



Community Advocacy Priorities

2025

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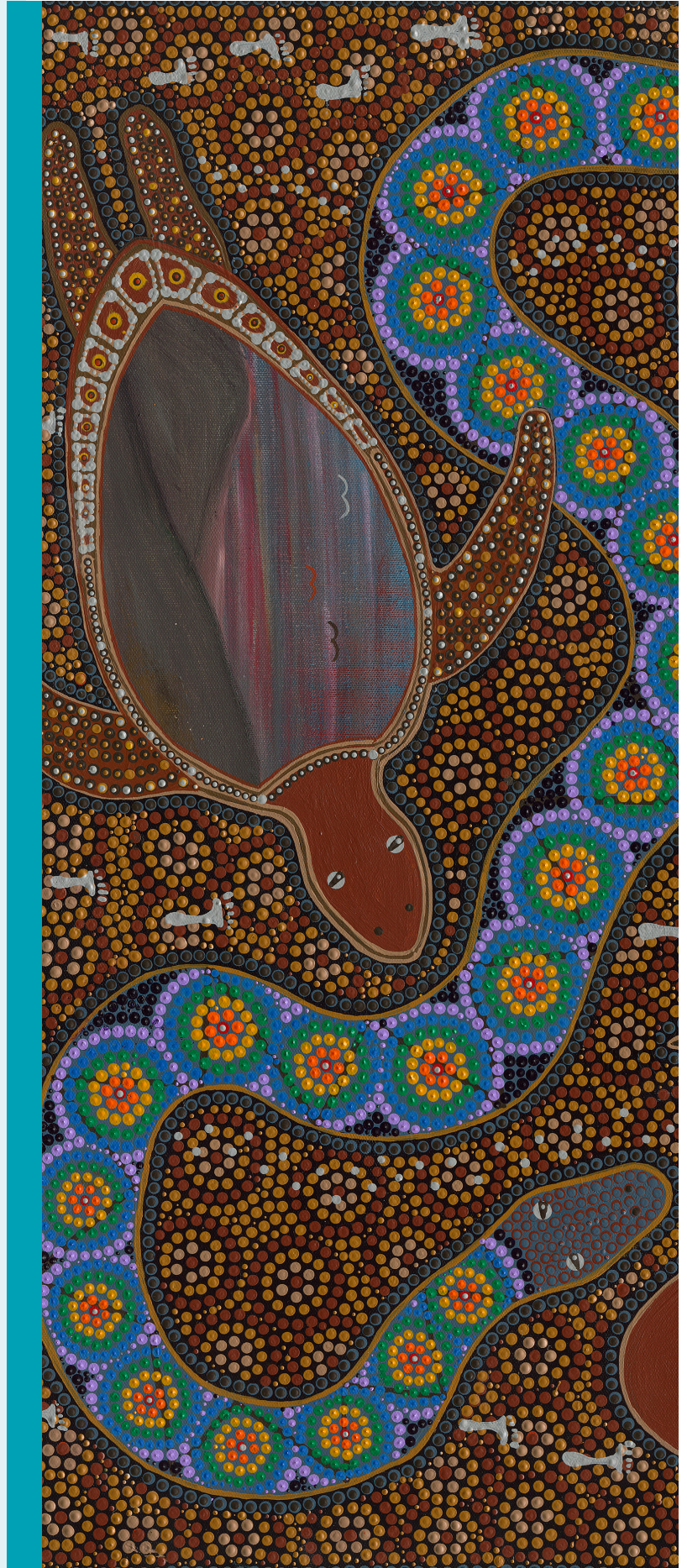
(GOO-JEE IK-KOO)

We welcome you to Port Stephens – part of the Worimi Aboriginal Nation. Port Stephens Council acknowledges the Worimi people as traditional owners and custodians of the lands and waterways on which we all live, learn, work and play.

We value and respect the Worimi people and the legacy 60,000 years of Aboriginal Nation traditions and culture brings with it. As part of Council's culture of acceptance, diversification and harmony we walk alongside the Worimi people on a journey of listening and learning.

Together we will strive to make this a better place for all peoples. As guardians of these lands, we ask that you tread lightly to help preserve the biodiversity and respect those who came before as well as those who will follow.

Artwork by Regan Lilley.





A message from the Mayor

Port Stephens is known for its incredible natural beauty and vibrant community – home to a diverse community living in coastal villages, riverside suburbs, rural lands and vibrant town centres. Each of these communities has its own unique identity and it's these characteristics that make our place a great place to live, work and visit.

Port Stephens is also recognised by the State and Federal Government as an important economic driver with a dynamic business environment well-connected transport links, close proximity to the Hunter region's rich resources and access to key markets. Our Council is committed to attracting new investment, supporting local business and creating jobs for our community of the future.

Over the past few years, our community has faced a number of challenges. Port Stephens has limited opportunity for new housing developments, which has led to rising house prices and a shortage of rentals. This is pushing middle income families out of the market and forcing more people to either relocate or become homeless.

With our population expected to grow by 20,000 in the next 20 years it's even more important to address the urgent need for more housing, including diverse and affordable options.

We also need to make sure that the right infrastructure is in place to support our growing community. Investment in our road network, recreational facilities, pathway connections and town centres, will enhance the health and wellbeing for all residents and make Port Stephens a more attractive place to live.

We're seeking policy and funding commitments to ensure that our community is at the forefront of future planning. We ask that our elected representatives join us in delivering these projects for our community as we work together on building a bright tomorrow for Port Stephens.

Leah Anderson, Mayor of Port Stephens



Our community priorities

**We're seeking
urgent support to
deliver key projects
to improve the
liveability, wellbeing
and sustainability of
the Port Stephens
community.**



Employment and economic growth

We're seeking government support to expedite the development of Australia's leading defence and aerospace precinct, a tourism gateway, supply chain hub and solutions for PFAS impacted landholders.



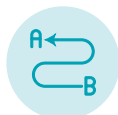
\$100 million

In collaboration with Newcastle Airport, directly invest into the next stages of Astra Aerolab to leverage economic and employment growth opportunities, activate advanced manufacturing, support freight and logistics and safeguard the future expansion of the airport.



\$2.5 million

Fund detailed engineering design works and associated Environmental Impact Statement, approvals and work to open Dawson's Drain to alleviate flooding and drainage constraints.



\$500,000

Fund the development of a Masterplan to ensure the strategic planning of land at Williamtown and Tomago supports the Tomago Renewable Energy Zone, the M1 Pacific Motorway Extension to Raymond Terrace, the duplication of Nelson Bay Road and the Newcastle Airport International Terminal and airport expansions.



Support public and private investment in the defence and aviation industries by relocating Federal Government offices (Department of Defence, the Department of Veteran Affairs, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service and the Australian Federal Police) to Raymond Terrace.



Fund the acquisition of PFAS impacted land to support landowners to unlock the growth potential of Port Stephens Enterprise Corridor between Williamtown and Tomago.



Housing supply diversity and affordability

Like many regional communities across Australia, Port Stephens is facing the challenge of housing supply, diversity, and affordability.

We're seeking government support to enable a pipeline of new housing and housing types across Port Stephens to meet population growth, increase affordability and meet workforce demands.



\$2 million

Support the development of Masterplanning and detailed design works to deliver diverse employment and housing options on Council owned land in Salamander Bay, Medowie and Raymond Terrace. This investment would inform future partnership opportunities at all levels of Government to deliver residential and employment opportunities in the strategic centres of Port Stephens.



\$50 million

Fund the delivery of suburb level stormwater system upgrades to immediately unlock higher density housing options in Raymond Terrace and Shoal Bay. These areas are identified through comprehensive community engagement and place planning, and have the opportunity to unlock 3,080 houses.



\$15 million

Directly invest into Homes NSW, in partnership with community housing providers for the design, approvals and construction of new community housing on government owned land in Raymond Terrace. This investment would realise the potential identified within the Raymond Terrace Affordable Housing Masterplan.



Road repairs, rehabilitation and upgrades

The Port Stephens road network covers more than 800kms. The ongoing maintenance and repair of our roads is a key issue for business and residents.

We're seeking Federal Government support to fund the repair, upgrade and development of the Port Stephens road network to improve resilience to weather events, reduce infrastructure renewal backlogs and meet the demands of our rapidly expanding freight and commuter network.



\$15 million

Directly invest into the investigation, design and approvals for an alternate road connection between Shoal Bay and Fingal Bay to improve traffic flow and ensure resilience to coastal hazards.



\$5 million

Support the M1 Pacific Motorway Extension to Raymond Terrace by investing directly into the Strategic Business Case and Design works to resolve a series of high risk highway intersections north of Raymond Terrace to improving traffic safety, reduce travel time and support freight movements.



Directly invest into the urgent upgrade of Cabbage Tree Road and Tomago Road to support the the Port Stephens Enterprise Corridor, new Raymond Terrace M1 Bypass, the development of the Newcastle Airport international terminal and increasing investment in RAAF Williamtown.



Directly invest into new slip roads from the M1 Pacific Motorway extension with Masonite Road to improve passenger and freight access to Newcastle Airport.



Tourism, sport and recreation

We're seeking government support to deliver high quality, multi-functional sport and recreation infrastructure to improve the health and wellbeing of our community, attract events and grow our local economy.



\$1 million

Directly invest into the development of a Business Case and Masterplan for the Water Based Tourism Gateway to support Commercial Tour Operators, improve accessibility and create a gateway to the Port Stephens — Great Lakes Marine Park.



\$200,000

Directly invest into the development of a Masterplan for an indoor sports facility to cater to the growing regional communities of Raymond Terrace, Karuah and Medowie.



\$20 million

Directly invest into the development of the Birubi Point Tourism Transport Interchange to help protect culturally significant land, improve the visitor experience and create a gateway to the internationally recognised Worimi Conservation Lands.



\$2.5 million

Co-fund the delivery of multi-purpose sporting facilities, recreational space, pump tracks, pathway connections and picnic spaces as part of the Aliceton Reserve Masterplan.



\$9.5 million

Support the growing population of Medowie by co-funding the delivery of additional sporting fields, netball courts, open play space and connecting pathways as part of the Ferodale Sports Complex Masterplan.



\$22 million

Co-fund projects within the King Park Masterplan and the Lakeside Sports Complex Masterplan to deliver a regional indoor sports facility, new sports facilities and supporting infrastructure.



\$12 million

Co-fund the delivery of improvements to sporting facilities, recreational space, lighting and accessible amenities as part of the Mallabula Sports Complex Masterplan.



\$250,000

Directly invest into annual destination marketing programs aimed at growing international visitation and visitor spend to Port Stephens. This funding will support the ongoing expansion of Newcastle Airport and minimize the impacts on the regional visitor economy from proposed renewable energy projects.



Liveable cities

We're seeking government support to deliver actions that will improve accessibility, increase vibrancy, attract new investment and support economic growth.



\$20 million

Fund the delivery of priority works for the Raymond Terrace Public Domain Plan to deliver safe, walkable and connected streets, improved lighting, extended cycleways and create unique spaces that recognise the heritage and culture of the community.



\$9 million

Co-fund the delivery of high priority pathways as part of the Tomaree Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan to improve safety and accessibility across Port Stephens.



\$5 million

Co-fund the delivery of priority works for the Nelson Bay Public Domain Plan to extend pedestrian connections, create active transport corridors and improve community space.



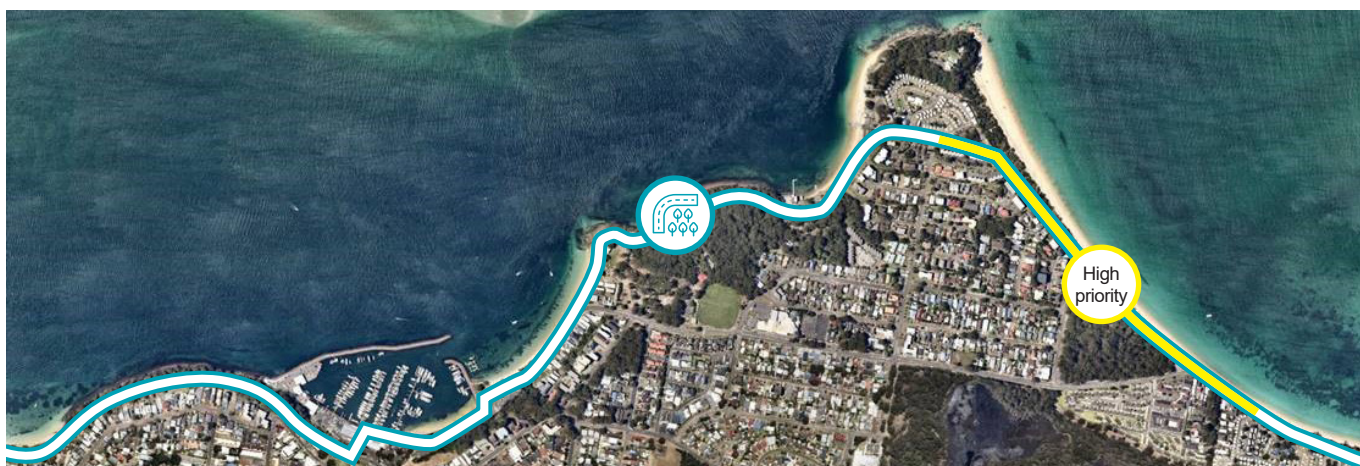
\$2.5 million

Directly invest into the planning and concept design works for the implementation of the Medowie Town Centre Masterplan which will deliver housing, employment and public recreation uses.



\$11 million

Fund the delivery of coastal pathways at Nelson Bay and Shoal Bay to improve safety, increase accessibility and provide additional protection to Shoal Bay Road from coastal erosion.



Map of Commonwealth Electoral
Division of Paterson







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