

# 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