court featuring a hit-up wall
- · building refurbishments including new canteen fit out
- accessible amenities
- tiered seating
- field lighting upgrades

Our local sporting groups who use this space have also helped to transform the hit-up wall with artwork funded through our grants program.

Learn more at pscouncil.info/projects



Artwork funded via application to Council's grants program by local sporting groups.



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Keep up-to-date with the various works pscouncil.info/projects

UPCOMING PROJECTS 2024

Hinton boat ramp upgrade

Works to improve the Hinton boat ramp and supporting infrastructure to help support SES emergency response are proposed for 2024.

East Seaham Road, East Seaham

Funding has been received to continue the next stage of sealing of the gravel section of East Seaham Road. Works are expected early 2024.

Italia Road, East Seaham

Funding has been received to continue road upgrades along Italia Road. Works are expected to begin mid 2024.

Heavy patching works

Ongoing pothole and road patching works using Council and State government funding particularly on Clarencetown Road and Bucketts Way.

Learn more about upcoming projects and works at pscouncil.info/projects

