

Six Monthly Report

Snapshot – January to June 2025

Our Community

- Delivered a full events program including Illuminate Raymond Terrace*, Shoal Bay Food and Wine Festival*, Australia Day*, Sail Port Stephens Street Party, Battle of the Arts Youth Week event* and Creative Networking Workshops.
- Celebrated the achievements of 7 community members at the Port Stephens Annual Awards and supported the endeavours of 4 local women through our International Women's Day scholarships.
- Supported 9 community groups to deliver events, create murals, implement support programs, and purchase equipment and resources through our Aboriginal Projects Fund and Community Support Fund.
- Recruitment is in progress for the Disability Inclusion and Access Advisory Group (DIAAG) to help deliver the Community Wellbeing Strategy and Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP).

* Supported by Federal and State Government funding.



Events

23 held



Beach and aquatic centres

710,000+ visits



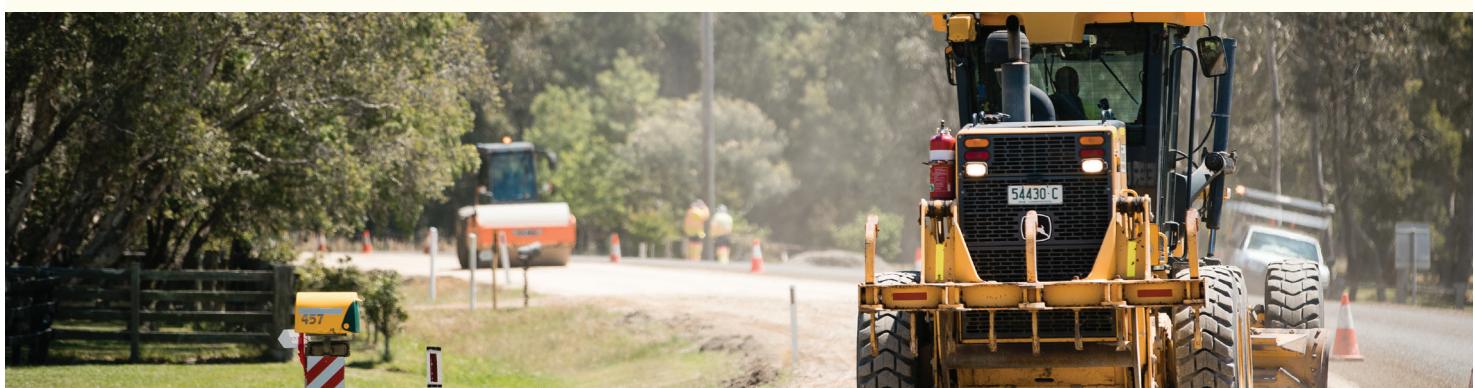
Thrive Kids

52,990 + childcare places filled



Libraries

287 programs



Our Place

- Council committed an extra \$9 million over three years from natural disaster reserves and surplus land sales as part of our Roads Acceleration Program
- Delivered a 3 month investment campaign for Raymond Terrace for investors across Sydney, Central Coast, Newcastle and the Hunter, attracting more than 9,290 visits to Council's dedicated webpage.
- Engaged with our community regarding the Salamander Town Centre Place Plan and Tilligerry Place Plan.
- Completed the construction of a shared pathway along Marine Drive, Fingal Bay, to complete the route, and continued construction of the 4.4 km shared pathway along Brandy Hill Drive, Brandy Hill.



DA approvals

Fastest DA approval timeframe for Lower Hunter Councils



Capital Investment

\$200+ million from DA's approved



Transport infrastructure

\$17.8 million in repairs



Capital works

9 completed
12 in progress



Our Environment

- Commenced our Coastal Management Program actions, completing the first stage of sand nourishment at Shoal Bay*.
- 164 mattresses, 197 tyres and 327 litres of chemicals have been diverted from waste streams through problem waste drop off days across the community.
- Commenced koala habitat mapping and secured funding for conservation initiatives such as feed tree lists, new scat collection methods, and promoting Indigenous-led caring for Country activities.
- Delivered a coordinated waste management response to support residents impacted by the May natural disaster.

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Waste recycling

950kg collected at 'Give a Sheet' event in Raymond Terrace



Waste reduction

2,816 tonnes of garden organics



Weed treatment

505 hours of treatments



Bush regenerated

110.95 hectares



Our Council

- The International Terminal at Newcastle Airport is nearing completion and has announced new flight options, including services to Perth and Bali.
- A record number of visitors stayed at Halifax Holiday Park in February.
- Commenced implementing the new Digital Strategy Roadmap to enhance and modernise the Council's digital services and capabilities.
- Supported our community during and after two natural disasters by aiding in recovery, rebuilding efforts and advocating for financial assistance.



International flights

from Newcastle Airport late October 2025



New citizens

117 conferees from 36 countries



Financial result

anticipated underlying financial result better than budget



Community Satisfaction

2210+ survey responses