



## FACT SHEET



# Public Toilets



Council maintains over 45 public toilet facilities across Port Stephens. When making decisions about construction and maintenance of our public amenities, we consider access, safety, lifecycle, legislation, cost and industry standard.



### What are the different types of amenities?

#### **Single-use unisex toilet (modern design)**

Single-use means the facility has one door from the outside to access the toilet space and the space isn't shared with any other patrons.

#### **Multi-stall single sex toilet (typical old design)**

Multi-stall means that the facility has a number of toilets within one room divided by stall walls, and is shared with other patrons of the same sex.

#### **Aluminium on-slab public facility (modern design)**

This is the industry standard public toilet design featuring individual unisex toilets enclosed by metal sheet sides and roofing on a concrete slab.

### What are the benefits of single-stall unisex toilets?

- **Privacy** – single cubicles are self-contained toilets and offer greater privacy.
- **Improved public safety** – self-contained toilets remove internal hallways or corridors, where people can gather, hide or linger.
- **Access for parents, carers and children** – as a parent or carer, you're able to take children or older persons under your care into the same toilet, rather than having to leave them unattended.
- **Reduces wait times** – people of the same gender can use unisex toilets at the same time, rather than leaving a toilet vacant while someone waits.

### What are the benefits of the aluminium on-slab design?

- **Cost-effective** – this design is cheaper and faster to construct, maintain, expand, and replace than traditional masonry-built public toilets.
- **Cleanliness** – the open and airy design and metal materials allows for faster cleaning and drying.
- **Hard-wearing materials** – materials used are ideal for coastal environments.
- **Life cycle** – this design has a longer life cycle of 20 years.

### Find your nearest public toilet

Visit [toiletmap.gov.au](https://toiletmap.gov.au) or scan the QR code to find public toilet locations near you, wherever you are in Port Stephens.

