

MINUTES – 12 AUGUST 2025



PORT STEPHENS

C O U N C I L

Minutes of Ordinary meeting of the Port Stephens Council held at Karuah Community Hall, 2 Engel Avenue, Karuah on – 12 August 2025, commencing at 6:06pm.

PRESENT:

Mayor Leah Anderson
Cr Rosalyn Armstrong
Cr Giacomo Arnott
Cr Chris Doohan
Cr Nathan Errington
Cr Paul Le Mottee
Cr Ben Niland
Cr Mark Watson
Cr Jason Wells
General Manager
Director Community Futures
Director Corporate Strategy and Support
Acting Director Facilities and Infrastructure
Governance Section Manager

181	Mayor Leah Anderson Councillor Chris Doohan It was resolved that the apology from Cr Peter Francis be received and noted.
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Those for the Motion: Mayor Leah Anderson, Crs Rosalyn Armstrong, Giacomo Arnott, Chris Doohan, Nathan Errington, Paul Le Mottee, Ben Niland, Mark Watson and Jason Wells.

Those against the Motion: Nil.

The motion was carried.

	There were no Declaration of Interest received.
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182	Councillor Nathan Errington Councillor Chris Doohan It was resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Port Stephens Council held on 22 July 2025 be confirmed.
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Those for the Motion: Mayor Leah Anderson, Crs Rosalyn Armstrong, Giacomo Arnott, Chris Doohan, Nathan Errington, Paul Le Mottee, Ben Niland, Mark Watson and Jason Wells.

Those against the Motion: Nil.

The motion was carried.

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MAYORAL MINUTES

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM NO. 1

**FILE NO: 25/195016
EDRMS NO: PSC2024-03152**

MAYOR'S DIARY

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) Note the Mayoral appointments for the period from 23 July to 12 August 2025.
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MOTION**

183	<p>Mayor Leah Anderson Councillor Jason Wells</p> <p>It was resolved that Council note the Mayoral appointments for the period from 23 July to 12 August 2025.</p>
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Those for the Motion: Mayor Leah Anderson, Crs Rosalyn Armstrong, Giacomo Arnott, Chris Doohan, Nathan Errington, Paul Le Mottee, Ben Niland, Mark Watson and Jason Wells.

Those against the Motion: Nil.

The motion was carried.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the Mayoral appointments for the period 23 July to 12 August 2025.

This Mayoral Minute aims to inform the Council and community of the key engagements of the Mayor for the preceding period. This is an initiative I wanted to introduce this term to provide a clear record of the engagements undertaken through the Mayoral office.

Wednesday 23 July 2025

- Filmed Council meeting debrief.
- Filming for Roads Acceleration Program road reserves sales.
- ABC Radio interview on Council meeting and Medowie Road petition.

Thursday 24 July 2025

- Participated in Tomaree Lodge Community Engagement Committee meeting.
- NBN interview on surplus road reserves.

Friday 25 July 2025

- Newcastle Airport Pty Ltd and Greater Newcastle Aerotropolis Pty Ltd Board meetings.

Monday 28 July 2025

- NAIDOC Week March and Fun Day, Raymond Terrace.
- Catchup with the Director of Corporate Strategy and Support.
- Catchup with the acting General Manager.
- Meeting with residents on a multi-purpose centre for Raymond Terrace and accessibility at Council venues.
- Meeting with Raymond Terrace Athletics representative.

Tuesday 29 July 2025

- Victoria Hotel, Hinton – business meet and greet.
- Catchup with the Executive Team.
- Meeting with representatives of the Ian & Shirley Norman Foundation.
- Meeting with acting General Manager and Sunshine Coast Council representatives.

Wednesday 30 July 2025

- Meeting with Hunter Joint Organisation re media.
- Destination NSW Board and Executive visit.
- Community Engagement and Advisory Group meeting on roads.
- Destination NSW Board function.

Thursday 31 July 2025

- NSW SES – Elected Official Briefing.
- Medowie Town Centre Masterplan Briefing.
- ABC radio interview on cost shifting.

Friday 1 August 2025

- Tomaree Community Engagement Committee Briefing.

Monday 4 August 2025

- Catchup with the General Manager.
- Communications staff catchup.
- Sail Port Stephens meeting.

Tuesday 5 August 2025

- Traffic Committee meeting.
- Meeting with Hunter Joint Organisation re Communications and Social Media Workshop.

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- Facilities & Infrastructure staff catchup.
- Catchup with the Executive Team.
- Councillor Business Paper review.
- Lakeside Learning Community Event, Irrawang High School.

Wednesday 6 August 2025

- Business Port Stephens breakfast.
- Monthly Mayor Meet Up with Community – Mobile Library, Shoal Bay.
- Monthly Mayor Meet Up with Community – Mobile Library, Anna Bay.
- Port Stephens Koala Fundraiser event.

Thursday 7 August 2025

- Newcastle Herald interview on roads.

Friday 8 August 2025

- Country Mayors' Association meeting on Crime, Law & Order, Sydney.

Monday 11 August 2025

- Catchup with Communications staff.
- Catchup with Facilities & Infrastructure staff.
- Meeting with resident on community hub.
- Catchup with the General Manager.
- Meeting on Yacaaba Centre Fundraising Event 2026.
- Committee for the Hunter networking event – Newcastle Airport.

Tuesday 12 August 2025

- Catchup with the Executive Team.
- Councillor Briefing - Pre-Council meeting, Karuah.
- Public Access and Ordinary Council meeting, Karuah.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM NO. 2

**FILE NO: 25/210039
EDRMS NO: PSC2024-03152**

KARUAH PLACE PLAN

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) Acknowledge the incredible work of the Karuah community in supporting the delivery of the Karuah Place Plan.
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**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 12 AUGUST 2025
MOTION**

184	<p>Mayor Leah Anderson Councillor Chris Doohan</p> <p>It was resolved that Council acknowledge the incredible work of the Karuah community in supporting the delivery of the Karuah Place Plan.</p>
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Those for the Motion: Mayor Leah Anderson, Crs Rosalyn Armstrong, Giacomo Arnott, Chris Doohan, Nathan Errington, Paul Le Mottee, Ben Niland, Mark Watson and Jason Wells.

Those against the Motion: Nil.

The motion was carried.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to outline Council's ongoing commitment to Karuah and acknowledge and express gratitude for the collective efforts of the local community in delivering actions under the Karuah Place Plan.

The Karuah Place Plan was the first of its kind in Port Stephens and it's a standout example of what's possible when Council and community come together to deliver real outcomes.

I am proud of the progress Council has made to deliver actions since 2023, including:

- Town centre and bypass signage.
- Karuah by Night event at Longworth Park.
- Playground and pathway upgrades at Aliceton Reserve.

- RV parking area on Tarean Road.
- Raised pedestrian crossing on Tarean Road.
- Hosting the Town Teams Placemaking conference.

I am excited to see this list grow as we plan a number of projects in 2025/2026. These include:

- Accessible amenities at Aliceton Reserve.
- Road rehabilitation, Tarean Road.
- Mustons Road pathway and road repair.
- Continued Council Sponsorship of Timber and Oyster Festival.

Beyond Council projects, our Place Plans are also focused on collaboration with the community to support locally led initiatives.

I want to acknowledge the Karuah community, who have embraced this approach and delivered a number of actions that support town centre growth and vibrancy. Your willingness to offer help, donate time, expertise and resources is something to be proud of and is an inspiration to other communities in Port Stephens and beyond.

Karuah may be small, but it shows you can achieve big things when you work together. I would like to mention a few recent highlights:

- Main street beautification project - planter boxes, seating, artwork and planting.
- Formation of a local Town Team.
- Karuah Bridge mural project - led by Karuah Progress Association.
- Riverbank revegetation - led by Landcare Karuah Conservation Crew.
- Karuah Konnect project – delivering an on-demand bus service supported by Transport for NSW and run by the Karuah RSL.
- Garuwa Community Market - organised by Karuah Public School P&C.
- Tourism resources - developed through the Tiny Tourism Town initiative by local businesses and Destination Port Stephens.
- Timber and Oyster Festival – led by the Festival Organising Committee.
- Karuah Christmas Carols – partnership between the Karuah RSL and Karuah Progress Association.

Projects such as the main street beautification, led by Lisa Floyd and the Karuah Progress Association, supported by local volunteers and businesses, perfectly demonstrate positive community-led action. Volunteers and local business donated their time and resources, culminating in a working bee to install the seating, planter boxes, art and street planting on Tarean Road.

I would also like to acknowledge all the volunteer committees who work tirelessly throughout the year to deliver sporting opportunities in the community. These opportunities include tennis, cricket, yacht club, golf, netball and rugby league.

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It's inspiring to see a positive group committed to creating change in their town. The Karuah community shows us that with the right people and community spirit, you don't need big budgets to get great things done.

On behalf of Port Stephens Council, I would like to extend our thanks to the Karuah community for their passion and commitment to creating lasting change in their town.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

COUNCIL REPORTS

ITEM NO. 1

**FILE NO: 25/104530
EDRMS NO: PSC2025-00781**

TILLIGERRY PLACE PLAN

REPORT OF: BROCK LAMONT - ACTING DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY FUTURES
DIRECTORATE: COMMUNITY FUTURES

RECOMMENDATION IS THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) Receive and note the submissions made during the exhibition of the draft Tilligerry Place Plan and the response to the public submissions **(ATTACHMENT 1)**.
- 2) Adopt the Tilligerry Place Plan, as amended **(ATTACHMENT 2)**.

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 12 AUGUST 2025
MOTION**

185	<p>Councillor Chris Doohan Councillor Jason Wells</p> <p>It was resolved that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Receive and note the submissions made during the exhibition of the draft Tilligerry Place Plan and the response to the public submissions.2) Adopt the Tilligerry Place Plan, as amended including (ATTACHMENT 1) and (ATTACHMENT 2) of the supplementary report.
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Those for the Motion: Mayor Leah Anderson, Crs Rosalyn Armstrong, Giacomo Arnott, Chris Doohan, Nathan Errington, Paul Le Mottee, Ben Niland, Mark Watson and Jason Wells.

Those against the Motion: Nil.

The motion was carried.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the outcome of the exhibition of the draft Tilligerry Place Plan (the Place Plan) and note the response to submissions **(ATTACHMENT 1)**. The report recommends that Council adopt the Place Plan, as amended **(ATTACHMENT 2)**.

At its meeting on 25 March 2025, Minute No. 006 (**ATTACHMENT 3**), Council resolved to exhibit the draft Tilligerry Place Plan for a period of 28 days. The draft Place Plan was exhibited from 26 March 2025 to 29 April 2025. During this period, 17 written submissions and 19 survey responses were received.

Further details about the community consultation are outlined in the consultation section below and the Tilligerry Place Plan Engagement Report (**ATTACHMENT 4**).

In response to submissions, changes have been made to a number of the Place Plan actions. These amendments have been outlined below, and detail of the changes is provided in both the submissions table (**ATTACHMENT 1**) and the explanation of Post Exhibition Amendments (**ATTACHMENT 5**).

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Direction	Delivery Program 2025-2029
Housing, tourism & economy	Implement the Local Housing Strategy, focusing on housing diversity, affordability and supply for our community

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Actions identified in the Place Plan will be funded via a combination of sources, including existing budgets, local infrastructure contributions, grant funds, sponsorships and partnerships in line with existing work programs.

Source of Funds	Yes/No	Funding (\$)	Comment
Existing budget	Yes		
Reserve Funds	No		
Developer Contributions (\$7.11)	No		
External Grants	No		
Other	No		

LEGAL, POLICY AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

Port Stephens Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP)

If the Place Plan is endorsed, it may result in actions requiring amendments to the LEP. These changes would be undertaken through a separate planning process and are not approved by the adoption of the Place Plan. Future planning proposals would

be assessed against the Place Plan and any other relevant Council and State plans and policies.

Port Stephens Development Control Plan (DCP)

The Place Plan includes a new action for Council to investigate whether a site specific DCP for parts of the Tilligerry Peninsula is needed to ensure that future infill development contributes to, and strengthens the unique character of the area.

Hunter Regional Plan 2041 (HRP)

The Tilligerry Place Plan is consistent with the HRP, including directions to plan for compact settlements, housing diversity and creating liveable communities.

Community Strategic Plan

The Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 is a critical document for Council as it sets out the priorities of the community for our region to 2035 and beyond. These values have been used as the basis for the Tilligerry Place Plan, which identifies specific works and actions to provide a setting for people to live and work in their place.

Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020 (LSPS)

The LSPS sets out the vision for land use in Port Stephens over the next 20 years. It identifies the special character and values of our area that we should preserve and how change should be managed. The place planning approach is consistent with the following actions in the LSPS.

- Action 1.3: Complete the strategic planning framework for strategic and local centres, including infrastructure plans and funding strategies.
- Action 10.2: Support the activation of public spaces, including events, public art, small business opportunities, markets and other temporary uses.

Port Stephens Local Housing Strategy 2024 (LHS)

The LHS encourages more housing in key locations that are well connected to employment, education, open spaces, transport and services. The LHS contains criteria for new urban housing areas to determine the suitability of a site for residential development. The Tilligerry Place Plan is consistent with the outcomes and priorities adopted in the Local Housing Strategy.

Risk	<u>Risk Ranking</u>	Proposed Treatments	Within Existing Resources?
There is a risk that the draft Tilligerry Place Plan does not meet community expectations.	Medium	Accept the recommendation. Changes have been made to the Place Plan to address concerns raised in the submissions received during the exhibition period.	Yes

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Includes Social, Economic and Environmental Implications

Social

Place Plans aim to enhance the liveability in Port Stephens and improve community wellbeing. They respond to the community’s values and aspirations and enable a collaborative approach between residents, businesses and Council to deliver great place outcomes.

The Tilligerry Place Plan contains actions to inspire community involvement in creating a better place through conservation, beautification, connectivity and activation.

Economic

Tilligerry is ideally positioned to leverage the growing Port Stephens visitor economy. Actions in the Place Plan aim to help businesses and the community improve awareness of the many attributes on offer in Tilligerry, from bushwalking, heritage trails, recreational opportunities and fine dining.

Additional investment in infrastructure and services is expected to improve the liveability and wellbeing of the broader community. Upgrades to business areas, streetscapes, local events, and increased awareness of tourism opportunities in Tilligerry can contribute to improved economic outcomes.

Environmental

Tilligerry residents place a high value on the natural environment, and the Place Plan aims to protect and celebrate this important asset. The Place Plan recognises this and identifies a number of opportunities for projects, including working with volunteer groups, clean-up days, addressing coastal hazards and protecting native plants and animals.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Council’s Communication and Engagement Strategy uses the IAP2 Framework to identify the level of engagement undertaken. An explanation for each level is shown below.

INFORM	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.
CONSULT	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.
INVOLVE	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.
COLLABORATE	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision, including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.
EMPOWER	To place final decision-making and/or developed budgets in the hands of the public.
	No external communications and engagement are required for this report.

The following communication and engagement applies to this report.

External communications and engagement

CONSULT	<p>The draft Tilligerry Place Plan was placed on public exhibition for 28 days and was notified through social media, direct email to stakeholders, print advertising and the Port Stephens Council website.</p> <p>Two drop-in sessions were held during the exhibition period, where council staff were available to discuss the draft Tilligerry Place Plan with the community.</p>
INVOLVE	<p>The Tilligerry Place Plan was developed through a series of face-to-face and online workshops with the community groups and targeted stakeholders.</p> <p>The engagement activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liveability Survey completed in 2020 and 2024 • Community workshops commenced in 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshop 1 – Exploring findings of the Liveability Survey and setting priorities, generating ideas and making action plans ○ Workshop 2 – Focus on character, future land use, building height, and design controls

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stakeholder meetings – business owners, Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council, Hunter Water Corporation and Destination Port Stephens• A session with workshop participants to launch draft actions• An online survey to check in on draft actions with workshop participants in 2023 <p>The Tilligerry Place Plans Engagement Report is provided at (ATTACHMENT 4).</p>
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Council has worked extensively with the Tilligerry community to prepare a Place Plan that reflects the community's values and aspirations.

During the exhibition period, an online survey was made available for community members, with 19 survey responses received. The survey responses gave an indication of community support for each action in the Place Plan, and included 56 unique comments and suggestions. Survey responses are available in the Engagement Report **(ATTACHMENT 4)**. A further 17 written submissions were received.

The Place Plan has been amended to respond to the matters raised where appropriate. A summary is provided below:

Futureproof the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre

Some of the submissions and survey comments opposed the action to Futureproof the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre. Specifically, residents are opposed to investigating an extension of the winter closure period of the centre. Approximately 17% of survey responses expressed opposition to the action, while 78% were supportive.

Respondents are concerned that extending the closure of the centre will have a detrimental impact on residents, as many community members use the pool for their daily fitness, as a form of physical therapy to assist with recovery from surgery and for social connection.

In response to this, the Place Plan has been amended to provide greater context for the need for the investigation and clarifying that Council is also preparing an Aquatic Facilities Strategy. This work will set Council's long-term vision for our aquatic centres. The community will have an opportunity to participate in the preparation of the Strategy, which will be planned to commence in late 2025.

An additional action has also been added to the Place Plan to encourage local service providers or community groups to utilise Council parks and halls for functional fitness and rehabilitation activities.

Investigate RV (recreational vehicles) parking/kayak camping

Some of the submissions raised concerns regarding the action to Investigate RV parking / kayak camping. Respondents were particularly concerned about increasing free short-term parking for RVs. Approximately 33% of survey responses expressed opposition to the action, while 39% were supportive.

Several responses are concerned that an increase in short-term RV parking spaces would lead to a significant rise in demand and competition for the use of Council facilities, such as showers, toilets and cooking facilities.

In response to these responses the Place Plan was not amended. The intent of the action is for Council to investigate potential locations and amenities for RV parking. The adoption of the Place Plan does not finalise this decision. An assessment of the capacity of local amenities and community consultation would be undertaken during this investigation.

Increase Housing Supply and Diversity

Some concerns were raised about creating housing diversity by increasing building heights in some parts Tanilba Bay, and rezoning rural land adjacent to the Golf Club. Approximately 6% of survey responses expressed opposition to the action, while 71% are supportive of increasing housing diversity in the Tilligerry.

Respondents cite factors such as the environmental impacts associated with new developments and the existing infrastructure being unable to account for increases to the population in the area. Additionally, there is a desire to maintain and preserve the current character of the area.

In response to these concerns, the Place Plan has been amended to include a new action for Council that would investigate the need for site-specific development controls for parts of the Tilligerry. This would to ensure that any future infill development contributes to, and strengthens the unique character of the area. The action also notes that Council will work with developers to provide public benefits through mechanisms like planning agreements to fund infrastructure upgrades and community facilities. Environmental impacts and infrastructure capacity would need to be investigated as part of a planning proposal to increase building heights or rezone land for residential development.

Internal communications and engagement

Consultation has been undertaken by the Strategy and Environment Section with:

- Assets Section.
- Community Services Section.
- Public Domain and Services Section.
- Communications and Customer Experience Section.
- Corporate Strategy and Support Directorate.

OPTIONS

- 1) Accept the recommendations.
- 2) Amend the recommendations.
- 3) Reject the recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Tilligerry Place Plan - Response to submissions.
- 2) Tilligerry Place Plan.
- 3) Minute No. 006, 25 March 2025.
- 4) Tilligerry Place Plan Engagement Report.
- 5) Tilligerry Place Plan - Explanation of post exhibition amendments.

COUNCILLORS' ROOM/DASHBOARD

- 1) Unredacted Submissions.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

ITEM 1 - ATTACHMENT 1 TILLIGERRY PLACE PLAN - RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS.

Tilligerry Place Plan Response to Submissions

Submission No.	Comment	Council response
1. Tilligerry Habitat Association Inc.	<p>The submission commends Council on the Place Plan, however notes that it omits the Tanilba Bay boardwalk, which is an important piece of Council infrastructure linking Mallabula and Tanilba Bay. The boardwalk is located on Crown Reserve and administered by Council. It is in poor repair and needs to be reconstructed with more permanent materials.</p> <p>The submission requests an additional action to upgrade the boardwalk as a high priority.</p> <p>The submission states that this should also be added to the pathways plan.</p>	<p>Council provides and maintains assets, facilities, parks and reserves for the community within Council's budget and consults with the community when prioritising these projects and spending.</p> <p>Due to limited resources, Council is unable to replace an asset of this nature in its entirety. Instead, Council manages these assets by undertaking maintenance on specific sections as required.</p> <p>Unless additional funds become available through grants, sponsorship, or donations, Council will continue to inspect, repair and replace sections of the boardwalk to ensure safe access in line with available resourcing.</p>
2. Tilligerry Landcare	<p>The submission praises the plan and summarises comments made at a community meeting, attended by 23 local residents from local community groups.</p> <p>The submission advised that the group discussed and scored actions in the Place Plan with most receiving high scores and support.</p> <p>The submission notes that there is a lack of understanding amongst community groups concerning policy and processes such as the Port Stephens Local Housing Strategy and the Coastal Management Program and requests a briefing on these projects.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Council's website contains detailed information about these projects. Significant community engagement was undertaken during the development of the Local Housing Strategy and Coastal Management Plan.</p> <p>We are committed to open and transparent reporting. Council regularly reports on its performance to ensure the community is informed of our operations, achievements and progress in meeting community priorities.</p> <p>An annual report on the progress of the actions in the Local Housing Strategy will be prepared and reported to Council in August /September 2025.</p>

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Submission No.	Comment	Council response
	<p>The submission notes that the issues which generated the most conjecture were the proposed changing of operating hours of the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre and the location of Recreation Vehicle (RV) Parking.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
	<p>The submission advises that a bus stop is needed near Coles in order to provide easier access for the elderly and those carrying groceries.</p>	<p>While possible, the benefits of a new bus stop would be minimal without a change to the bus route. Bus routes are determined by Transport for NSW (TfNSW), and Council has limited influence on these.</p> <p>Council will continue to advocate for improved bus services, and use the information gathered during the consultation on the Tilligerry Place Plan to advise TfNSW that there is demand in exploring an alternative route.</p> <p>Action 25 encourages the community to investigate alternative community transport options, and to get involved in advocating for better services. As an example, the Karuah community secured funding to trial the use of the Karuah RSL bus for a regular community transport service.</p>
	<p>The submission advises that Tilligerry Landcare, Port Stephens Family History, Tilligerry Arts Group, and Marine Rescue are currently working together to develop a community website and calendar.</p> <p>It is requested that these groups are provided with a work space at the library, where information could be displayed and accessed. It is also noted that an extension to the library hours is needed.</p>	<p>Action 13 Community connect supports this endeavour to create a community noticeboard. It may be digital such as a website, or a physical noticeboard.</p> <p>The Tilligerry Community Library offers meeting spaces during operating hours that community groups could use.</p>
	<p>The submission raises concern about a lack of transparency and seeks to remedy this with more regular Council briefings that provide</p>	<p>Updates on projects and plans are provided on Council's website.</p>

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Submission No.	Comment	Council response
2. Tilligerry Landcare	<p>progress updates on projects in the Tilligerry in a public meeting setting.</p> <p>A meeting to launch the Place Plan once it is adopted is requested.</p>	<p>Updates on Council projects and works happening in the Tilligerry are available on the 'projects and works' webpage.</p> <p>Updates on projects undertaken to implement the Place Plan will be available on Council's website following adoption. Submission makers, workshop participants and stakeholders will be advised when the Plan has been adopted. Council will consider hosting an event to launch the Place Plan.</p> <p>Monthly Mayor Meetups will be held on the Mobile Library at various locations over the coming months. It's an informal opportunity for residents to meet the Mayor, have a chat, ask questions and share your ideas for your local area. The Mayor is scheduled to be at Lemon Tree Passage on 12 November 2025.</p>
	The submission points out several contextual and grammatical errors.	The Place Plan has been updated where appropriate.
	The submission questions if the existing industrial zone at Industrial Drive, Lemon Tree Passage will be rezoned to a mixed-use zone.	The zoning of this land was reviewed during the preparation of the Place Plan. There are no actions or plans for Council to rezone this land to Mixed use.
	<p>The submission made the following recommendations:</p> <p>1. Complete foreshore link</p>	<p>1. Council is preparing a Pathways Plan that establishes a clear methodology for prioritising pathways.</p> <p>The proposed location is unlikely to be identified in the plan due to environmental constraints, mixed land ownership, and complicated approval requirements.</p> <p>Action 24 Trek the Tilligerry has been updated to include an action for Council to investigate creating a nature trail on the unformed road corridor to connect Mallabula and Lemon Tree Passage.</p>

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Submission No.	Comment	Council response
2. Tilligerry Landcare	2. Seal boat ramp car park at Foster Park, Tanilba Bay	2. A redesign of the ramp and carpark is an action in the Port Stephens Boating and Fishing Infrastructure Plan. This action has a 'medium' priority in that Plan, and is yet to be funded. Unfunded works are not identified in the Place Plan.
	3. More focus on public art and save the pelican mosaic on the old Henderson Park toilet block	3. The Place Plan encourages the use of public art as a way to create welcoming town centres and enhance public space. Council is seeking an Expression of Interest for an external organisation to lease the old toilet block. The future of the facility, including the mosaic, are unknown until this process is finalised.
	4. Include a fenced off-leash dog area	4. The inclusion of a fenced off-leash dog area was considered in the Mallabula Sports Complex Masterplan, adopted 23 July 2024. A dog park in this location was generally not supported. Council's Community Assets Team has an action in their 2026 work program to review the existing dog on-leash and off-leash areas across the Local Government Area. All Council managed land will be part of this review.
	5. Pathway from tennis court to skate park	5. A pathway in this location is identified in the Mallabula Sports Complex Masterplan. Council continues to seek grant funding to implement the Masterplan.
	6. A joint heritage festival with Murrook	6. The Place Plan is supportive of community-run events.
	7. Renaming Lemon Tree Passage Hill to 'Bukulbinbah' meaning 'place of hills' and developing a management plan for this Worimi owned land	7. While Council supports the preparation of a plan of management for the land, this has not been included as an action in the Place Plan as it has not been endorsed by the

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Submission No.	Comment	Council response
2. Tilligerry Landcare		Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council.
	8. Relocating the Rural Fire Service sign to avoid future collisions with reversing traffic	8. This is a matter for consideration by the Rural Fire Service (RFS). It does not need to be addressed in the Place Plan in order for the location to be changed.
	9. Install a Peace Pole at Peace Park	9. Council has given the Lions Club in principle support for the proposed Peace Pole. It is understood that the Club is now investigating options for funding and finalising design. The proposed pole is consistent with actions in the Place Plan that seek to activate public space with public art.
	10. Council should supply local plants for bushland projects	10. Action 1 Immerse yourself in nature encourages community groups, individuals or schools to apply for grants for environmental projects. Council's Ngioka nursery donates plants to local environmental care groups. Talk to Council about ordering plants.
	11. New emergency centre	11. As detailed in Action 15, Council will hold emergency preparation workshops for the Tilligerry community to help them prepare for emergencies. Council will also continue to advocate for vulnerable communities through the establishment of the Community Resilience Network. Evacuation centres are established during emergency events as needed. The location of evacuation centres is determined by the Department of Communities and Justice at the time of the emergency. Multiple options for evacuation centres have been identified in the Tilligerry.

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2. Tilligerry Landcare	<p>12. Install exercise equipment at Henderson Park</p> <p>13. Water safety actions</p> <p>14. Using the pelican as a logo for the Tilligerry</p> <p>15. Lighting the back of Tanilba gates</p>	<p>12. Exercise equipment is welcomed along pathways and Council will identify options when funding opportunities arise. Community groups are encouraged to seek funding for exercise equipment to activate public spaces.</p> <p>13. Water safety is supported by Council. NSW Marine Rescue, Transport for NSW and the NSW Police are responsible for managing and maintaining water safety. These organisations regularly run campaigns that seek to improve water safety. No action is required in the Place Plan for this to continue.</p> <p>14. This could be decided by a Town Team and used for branding. A Town Team can adopt this without a specific action in the Place Plan.</p> <p>15. Action 12 supports lighting projects.</p>
3. Resident	<p>The submission makes the following recommendations to improve the viability of the Aquatic Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more affordable pricing to encourage more visitors. • a 10-visit pass at discounted rates • Improved weed control as bindies are unpleasant. 	<p>Council is currently preparing an Aquatic Facilities Strategy which will set Council's long-term vision for our aquatic centres, including the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre. The community will have an opportunity to participate in the preparation of the Strategy, which will likely occur in the last quarter of 2025.</p> <p>Until this Strategy is finalised, the operating hours of the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre will not change outside of the already approved planned maintenance closures during the Winter period.</p>
4. Resident	<p>The submission notes difficulty in finding the draft Place Plan.</p> <p>The submission questions the rationale for the proposal to close the Aquatic Centre over winter, and</p>	<p>Noted. The draft Plan was available on Council's website page 'Have your say' during the exhibition period.</p> <p>Council is currently preparing an Aquatic Facilities Strategy which will set Council's long-term vision</p>

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4. Resident	<p>seeks to understand the data used to make this decision, specifically what usage data or cost modelling informed the decision and whether community consultation has been undertaken.</p> <p>The submission states that the pool should be open all year as it is important for recreation, exercise, rehabilitation and connection and provides the following suggestions to improve the viability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer incentives for year-long memberships or mid-year sign-ups to better forecast demand. • Engage with local sports clubs, physios, and gyms to drive regular usage. <p>Allow the pool to be hired for events or targeted community programs during quieter periods.</p>	<p>for our aquatic centres, including the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre. The community will have an opportunity to participate in the preparation of the Strategy, which will likely occur in the last quarter of 2025.</p> <p>Until this Strategy is finalised, the operating hours of the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre will not change outside of the already approved planned maintenance closures during the Winter period.</p>
5. Resident	<p>The submission states that the issues with maintaining the viability of the pool have been created by Council accepting the lowest cost private operator for the pool.</p> <p>It is noted that there is a lack of career prospects for lifeguards, leading to high staff turnover.</p> <p>The submission also notes that there is little interaction between the operator and patrons, as well as the wider community, which is essential for running a successful business.</p>	<p>At its meeting on 10 June 2025, Council considered tender applications for the management of Council pools. Council moved to accept the tender to extend the contract with the current operator for 12 months, with the option to extend for an additional 12 months if required.</p> <p>Council will provide the community feedback received during the public exhibition period of the Tilligerry Place Plan with the current operator.</p>
6. Resident	<p>The submission states that greater communication was required when creating the plan.</p> <p>As they were only made aware of the draft plan in Council's April E-Newsletter, they missed out on being involved in the community consultation.</p>	<p>In 2023, Council sought expressions of interest from community members to attend Place Plan workshops. This was done by a boosted Facebook post targeting the Tilligerry community. Council also directly emailed community groups and key stakeholders, inviting them to attend the workshops. The Communication and Engagement Report provides additional detail on this process.</p>

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6. Resident		<p>The opportunity for residents and businesses to comment on the draft plan during the public exhibition was widely promoted. This has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct email to previous participants on 27 March 2025 • Video on social media as part of the Council meeting debrief on 26 March 2025 • Information on Council's website • Your Port E-Newsletter on 4 April 2025 • Paid social media targeted to the Tilligerry area • Print advertisements in News of the Area and Examiner • Two drop-in sessions during exhibition period. • A free Pool Party at the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre on 5 April 2025 where staff were available to discuss the draft plan.
7. Resident	<p>The submission notes that the Aquatic Centre is currently closed for 3 months over winter, which is already too long. It is advised that the proposal to close the pool for 6 months would be detrimental to the physical and mental health of pool users.</p>	<p>Council is currently preparing an Aquatic Facilities Strategy, which will set Council's long-term vision for our aquatic centres. The community will have an opportunity to participate in the preparation of the Strategy, which will likely occur in the last quarter of 2025.</p> <p>Until this Strategy is finalised, the operating hours of the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre will not change outside of the already approved planned maintenance closures during the Winter period.</p> <p>A new action has also been added to the Place Plan, encouraging the use of Council halls and parks for community exercise and rehabilitation classes.</p>
8. Resident	<p>The submission states that the Peninsula is not keeping pace with the growth of the community and is not fulfilling its potential to attract tourism and support business development.</p>	<p>The Place Plan seeks to encourage economic development and place activation in order to support existing businesses, attract new businesses and encourage tourist visitation.</p>

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8. Resident		Action 25 encourages the community to advocate for additional public transport services, while seeking alternative options to cater for the immediate demand. Council will also continue to advocate for more services.
	The Lemon Tree Passage area is very limited in terms of accessibility and structures that encourage family-based activities. The submission notes the lack of transport options and suggests creating a walking path similar to the Fernleigh Track, which services Salt Ash and Lemon Tree Passage, providing increased transport routes as well as an additional method of exercise. Comparisons are made to the Fernleigh track, Speers Point walking path and options in Sydney.	There are a number of missing pathway links that have been allocated funding over the next 5 years, as shown on the 'Creating better places and spaces' Map. Funding for additional pathways is not currently available. However, Council will continue to apply for grants to deliver unfunded pathways. A pathways prioritisation method is currently being prepared, which will be considered by Council in August.
	The Submission suggests an improvement to the park at Lemon Tree Passage, as it is very small and only caters for very young children. Suggestions to cater for older children include a skate park, climbing frames, tube slides and sand pits. A splash park is suggested as a method to attract visitors to the area.	Council engages an external third-party provider to undertake a comprehensive inspection on all playground equipment within the LGA (every 3 years). This data is used to drive the playground renewal program listed in the Asset Management Plan. Henderson Park playground has not been identified for replacement in the short to medium term. The Mallabula Sports Complex contains facilities for older children, such as a skate park.
9. Resident	Salt Ash should be included in the geographical definition of the Tilligerry Peninsula.	Salt Ash has not been included in the Tilligerry Place Plan as it has its own unique circumstances that should be addressed in a separate plan. As Salt Ash has a low Liveability score, Council is investigating options for a plan for this area, including discussion with Transport for NSW about funding a place plan as part of Nelson Bay Road duplication project.
	A road that connects Oyster Cove Rd and Richardson Rd should be developed as a permanent road, enabling secondary access to the Tilligerry Peninsula.	The development of a secondary access road into the Tilligerry Peninsula is beyond Council's resources. Land ownership, being a mix of Commonwealth (Defence), National Parks & Wildlife Service

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9. Resident		and private landholders, in addition to the environmental value of the land, further complicates the feasibility. Council will continue to investigate opportunities to improve Lemon Tree Passage Road, such as grant funding through the Roads Acceleration Program.
	Explore a possible walkway between Oyster Cove and Medowie.	There are a number of missing pathway links in the Tilligerry that have been allocated funding over the next 5 years, as shown on the 'Creating better places and spaces' Map on page 20. Council is developing a clear methodology for prioritising the allocation of Council's resources towards pathway projects.
	Encourage public access to the waterfront at Oyster Cove and install a public jetty.	The majority of waterfront land at Oyster Cove is privately owned. There is some waterfront Crown Land, but this is not accessible by land. The Boating and Fishing Infrastructure Strategy does not identify the need for a public jetty in this locality.
	Explore the feasibility of sewerage connection to Oyster Cove to encourage residential development.	During the preparation of the Place Plan, Council discussed the feasibility of connecting sewerage to Oyster Cove with Hunter Water to encourage additional residential development. It was determined it would not be a feasible undertaking for Hunter Water. A private investor can discuss with Hunter Water the potential extension of wastewater services to Oyster Cove, which could facilitate additional residential development.
	Future development of the pool to include improved accessibility and ramps, an improved cafe, facilities to accommodate motorhomes and community generators.	Council is currently preparing an Aquatic Facilities Strategy, which will set Council's long-term vision for our aquatic centres. The community will have an opportunity to participate in the preparation of the Strategy, which will likely occur in the last quarter of 2025. Action 11 states Council will investigate opportunities for recreational vehicle (RV) parking.

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9. Resident		The sports complex is a possible location to be investigated.
	Pedestrian bridging Mallabula Creek to enable waterfront pathway from Caswell Park to Lemon Tree Passage.	<p>Council recognises the crucial role that pathways play in creating vibrant, liveable and connected communities. Council is preparing a Pathways Plan that establishes a clear methodology for prioritising pathways.</p> <p>The proposed location is unlikely to be identified in the plan due to environmental constraints, mixed land ownership, and complicated approval requirements.</p> <p>Action 24 "Trek the Tilligerry" has been updated to investigate creating a nature trail on the unformed road corridor to connect Mallabula and Lemon Tree Passage.</p>
	Development of a fenced off-leash dog park at Henderson Park.	The inclusion of a fenced off-leash dog area was considered in the Mallabula Sports Complex Masterplan, adopted 23 July 2024. A dog park in this location was generally not supported. Council's Community Assets Team has an action in their 2026 work program to review the existing dog on-leash and off-leash areas across the Local Government Area. All Council managed land will be part of this review.
	Food venues in Lemon Tree Passage should be opened for longer hours.	The Place Plan seeks to encourage economic development and place activation in order to support existing businesses, attract new businesses and encourage tourist visitation, which may make longer opening hours more viable.
	The new town square at Lemon Tree Passage needs shade.	Landscaping to provide shade has been included in the new town square. However, it will take some time for it to grow large enough to provide shade.
	More people are needed in order to generate the business required for a modest range of enterprises.	The 'Planning for the future' Map on page 14 identifies where future housing growth could be accommodated.

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9. Resident	Undertake engagement with agencies such as Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council, Hunter Water, Crown Lands and Defence to encourage development of their land for housing and other development.	Council engaged with these agencies during the preparation of the Place Plan. The 'Planning for the future' Map on page 14 identifies potential greenfield development sites.
	Increase density around parks in Tanilba Bay.	The Place Plan identifies locations in the Tilligerry Peninsula that may be suitable for increasing building heights in order to facilitate infill development. Action 17 notes that Council may review the surplus land it owns in town centres that could be better utilised for residential development.
	A small bus service is needed between Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba Bay.	Action 25 encourages the community to investigate options for a community transport service, utilising a small bus from a local club or church. This was successfully done in Karuah.
	A new operator for the Aquatic Centre should be sought.	Council is currently preparing an Aquatic Facilities Strategy, which will set Council's long-term vision for our aquatic centres. The community will have an opportunity to participate in the preparation of the Strategy, which will likely occur in the last quarter of 2025.
	The Quarry at Lemon Tree Passage should be developed as a passive recreational area.	The Port Stephens Recreation Strategy 2018 states that there is a projected surplus of local parks in the Tilligerry, with large amounts of passive recreation opportunities within bushland areas. The focus for the Tilligerry is on improving the existing facilities.
10. Resident	<p>The submission criticises the exhibition phase of the draft plan, stating that an unrealistic timeframe was provided due to the school holidays and Easter/ANZAC public holidays coinciding with this period.</p> <p>The submission states that notification of the community was delayed, with only one announcement in the local papers and the Council newsletter. The submission also states that the timing of the drop-in session was</p>	<p>The exhibition period was extended to account for public holidays. Development of the Tilligerry Place Plan has been a multi-phased engagement process, during which the community and businesses have had the opportunity to participate and provide comments across four phases.</p> <p>The drop-in session at the Tanilba Bay Shopping Centre was held at this time to get a cross-section of residents and visitors to the</p>

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10. Resident	<p>not optimal, as it occurred the day before the start of the Easter long weekend in the afternoon. The submission asserts that Council did not provide enough public communication for those without internet or social media access.</p>	<p>Tilligerry, as some of the actions in the plan are targeted towards visitors and tourism. An earlier drop-in session was also held on 5 April 2025 at the free Tilligerry Pool Party, where staff were available to talk about the draft Plan.</p> <p>The opportunity for residents and businesses to comment on the draft Plan during the public exhibition has been promoted widely. This has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct email to previous participants on 27 March 2025 • Video on social media as part of the Council meeting debrief on 26 March 2025 • Information on the Council website • Your Port E-Newsletter on 4 April 2025 • Paid social media targeted to the Tilligerry area • Print advertisements in News of the Area and Examiner. These advertisements cannot be booked until after Council endorses exhibition, creating a delay.
	<p>The submission states that Council has not taken into consideration the number of people who access the waterfront at Henderson Park, noting the boat ramp, marine rescue, Wangi Queen Boats, playground equipment, BBQ equipment and retail stores when deciding to build a unisex public amenities facility that is smaller with fewer facilities than the original.</p> <p>The submission requests to know if Council is removing Master Locksmith Access Key toilets; if so, it is requested that Council update the sites on the National Public Toilet Map.</p>	<p>Council undertook community consultation when planning the new amenities. Feedback was considered in the design of the new facility.</p> <p>Council is planning to remove the Master Locksmith Access Key system from public amenities so that they can also be used as family change rooms. The website will be updated.</p>
	<p>The submission disapproves of the removal of the grassland at Henderson Park in favour of a</p>	<p>Landscaping to provide shade has been included in the new town</p>

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10. Resident	concrete meeting place. It is stated that there is little shade, heat bounces off the concrete, and the structures over the seating are not strong enough.	square but will take time to provide sufficient shade.
	The submission requests that the swimming net receive earlier attention to be replaced next year, as sharks can fit through.	Budget for this project has been allocated in 2026. A request to repair the net can be lodged on Council's Report, request and apply web page. The swimming net continues to provide an enclosed swimming area that is safe from boating activity.
	The submission requests more information regarding the Norfolk Island pine trees and Council's plans for the future, questioning why it is an issue if the trees are healthy.	Many of the Norfolk Island pine trees that line the Avenue of the Allies have been removed as they were becoming dangerous due to declining health. Council recognises that street trees in this iconic location play an important role in framing the view to the Bay and shaping the character of the area. Council needs to undertake additional studies to investigate the health of the remaining trees, and, in consultation with the community, will plan for the future of the street trees along the Avenue of the Allies. More information will be provided to the community at this time.
	The submission requests more information about oyster dredging and short-term parking for recreational vehicles (RVs), stating that the amenities are unable to handle the increase in visitors.	Action 9 encourages the growth of the marine industry in Oyster Cove. The business community told us that dredging of the channel is required in order for larger boats to access marine servicing. The dredging of the channel is not a matter for Council to consider, and it is recommended that businesses advocate to the NSW Government for this to be undertaken. Action 11 encourages Council to explore potential locations for short term RV parking. When determining an appropriate location, consideration is given to access to

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		infrastructure and services (including capacity of amenities), desirability of a location and safety.
11. Resident	<p>The submission notes that with increasing populations, local bus routes should be better integrated with other routes in the region through a centrally located hub at the Newcastle Airport. It notes there is reliance on cars to access work, university, health appointments and major events in Newcastle.</p> <p>The submission recommends a central bus terminal/transport interchange at Newcastle Airport, with routes that operate in a radial system servicing the Port Stephens LGA, that also connect to Newcastle more effectively.</p> <p>It notes this would reduce car dependency and encourage greater tourism in the region.</p>	<p>The Place Plan is supportive of improved public transport in the Tilligerry. Council will continue to advocate to the State Government for improved bus services in the Tilligerry as well as to and from the Newcastle Airport generally.</p> <p>Action 25 Tilligerry Community Transport, encourages the community to investigate alternative community transport options, and to get involved in advocating for better services.</p>
	<p>The submission provided a PowerPoint presentation advocating for Kayak camping in the Tilligerry. Key points from the presentation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kayak camping is a unique selling point for the Tilligerry and the wider LGA as there is no direct equivalent in NSW • Popular kayaking websites do not mention Port Stephens. Council should liaise with the main paddling body in NSW to gain a greater understanding of the needs of kayakers and how to promote the activity better. • Port Stephens has the opportunity to create a tourist destination by providing simple infrastructure, such as a place to store a kayak overnight. • Council should cooperate with MidCoast Council to create a greater experience. • The old toilet block in Henderson Park is repurposed 	<p>The Place Plan agrees the Tilligerry is an ideal location to explore on kayaks and could become a destination for kayak camping. Action 11 of the Place Plan encourages local accommodation providers to investigate options for kayak camping.</p> <p>Council will be seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the future use of the old toilet block. The kayak camping community would be welcome to put in an EOI to utilise the toilet block for kayak storage.</p>

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11. Resident	<p>to provide safe storage of kayaks.</p> <p>The submission suggests an all-day team sport event that occurs across the sports facilities in the Tilligerry. The event could include golf, swimming and lawn bowls as well as various food, drink and market stalls that encourage community cohesion.</p> <p>This event would encourage sponsorship from private businesses and community involvement. Profits could then go to Tilligerry Aquatic Centre.</p> <p>The submission suggests there is an opportunity to create a 2.5km walking trail loop around Tilligerry habitat, as a form of eco-tourism. The submission notes that certain sections of the walk require improvement.</p>	<p>The Place Plan encourages community events. Community members are encouraged to talk to Council's Vibrant Places team about their ideas for events, and will be provided with information and support for organising their community event.</p> <p>Council is preparing a Pathways Plan that establishes a clear methodology for prioritising pathways.</p> <p>The proposed location is unlikely to be identified in the plan due to environmental constraints and mixed land ownership.</p> <p>Action 24 Trek the Tilligerry has been updated to include an action for Council to investigate creating a nature trail on the unformed road corridor to connect Mallabula and Lemon Tree Passage.</p>
12. Resident	<p>The submission acknowledges that the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre is not used to its full potential and offers solutions to encourage greater patronage during quiet times including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free entry for children during school holidays, or • A school holiday pass that can be bought for regular visits at an affordable price. 	<p>Council is currently preparing an Aquatic Facilities Strategy, which will set Council's long-term vision for our aquatic centres. The community will have an opportunity to participate in the preparation of the Strategy, which will likely occur in the last quarter of 2025.</p> <p>Until this Strategy is finalised, the operating hours of the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre will not change outside of the already approved planned maintenance closures during the Winter period.</p>
13. Resident	<p>The submission emphasises the value of the pool for rehabilitation and exercise, stating that a 6-month closure is excessive. The</p>	<p>Council is currently preparing an Aquatic Facilities Strategy, as noted directly above.</p>

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13. Resident	<p>provision of an important facility is more important than revenue.</p> <p>It suggests that the current midday closing time during winter is too early and proposes that the pool should operate between 12 pm and 4 pm.</p> <p>The submission notes that the current pensioner rate is very good value, and suggests a 25% rate increase would be preferable to an extended winter closure. It suggests increasing awareness of comfortable winter water temperatures through better advertising.</p>	<p>A new action, Get Together to Get Active! has been created to encourage community members to utilise Council assets such as halls and parks for organising social fitness activities to cultivate community wellbeing and connections.</p>
14. Resident	<p>The submission notes the reduced opportunity to provide comment on the draft Plan due to Easter and ANZAC public holidays during the exhibition period.</p>	<p>The exhibition period was extended to account for public holidays. Development of the Tilligerry Place Plan has been a multi-phased engagement process, during which the community and businesses have had the opportunity to participate and provide comments across four phases.</p> <p>The opportunity for residents and businesses to comment on the draft Plan during the public exhibition has been promoted widely. This has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct email to previous participants on 27 March 2025 • Video on social media as part of the Council meeting debrief on 26 March 2025 • Information on the Council website • Your Port E-Newsletter on 4 April 2025 • Paid social media targeted to the Tilligerry area
	<p>The submission recommends writing the Plan in a more factual and realistic tone, rather than reading like a tourist brochure.</p> <p>The submission provides a number of suggestions to improve the</p>	<p>The Place Plan has been updated to include these suggestions where appropriate.</p>

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14. Resident	document to reflect the Tilligerry more accurately.	
	The submission advises that the future infrastructure works map is incorrect as it lists the boardwalk in Mungarra Reserve, which was built in 2024.	The Plan has been updated to remove this item.
	The submission notes that priority projects don't have costs attached to them, and the costs are difficult to find in Council's integrated plans. It makes it difficult for the community to form a view on these without the costs shown.	The cost of works are not included in place plans as they are subject to change.
	The submission notes that interpreting 'Planning for the Tilligerry' Map is difficult and makes a number of suggestions to improve the map.	The Planning for the Tilligerry map has been updated to incorporate these suggestions.
	The submission advises that Civil project number 7 (Stanley Street) isn't shown on the Creating better places and spaces map.	The Creating better places and spaces map has been updated to identify this item.
	The submission recommends a new Development Control Plan (DCP) chapter for the Lemon Tree Passage Town Centre be prepared to secure a laneway in the town centre. The submission notes a place plan is not an appropriate location for this control. It also notes that the statement about a proponent being required to prepare a new DCP is too vague and could be easily challenged.	Council considered a draft Port Stephens Development Control Plan (DCP) 2025 at its meeting on 10 June 2025 and resolved to place it on public exhibition. The draft DCP was exhibited from 16 June 2025 to 14 July 2025. The Lemon Tree Passage chapter is proposed to be removed as it restrictive and reducing the feasibility of development. The general provisions in the DCP that address commercial development, traffic and access can be relied upon to ensure a good transport outcome in the town centre.
	The submission notes that 8% of the Tilligerry population identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, however, there is no mention of consultation with the Aboriginal community and whether the ideas and projects reflect the values and priorities of indigenous culture in the community.	The Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council were consulted in the preparation of the Place Plan. Their comments have been incorporated into the Place Plan. The Aboriginal Strategic Committee have advised that the Aboriginal community prefers not to be singled out in place plans, as this can create a sense of separation from the broader community. Instead,

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14. Resident		they value being recognised as an integral part of the wider community.
	The submission advises that the wildlife corridors don't reflect the importance of McCann Park for Koalas.	The identified biodiversity corridors are for indicative purposes only. We are focusing on identifying and retaining strategic biodiversity corridors that maximise and secure safe Koala movement around high-risk areas such as urban and residential areas. Whilst McCann Park does provide suitable foraging habitat for Koalas, and is likely to provide stepping stone connectivity within the landscape, it does not provide a suitable long-term safe corridor for Koalas on the Tilligerry due to the existing roads and urban activity in proximity.
	The submission states that the map showing ideas and opportunities to increase vibrancy lacks detail, especially in comparison to the Karuah Place Plan, and this reflects an absence of true consultation with a cross-section of the community.	The implementation of the Karuah Place Plan found that having details that are too specific in place plans make it difficult to enable flexibility if the community had ideas that varied from those shown in the plan. For this reason, it was decided to include more flexible actions in the Medowie, Shoal Bay, Hinterland and Tilligerry Place Plans, to serve as inspiration.
	The submission advises that care needs to be taken when adopting the 'Town Team' approach so that it is inclusive and open to everyone and made up of a varied and diverse group of people.	Council agrees that Town Teams should be inclusive of all community members who want to be proactive in improving their place.
15. Resident	The submission advises that the proposed one-way street would require extensive roadwork and kerb and gutter on Shearman and Mackie Streets to cater for additional traffic. It is suggested that, instead, additional parking should be created to the north of the existing parking area, and include additional covered picnic tables.	Council needs to undertake further investigation to determine the most appropriate options for improving traffic flow and parking in Lemon Tree Passage. The cost of additional infrastructure will be considered as part of the investigation.
	The submission notes that there needs to be sufficient infrastructure capacity to cater for increased building heights.	Prior to any planning proposal to amend building heights, all site constraints and requirements for infrastructure and community

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15. Resident	<p>The submission highlights that the pool was already closed for an extended period during the winter 2024, and keeping the pool open for longer would provide benefits to all members of the community.</p> <p>The submission states that the pool operator has posted the winter trading hours this year, but has made no suggestion to extend the winter closure.</p> <p>It is noted that the pool is closed for routine maintenance, but there is often little evidence of this work.</p> <p>It expresses disappointment in the current management of the pool, noting a lack of communication with community members about pool activities. Feedback has been provided to the pool management, but there has been limited engagement with pool users.</p> <p>The submission acknowledges that the smaller population at the Tilligerry makes it challenging to improve business, and suggests that allowing members to access all three Council pools would allow more flexibility and encourage participation.</p>	<p>services will need to be considered by Council.</p> <p>Council is currently preparing an Aquatic Facilities Strategy, which will set Council's long-term vision for our aquatic centres. The community will have an opportunity to participate in the preparation of the Strategy, which will likely occur in the last quarter of 2025. Until this Strategy is finalised, the operating hours of the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre will not change outside of the already approved planned maintenance closures during the Winter period.</p>
16. Resident	<p>The submission is alarmed by Council's plan to rezone Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba Bay for medium and high-density housing.</p> <p>The submission references recent State amendments to allow medium and high-density development in Raymond Terrace and Nelson Bay, and states that Council is planning to extend this to the Tilligerry Peninsula.</p> <p>The submission notes they were advised there are around 30 points in the plan, but was unable to</p>	<p>On 28 February 2025, the State Government introduced standards to encourage medium density housing developments within 800m of nominated town centres and train stations. These changes do not impact Tanilba Bay. Council is not extending these provisions to Tanilba Bay.</p> <p>The Place Plan contains 27 actions that seek to facilitate social connection, encourage environmental volunteering, grow tourism and implement town centre improvements. The Place Plan also</p>

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16. Resident	<p>locate these. It acknowledges that the change of zoning comes under the heading of affordable housing.</p> <p>The submission notes the social and geographical isolation, the lack of infrastructure and the environmental values of the Tilligerry.</p>	<p>identifies options to increase housing supply and diversity in the Tilligerry. While the Plan discusses affordability of housing, the proposal to increase building heights is discussed under the heading “Creating opportunities for diverse housing” on page 39, and action No. 17, Increase housing supply and diversity.</p>
17. Resident	<p>The submission questions whether Council is requesting the NSW government for permission to develop affordable housing (housing commission housing) in Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba Bay?</p> <p>The submission questions if Council planning to develop medium-density and high-density housing in Lemon Tree and Tanilba not to be used for social housing?</p> <p>The submission also questions if Council is aware of the lack of transport, social and geographical infrastructure to support further development in the area or the fragile environment in the Tilligerry Peninsula.</p> <p>The submission notes alarm at Council’s plan to rezone Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba Bay for medium and high-density housing.</p> <p>The submission references recent State amendments to allow medium and high-density development in Raymond Terrace and Nelson Bay, and states that</p>	<p>Council regularly advocates for affordable housing, however Council is not requesting permission to develop social housing in the Tilligerry. The Place Plan seeks to make housing more diverse and affordable for the community such as encouraging infill developments like dual occupancies, multi-dwelling housing and townhouses in the Tilligerry.</p> <p>The Planning for the future of the Tilligerry map identifies potential opportunities for future residential in Tanilba Bay.</p> <p>The Place Plan discusses opportunities to increase building heights in the existing R3 Medium Density residential zone in Tanilba Bay to improve the feasibility of medium density development.</p> <p>Changing the building heights in requires a planning proposal that outlines the reasons and benefits behind the change. The legislation ensures that everyone is consulted, and all infrastructure needs, environmental constraints and impacts are considered before any decisions are made.</p> <p>On 28 February 2025, the State Government introduced standards to encourage medium density housing developments within 800m of nominated town centres and train stations. These changes do not impact Tanilba Bay. Council is not extending these provisions to Tanilba Bay.</p>

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Submission No.	Comment	Council response
17. Resident	<p>Council is planning to extend this to the Tilligerry Peninsula.</p> <p>The submission notes that they were advised that there are around 30 points of the place plan, but had difficulty in finding these 30 points. It acknowledges that the change of zoning comes under the heading of affordable housing.</p> <p>The submission concludes by noting the social and geographical isolation, the lack of infrastructure and the environmental values of the Tilligerry will be exacerbated by increasing population living in high density development.</p>	<p>The Place Plan contains 27 actions that seek to facilitate social connection, encourage environmental volunteering, grow tourism and implement town centre improvements. The Place Plan also identifies options to increase housing supply and diversity in the Tilligerry. While the Plan discusses affordability of housing, the proposal to increase building heights is discussed under the heading "Creating opportunities for diverse housing" on page 39 and action 17 Increase housing supply and diversity.</p>

Tilligerry Place Plan Response to Survey

Theme	Comment	Council response
Environmental sustainability	<p>Environmental sustainability actions received strong support, with the majority of responders for each action being very supportive. Approximately one-third of respondents were unsure about the Avenue of the Allies action, while the remaining two-thirds were supportive. The following comments were provided:</p> <p>a) Respondents raised opposition to infill development due to environmental impacts.</p> <p>b) Respondents request that the Koalas be protected instead of allowing more people to live in the Tilligerry.</p> <p>c) Respondents request that the Tanilba Bay foreshore habitat be restored through the introduction of new trees and plants, as well as barriers and seating to prevent cars from parking on the grass.</p> <p>d) Respondents suggest that Council set guidelines for volunteer groups undertaking environmental works.</p>	<p>a) The natural environment surrounding the Tilligerry is important to Council and the community. Infill development allows an increase in housing with reduced impacts on the natural environment compared to greenfield development.</p> <p>b) In investigating opportunities for new housing, Council needs to balance protecting the environment and addressing housing shortages. Increasing density in existing urban areas can lead to better environmental outcomes than greenfield development. Action 4 identifies some mechanisms for protecting Koalas in the Tilligerry.</p> <p>c) Action 1 encourages community groups to get involved in caring for the environment. Council has funding available for projects such as tree planting.</p> <p>d) Council works closely with our volunteer groups who are undertaking work on Council-</p>

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<p>Environmental sustainability</p>	<p>e) A respondent requests that the Avenue of the Allies be respected, and Norfolk Pine Trees be replaced.</p> <p>f) Respondents are concerned about coastal erosion and believe that actions for the Tilligerry in the Coastal Management Program (CMP) are not adequate, and the timeframes for the climate change adaptation strategy are too long.</p>	<p>owned land. Council sets expectations for volunteers through a code of conduct.</p> <p>e) Many of the Norfolk Island pine trees that line the Avenue of the Allies have been removed in recent years due to declining health. Council recognises that street trees in this iconic location play an important role in framing the view to the Bay and shaping the character of the area. Council needs to undertake additional studies to investigate the health of the remaining trees, and in consultation with the community, will plan for the future of street trees along the Avenue of the Allies.</p> <p>f) The actions within the CMP align with the mandatory requirements for CMPs specified in the Coastal Management Act 2016 and accompanying NSW Coastal Management Manual. The actions for the Tilligerry will be implemented over a ten-year period, as funding becomes available. They will focus on mitigating the impact of inundation on roads and properties, as well as developing a climate change adaptation strategy for the Tilligerry. This strategy will be prepared in consultation with the community to ensure a collective approach to safeguarding the area's future.</p>
<p>Economy</p>	<p>Respondents were generally supportive of the Economy actions. However, the action to "Investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry" was evenly split between supportive responses and unsure / unresponsive responses. The majority of respondents were either unsure or unresponsive of</p>	<p>a) Council will investigate options for the location of RV parking in the Tilligerry. Feedback from the community will be sought before a decision is made.</p> <p>b) In response to community concerns, Council is committing more than \$20 million to improve roads as</p>

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<p>Economy</p>	<p>the “Investigate recreational vehicle (RV) parking/kayak camping action.”</p> <p>a) Respondents note that they would be supportive of an RV area in the Tilligerry as long as time limits are enforced, waste issues are adequately addressed, and designated facilities for RV users are installed to ensure beach facilities remain available.</p> <p>b) Respondents advise that fixing roads in the area is the first step to creating welcoming town centres.</p> <p>c) Respondents are critical of the layout of the Tanilba Bay commercial centre as it is difficult to access the facilities.</p> <p>d) Respondents are critical of the lack of specific strategies for those with limited mobility within the plan, suggesting increased communication with local businesses on an individual basis.</p> <p>e) Respondents state that the Lemon Tree Passage town centre requires upgrades to be more attractive and is currently unable to accommodate new restaurants and cafes that take advantage of waterfront views. A new location is proposed at the eastern end of Henderson Park as an alternative space for new retail development.</p> <p>f) Respondents suggest that Council do more to advertise the Tilligerry as a potential tourist destination for day trips.</p>	<p>part of its new Roads Acceleration Program.</p> <p>c) In recognition of the challenges that pedestrians and vehicles face when moving around the Tanilba Town Centre, Action 27 will investigate options to improve connectivity in this area.</p> <p>d) To create a more accessible and inclusive LGA, Council has recently formed the Disability Inclusion and Access Advisory Group (DIAAG). The DIAAG will provide valuable insight into the access and inclusion needs of people living with disability in the Port Stephens area. The DIAAG will actively contribute to Council plans and strategies, including the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) and act as a link between Council and the community.</p> <p>e) The Port Stephens Centres and Employment Lands Study notes that the area is unlikely to experience any significant growth. Council will not rezone additional land for retail development at this time. In order to make it easier for development in the town centre, it is proposed to remove the site-specific Development Control Plan.</p> <p>f) Council continues to work with Destination Port Stephens (DPS) to promote the tourism opportunities at the Tilligerry Peninsula. DPS has information on their website to promote activities and accommodation options in the Tilligerry.</p>
<p>Movement and place</p>	<p>Respondents were generally supportive of all the Movement and place actions. Just under a third of respondents were unsure of the Moving around Lemon Tree Passage action.</p>	<p>a) Council routinely investigates funding opportunities for new pathways. There is a desire from the community to have access to a variety of pathway types, including unsealed nature trails,</p>

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<p>Movement and place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Respondents are supportive of improved connectivity through pathways. Requests that new pathways are also suitable for children and cyclists. b) Respondents suggest that a bus route be changed or an additional bus stop be added closer to the Coles at Tanilba Bay shopping centre. c) Respondents noted concerns regarding the proposed one-way streets in Lemon Tree Passage due to heavy traffic in the area during busy periods. d) Respondents are supportive of a nature walk that connects Lemon Tree Passage and Mallabula. e) Respondents request greater access to public transport options in the area, as currently there is a heavy reliance on private vehicles. Respondents propose a centrally located transport interchange situated at Newcastle Airport to serve the Tilligerry with additional bus routes whilst also improving connectivity with Greater Newcastle. f) Respondents request that parking and road conditions be improved as a matter of priority. g) A respondent had concerns regarding the social impact of increased transport options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> boardwalks and shared paths. b) Council's Traffic Committee continues to discuss options to improve bus services to the shopping centre in Tanilba Bay. However, an outcome has not yet been determined. While possible, the benefits of a new bus stop would be minimal without a change to the bus route. Bus routes are determined by Transport for NSW (TfNSW), and Council has limited influence on these. c) The proposed one-way street for Lemon Tree Passage would be designed to improve traffic movement, pedestrian safety and parking in the town centre. Further investigation is needed in order to determine if this is a suitable option. d) Action 24 Trek the Tilligerry has been updated to include an action for Council to investigate a nature trail in this location. e) Council will continue to advocate to the State Government for improved bus services in the Tilligerry as well as to and from the Newcastle Airport generally f) In response to community concerns, Council is committing more than \$20 million to improve roads as part of its new Roads Acceleration Program. g) Improved transport options make it easier for people to travel, saving time and boosting access to jobs, schools and services.
<p>Quality open space</p>	<p>The majority of respondents were supportive of all the actions within the Quality open space theme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Respondents are opposed to the proposed extended winter closure of the Aquatic Centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Council is currently preparing an Aquatic Facilities Strategy, which will set Council's long-term vision for our aquatic centres. Until this Strategy is finalised, the operating hours

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Quality open space	<p>They cite the benefits provided by the pool, such as physical and mental well-being, as a reason not to extend the closure period.</p> <p>b) Respondents request that the Tanilba Bay boat ramp and tennis court carparks be upgraded.</p> <p>c) Respondents are supportive of the Mallabula Sports Complex receiving additional lighting upgrades to improve safety.</p>	<p>of the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre will not change outside of the already approved planned maintenance closures during the Winter period.</p> <p>b) A redesign of the ramp and carpark is an action in the Port Stephens Boating and Fishing Infrastructure Plan. This action has a 'medium' priority in that Plan, and is yet to be funded. Unfunded works are not identified in the Place Plan.</p> <p>c) Council continues to investigate funding opportunities to implement the Mallabula Sports Complex Masterplan.</p>
Management and safety	<p>Respondents were largely supportive of the Management and safety actions.</p> <p>a) Respondents are divided on the issue of increasing housing supply. Some respondents are opposed to increasing housing supply due to environmental impacts and a lack of infrastructure.</p> <p>b) Respondents are supportive of the idea of a community centre to help reduce youth crime.</p> <p>c) Respondents are supportive of increased lighting along pathways at night to improve safety.</p> <p>d) Respondents request that an emergency coordinator for the area be implemented to tell residents what to do in the case of a bushfire.</p>	<p>a) In investigating opportunities for new housing, Council needs to find a balance between protecting the environment and addressing housing shortages.</p> <p>b) Noted.</p> <p>c) Noted.</p> <p>d) Together with Council, the Community Resilience Network will provide information to the community during emergency events.</p>
Civil and recreation projects	<p>Respondents are supportive of the recreation and the civil projects.</p> <p>a) Respondents would like more consultation when determining future projects</p> <p>b) Respondents advised that improvements are needed to waterfront reserve facilities, parklands and pathways.</p>	<p>a) The projects have been identified in Council's Strategic Asset Management Plan which is informed by engagement on the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). The CSP outlines Council's role in delivering priorities of the community.</p> <p>b) Council is developing a clear methodology for prioritising</p>

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<p>Civil and recreation projects</p>	<p>c) Respondents requested that the refurbishment of the Tanilba Bay boardwalk be added to the list of projects. and noted there were not enough new projects identified as part of the place plan, as the project list was focused on existing assets.</p> <p>d) Respondents reaffirmed their desire for roads to be the priority for civil projects.</p> <p>e) Respondents are against the use of smart parking as there is a fear that it will lead to more paid parking across the Tilligerry.</p>	<p>the allocation of Council's resources towards pathway projects.</p> <p>Council engages an external third-party provider to undertake a comprehensive inspection on all playground equipment within the LGA (every 3 years). This data is used to drive the playground renewal program listed in the Asset Management Plan.</p> <p>c) Council provides and maintains assets, facilities, parks and reserves for the community within Council's budget and consults with the community when prioritising these projects and spending. Due to limited resources, Council is unable to replace an asset of this nature in its entirety. Instead, Council manages these assets by undertaking maintenance on specific sections as required. Only projects with funding, or those projects that are expected to be delivered over the next 5 years, are identified. This is done to prevent setting unrealistic expectations for the community.</p> <p>d) In response to community concerns, Council is committing more than \$20 million to improve roads as part of its new Roads Acceleration Program.</p> <p>e) Council will undertake a parking study to determine the best way to manage parking in Lemon Tree Passage. Should smart parking be considered an option, Council would undertake community consultation before it being introduced. In the Port Stephens LGA, residents are provided with free parking permits. The money raised</p>
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		through smart parking is reinvested in the community.
Final comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Respondents would like to see the implementation of a dog park at Mallabula or Lemon Tree Passage. b) Some respondents would like the existing character of the area to be maintained. c) Respondents want more direct consultation regarding the closure of the pool. d) Respondents are critical of the length of time for exhibiting the plan, as well as its distribution, citing the difficulty in obtaining the plan at physical locations and the inability to find the draft plan online. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The inclusion of a fenced off-leash dog area was considered in the Mallabula Sports Complex Masterplan, adopted 23 July 2024. A dog park in this location was generally not supported. Council's Community Assets Team has an action in their 2026 work program to review the existing dog on-leash and off-leash areas across the Local Government Area. b) Action 18 Development that benefits everyone, has been created for Council to investigate development controls that can protect and preserve the features that the community values in their neighbourhood. c) Consultation will be undertaken during the preparation of Council's Aquatic Facilities Strategy. d) While it is acknowledged that there were a number of public holidays during the exhibition period, consultation has been multi-phased over the last two years and not solely during the public exhibition period. The draft Plan was available online, while physical copies were available at Council libraries. It is noted that the Tilligerry Community Library is run by volunteers, so operating hours are limited. In the future, Council will investigate options to improve access to exhibition material.

Tilligerry Place Plan



July 2025 – The Tilligerry Place Plan provides a framework for collaboration between Council, community and business for managing to growth to benefit everyone.

Guudji Yiigu

(Goo-jee ik-koo)

We welcome you to
Port Stephens – part of
the Worimi Aboriginal
Nation who speak the
Gathang language.



We acknowledge the Worimi as the
original Custodians and inhabitants
of Port Stephens.

May we walk the road to tomorrow
with mutual respect and admiration
as we care for the beautiful land and
waterways together.

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What is a Place Plan

Place plans are a new way of planning for the growth of the unique towns and villages across Port Stephens. Place plans provide a local filter on the Port Stephens Community Strategic Plan and other strategic documents to create actions which improve the liveability and wellbeing of our communities.

Actions

The actions in our local place plans create alignment in the way we plan for future land use, invest in infrastructure, attract investment and bring life to our streets. Place plans recognise the importance of our public spaces in creating great places to live, work and visit.

Community

Most importantly, place plans start with our community. They respond to the community's values and aspirations; they enable partnerships between residents, business and council and guide a collaborative approach to the delivery of great place outcomes.

Our place planning approach



Local values

Through the Port Stephens Liveability Index, we know the values and priorities of our individual communities. This information provides the foundations of our place plans and helps guide planning and decision making across our community.



Start with yes

A culture that supports innovation and ideas is critical to the success of our place plans. By starting with yes, we can encourage new thinking, new ideas and attract more people to share in creating great places.



Test and trial

Great places don't appear by accident – they take time, effort and a shared understanding that not every project will work every time. By testing and trialling low cost, short term ideas, we learn by doing and create the stepping stones to bigger and better things.



Civic pride

The Port Stephens community is abundant with energy and expertise and people who want to be involved in planning and creating for their place. Place plans provide opportunities for collaboration, foster pride and create meaningful community connection.



Measure and benchmark

When we trial a new idea, launch a new program or invest in our public spaces, we need to understand what works and what doesn't. Measuring the success of our projects and comparing them to the best possible examples we can find will help build amazing places where people will want to live, work and play.



About the Tilligerry Peninsula

Nestled along the pristine shores of the Port Stephens Marine Park, the Tilligerry Peninsula (the Tilligerry) is a haven of natural beauty, surrounded by State Conservation Areas, National Parks and the serene mangroves of the Tilligerry Creek. Its name is derived from the Indigenous words 'with tongue' reflecting the placement and shape of the peninsula.

The peninsula is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers. Fishing and crabbing opportunities abound in the waters of Tilligerry Creek, while scenic waterfront boardwalks and bushland trails offer breathtaking landscapes to explore. Wildlife spotting is also a highlight, with majestic birds spotted trawling for fish in the blue waters, playful dolphins gracing the waterways, and, if you're really lucky, you may even see a koala.

The Tilligerry is easily accessible for visitors, only a 35-minute drive from the heart of Nelson Bay and Raymond Terrace, making it an easy day trip to this beachside area. Visitors can also enjoy a unique and scenic arrival by water via private charter services from both the Soldiers Point and Nelson Bay Marinas.

The Tilligerry is home to four villages, each with their own identity.

Oyster Cove, the smallest village, thrives as a centre for the marine industry. It's one of the most important locations for marine servicing in Port Stephens, with local businesses providing marine repairs, slipping facilities and a dry storage area.

Tanilba Bay is steeped with history and culture. It features iconic heritage sites like Tanilba House, the oldest original home in Port Stephens, built in 1831 and the Tanilba Bay Centenary Gates constructed in 1931. The village is known for its unique circular street layout, reminiscent of Walter Burley Griffin's designs, and its connection to the flannel flower, inspiring its name, meaning 'a place of white flowers'. Tanilba Bay is the commercial hub in the Tilligerry offering essential services, supermarkets, and specialty stores catering for both locals and visitors.

Mallabula is experiencing a revival, attracting young families drawn to its affordable coastal lifestyle. Mallabula is the recreational hub of the Tilligerry, hosting the Mallabula Sports Complex which supports various sports, including rugby league, soccer, athletics, netball and tennis. The Mallabula Skate Park and the nearby Tilligerry Aquatic Centre are a favourite among residents as they provide additional recreational opportunities. Recent upgrades to Caswell Reserve have made it a safer and more welcoming park for all ages to enjoy.





Lemon Tree Passage, popular with retirees and holidaymakers is a gateway to the Port Stephens Great Lakes Marine Park and the waterways of Port Stephens. During the weekends and holidays, its bustling waterfront offers a vibrant atmosphere where visitors and residents can enjoy an array of dining experiences. From casual cafés, lunch and dinner boat cruises to some of the best fine dining experiences in Port Stephens. The town's boating facilities make it easy to access the area's iconic waterways.

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Centrally based, Henderson Park hosts a tidal pool offering a safe and sandy place to swim and a recently constructed Town Square, making it a perfect gathering spot for families and visitors alike.

This Place Plan is about working together, Council, the community and local business,

Character principles

-  The natural beauty and unique built heritage of the Tilligerry are central to its identity; offering significant ecological, aesthetic and cultural value.
-  Protection and enhancement of wildlife habitats and corridors is essential for the Tilligerry, guiding development decisions and inspiring community-led environmental efforts.
-  Safe and accessible pathways create a network for pedestrians and bike riders to reach shops, services, and green spaces.
-  Quality social and recreational infrastructure is accessible and suitable for all residents and visitors.

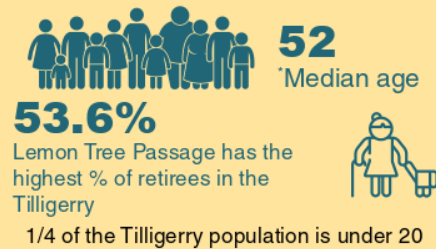
to improve the wellbeing of the Tilligerry community. This plan strives to make the Tilligerry an even better place to call home by fostering social connections, encouraging environmental volunteering, facilitating diverse housing options and boosting the local economy by leveraging the growing number of visitors to Port Stephens.

-  Local businesses are supported, and new commercial activity is encouraged.
-  The town centres are well maintained, easy to move around and continue to provide for the needs of the community.
-  The community are resilient to natural disasters and is preparing for the impacts of climate change.
-  Roads are safe and well maintained.
-  Public spaces are well looked after and activated by regular community events and social activities.

The residents of the Tilligerry are unique, knowing who they are helps us understand what they think and what type of community they can create.



Almost 8% of people who live on the Tilligerry identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (more than double the states average, 3.2%)



1/4 of the Tilligerry population is under 20



ABS 2021 Census data; *Remplan data 2022

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Community engagement

Phase 1: Liveability index survey

Phase 2: Series of workshops with community and businesses, and meetings with key stakeholders.

Phase 3: Draft actions tested via survey with workshop participants

Phase 4: Public Exhibition of the draft Tilligerry Place Plan

We've been listening

The community explored the future of the Tilligerry through an extensive community engagement process. The following provides a snapshot of the *Tilligerry Place Plan Engagement Report*. [You can view the full report here.](#)



What makes the Tilligerry a great place to live?

The Tilligerry community participated in the 2020 and 2024 Liveability Index Survey. This survey tells us what they value about their community and their priorities for their place. This information has helped shape the Tilligerry Place Plan setting the vision, and defining actions that prioritise the wellbeing of Tilligerry locals.

Key themes

The Liveability survey results indicate that the 5 most important themes of liveability for the people of Tilligerry are:

- Environmental sustainability
- Economy
- Management and safety
- Quality Open Space
- Movement and Place

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Most valued

These are the things that are most important to you in your ideal neighbourhood.

-  Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife)
-  General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks)
-  Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
-  Protection of the natural environment
-  Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution)
-  Local businesses that provide for daily needs
-  Access to neighbourhood amenities

Top strengths

These are the things you care about most and you believe are performing well. We'll continue to celebrate and protect these.

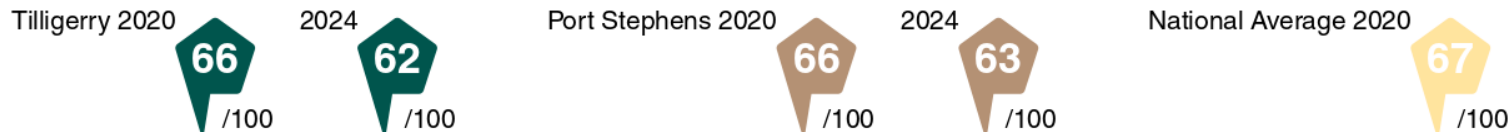
-  Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife)
-  Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution)
-  Local businesses that provide for daily needs (grocery stores, pharmacy, banks)
-  Amount of public space (footpaths, parks)
-  Access to neighbourhood amenities (cafes, shops health services)
-  Sense of belonging in the community
-  Sense of personal safety

Top priorities

These are the things most important to you, but you believe they're under performing. We'll work together to improve these.

-  Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
-  Evidence of Council/government management
-  Quality of public space
-  Protection of the natural environment
-  Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport
-  General condition of public open space
-  Evidence of recent public investment

Liveability Index – how does Tilligerry compare?



Emerging themes for Tilligerry

Environmental sustainability: protecting and enhancing the local environment

The Tilligerry Peninsula is home to an abundance of native plants and wildlife, and this spectacular environment is highly valued by the community. The pristine waterways and the natural surroundings are why people love living in this part of Port Stephens. Protecting this spectacular environment is a top priority for residents.

Assets such as the Tilligerry Habitat Reserve and the Koala Reserve boardwalk provide great opportunities for residents and visitors to immerse in nature, enjoy outstanding views and catch a glimpse of local wildlife. These valuable resources also help educate the community on the importance of the environment and provide great outdoor recreation and tourism opportunities.

The Tilligerry Peninsula is unique in its formation, providing key habitat and corridors for a number of threatened native species, including the koala, brush-tailed phascogale, squirrel glider, nationally and internationally significant migratory shorebirds, wallum froglet and Mahony's toadlet. The Tilligerry Peninsula also contains important vegetation, including Endangered Ecological Communities, such as Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on Coastal Floodplains, Coastal Saltmarsh and multiple State and locally significant coastal wetlands. To ensure the long-term protection of the Tilligerry Peninsula's biodiversity values, these biodiversity corridors need to be maintained, strengthened, and where possible, rehabilitated.

While the Tilligerry Peninsula benefits from unrivalled coastal views, this landscape is also more susceptible to the impacts of climate change. Sea level rise and coastal inundation will affect areas within the Tilligerry Peninsula in the future. Council has developed a Coastal Management Plan that identifies risks to the coastline and sets out actions to manage and mitigate these risks now and into the future.

The community can get involved in the long-term protection and enhancement of their environment through educational campaigns and signage, street planting or by volunteering with a local Landcare or parks and reserves group. Success in achieving these actions requires strong partnerships between landholders, community groups, schools, Council, National Parks and Wildlife Service and other state agencies.

Economy: creating great places to do business

The Tilligerry is only a 20-minute drive from Newcastle Airport and has town centres that offer a variety of retail stores, restaurants and cafés that offer a quiet and peaceful atmosphere.

Given the proximity to the Airport, there are opportunities to promote the area as an events, conference and meeting alternative to Newcastle or Nelson Bay. With a strong visitor profile and a diverse asset base, the Tilligerry is well-suited to host a variety of events. From historic cruises, easy access to waterways, fishing charters, high-end dining, local distilleries to the 'Hunter Region's most improved golf course', the Tilligerry has the ability to host both smaller, intimate events as well as larger celebrations and business events.

Oyster Cove is an important location for the maritime industry in Port Stephens. Enabling the industry to diversify its servicing capacity could help Port Stephens emerge as a prominent maritime destination in NSW.

Creating more vibrant town centres through events and beautification projects, and ensuring that centres are easy to move around will benefit users and encourage further investment and new business. Promoting the many attributes in the Tilligerry, such as historical character, beautiful natural environment, unique local businesses, fine dining and varied recreational opportunities will encourage additional visitors to the area and increase night time activity, which will also help grow and support the local economy.



Management and safety: safe, comfortable and looked after

When we visit a place, we want to feel safe, comfortable, and welcome. Creating a sense of security is a shared responsibility between the community, businesses and Council. Together, we can create attractive places where people want to spend time and do business.

We've seen a lot of community collaboration in the Tilligerry, with a number of community groups working diligently to improve their place. Business and residents can collaborate to improve comfort and safety through improving shopfronts, keeping areas clean, installing more lighting, holding events and undertaking place activation. Council contributes by adopting controls that support appropriate housing development, maintaining public spaces and providing support during emergencies.

Quality open space: revitalise community spaces

Access to open space is vital for exercising, relaxing, playing, socialising, and connecting with nature. Walkable, accessible, well-designed open space is integral to the Tilligerry's character, promoting healthier lifestyles, celebrating diversity and improving wellbeing. The area boasts a lot of great open space including parks, playgrounds, sports fields, bushland and waterfront reserves.

The Tilligerry provides for a range of recreational pursuits, from bushwalking to golf. The sheltered waterways are perfect for water sports - paddle a kayak, try your luck at fishing or have a go at stand up paddle boarding.

There are opportunities to further enhance these spaces with public art and encouraging social connections through community activities such as exercise groups or art classes. It's important these activities target socially isolated groups like youth and the elderly.

Recent upgrades including improvements to Henderson Park and Caswell Reserve demonstrate Council's commitment to enhancing public spaces. Council has also adopted a new Masterplan for the Mallabula Sports Complex, developed in partnership with the Tilligerry Sports Council, to ensure these spaces continue to service the community's growing needs.

Movement and place: making it easier to get around

Making it easier to move around the Tilligerry is a priority for the community. This can be achieved by improving connectivity of shared pathways, introducing alternative community transport options, installing clear wayfinding signage, providing accessible and easy to use car parking and managing traffic flow efficiently.

The surrounding waterways offer unique transport opportunities that could connect the Tilligerry to other areas of Port Stephens. A water taxi service or ferry service linking the Tilligerry to key hubs, such as Nelson Bay or Karuah, would enhance accessibility for residents and tourists. Private boats, personal watercraft, and kayaks are other enjoyable ways to reach the Tilligerry from nearby

areas. Improving access to Oyster Cove for larger vessels would support the growth of marine servicing businesses, positioning Port Stephens as a leading hub for marine services in the region.

Improving connections between the two shopping centres in Tanilba Bay will help create a unified town centre, making it easier for people to navigate and access both areas. In the Lemon Tree Passage town centre, introducing one way streets could be a cost effective way to improve safety and enhance the visitor experience.



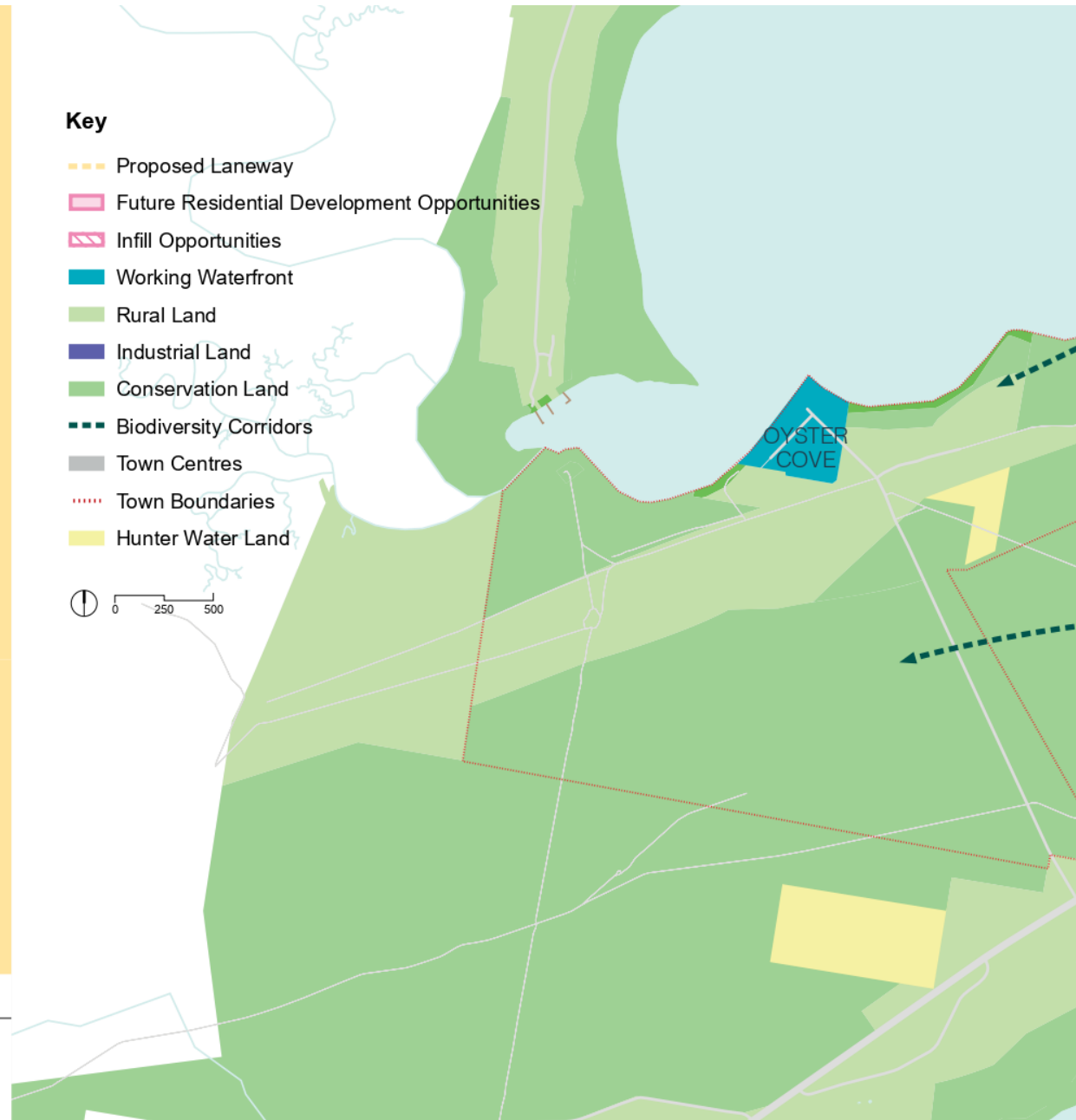
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Liveability is simply what a place is like to live in – creating liveable places improves the wellbeing of our communities.

Planning for the future of the Tilligerry

Did you know?

Changing the height of buildings in Port Stephens requires an amendment to the Port Stephens Local Environmental Plan 2013. This starts with a planning proposal that outlines the reasons and benefits behind the change. The legislation ensures that everyone is consulted, and all impacts are considered before any decisions are made.



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Creating opportunities for diverse housing

The Tilligerry is surrounded by National Park, State Forest, floodplains and coastal wetlands, limiting the land available for new housing development.

The Hunter Regional Plan 2041, developed and endorsed by the NSW Government, outlines the planning direction for the Greater Newcastle Area, including the Tilligerry. This plan emphasises the need for a sufficient and diverse housing supply, proposing that around 80% of new housing be located within the existing urban areas through infill development. Infill housing involves redeveloping existing urban areas for additional housing.

This approach increases housing density, creates compact neighbourhoods and makes better use of existing infrastructure such as pathways, roads and parks. It can also attract private investment in facilities such as gyms, restaurants, and childcare facilities, while offering affordable housing options for young families and downsizing opportunities for older residents to age in place close to shops, support services, friends and family.

The existing E1 Local Centres (marked as Town Centres on the 'Planning for the Future of the Tilligerry' map) and some land around the Tanilba Bay Town Centre, already allows for medium density developments and diverse housing types, such as granny flats, duplexes, terraces, townhouses, apartments and hotels.

However, building heights in these areas are capped at 9 metres. Adjusting planning controls to increase the height limit could improve feasibility and support more diverse and affordable housing options.

Our initial analysis suggests that increasing building heights up to 14m (3 – 4 storeys) in specific areas as shown as Future Residential Development Opportunities on the 'Planning for the Future of the Tilligerry' map), may encourage the development of more diverse housing.

In addition to increasing heights, development controls would need to be adopted to ensure that infill development contributes to the desired character of the Tilligerry and improves the public domain.

Council will engage with the community before any changes are made to building heights in the Tilligerry.



Future Residential Development Opportunities

Constraints such as flooding and biodiversity significantly limit the availability of suitable land for new housing developments on previously undeveloped land, known as 'greenfield development'.

Initial investigation suggests some opportunities for greenfield development on land to the south of the Tanilba Bay Town Centre (identified as Residential Development Opportunities on the 'Planning for the Future of the Tilligerry' map).

To rezone this land for development, the land owner must submit a planning proposal to Council for consideration. These proposals must include detailed studies addressing key factors such as flooding, ecological impacts and the establishment of buffer zones around the Tanilba Bay Wastewater Treatment Works.

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Tanilba Bay Town Centre

The 2024 Port Stephens Centres and Employment Lands Study recommends Council explore potential rezoning of a portion of E1 Local Centre zoned land to E3 Productivity Support. This would enable a greater range of light industrial and large format retail premises that complement existing activities in the area.

The study also highlighted potential improvements to shared spaces and pedestrian accessibility to help revive development potential of vacant zoned land.



Lemon Tree Passage Town Centre

The Lemon Tree Passage Town Centre features a strip of businesses adjacent to the waterfront, serving the local community through a number of retailers, service providers, healthcare practitioners and hospitality venues. The area also supports tourism through its oyster farming and distribution operations, a popular marina and slipway, as well as a well-used boat ramp.

Situated on the edge of the Tilligerry, the Lemon Tree Passage Town Centre is located on flood prone land, which will be impacted by

coastal hazards in the future such as sea level rise and tidal inundation. These risks may limit the development potential in the area.

During the peak holiday season, congestion becomes an issue, impacting parking availability and pedestrian safety. A parking study will inform options to improve parking in popular areas.

One idea to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow is converting Cook Parade and Shearman Avenue into one-way roads. This would allow for the road reserve to be reconfigured, providing safer footpaths and additional parking in the town centre.

The Port Stephens Development Control Plan (DCP) has recently been reviewed to ensure that development controls are not overly restrictive and encourage investment in the Lemon Tree Passage Town Centre.

The proposed laneway between Meredith Avenue and Shearman Avenue, identified in the DCP, remains a potential consideration for future development on affected lots. Should a major development in the town centre be proposed, the proponent may be required to prepare a new DCP.

In addition to the town centre, the Lemon Tree Passage area includes an E4 General Industrial zone (identified as Industrial

Land on the 'Planning for the Future of the Tilligerry' map), which supports light industrial, manufacturing and distribution services as well as large format retail, self-storage, fabrication, and recreation uses.



Oyster Cove

Oyster Cove has a thriving marine industry and is one of the most important locations for marine servicing in Port Stephens. This area is unlikely to be suitable for new urban development in the short term as it's not connected to the sewer network.

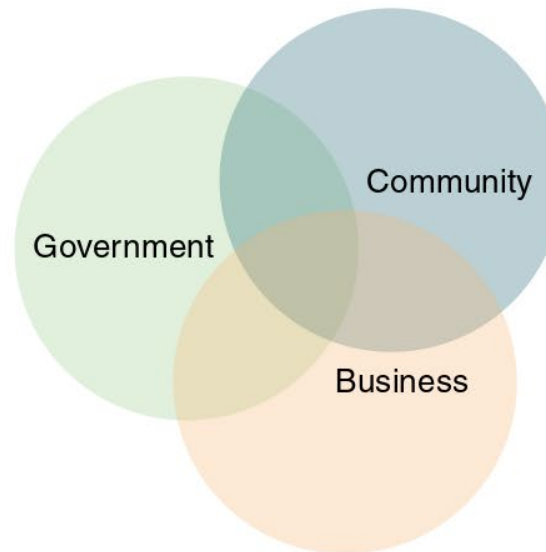


Wildlife corridors

Habitat corridors in the Tilligerry provide connections for wildlife to move through urban areas to various conservation areas. Limited new development is proposed in the Tilligerry that will impact these corridors, however the rehabilitation and strengthening of the corridors should be prioritised by community and environmental groups, in consultation with Council and landholders.



A shared responsibility for our place



Individual responsibilities with opportunities for partnerships

Working Together

Creating great places requires a collaborative approach and ownership from all those that live, work and visit the place. By working together we can harness people-power to achieve more, and best of all, create lasting connections that improve liveability and increase the wellbeing of the Tilligerry community.

Town Teams

Town Teams are a group of positive and proactive people that work collaboratively to improve a place or area. The Town Team model is inclusive and open to everyone – businesses, residents, community groups and anyone keen to have a go.

If you want to join the Tilligerry Town Team and connect with other enthusiastic community members to start delivering outcomes for your town, connect with your Town Team at town-team-hub.mn.co

Creating better places and spaces in the Tilligerry

What projects are in the pipeline for Tilligerry?

In the next 5 years, we expect a range of projects, as shown on the map, to commence. These projects will improve liveability in the Tilligerry and include improvements or replacement of existing roads, additional pedestrian and cycle infrastructure, and a range of community and recreational facilities.

Council has already started to budget for these projects and you can find more detail in our Resourcing Strategy, Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan and Projects and Works page. Please note that the timing, cost, or locations are subject to change.

Other potential future projects

Potential future projects shown on the map represent opportunities to deliver desired outcomes for the Tilligerry, but these projects are not yet funded in Council's work program.

There are many other ways to deliver these outcomes – such as grant funding obtained by either Council or community groups, fundraising by individuals or charity groups, donations or sponsorship by businesses, or through voluntary planning agreements.

These projects should inspire all of the community to get involved in creating a better Tilligerry; delivering the best future for Tilligerry requires everyone to contribute and work together. Talk to Council if you are interested in delivering one of these projects.

Council Investment

In recent years Council has made significant investments in the Tilligerry through road works, new shared footpaths and recreation facilities, and the Lemon Tree Passage Town Square. Council is expected to invest over \$3.5 million in the Tilligerry over the next 5 years.

Go to **haveyoursay.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/projects-works** to see what's planned in your area.

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Creating better places and spaces map

Recreation Projects

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|---|---|------|
| 1 | Mallabula Sports Complex - Masterplan implementation 2026 | 2025 |
| 2 | Mungarra Reserve – Boardwalk Upgrades | 2025 |
| 3 | Sunset Park, Tanilba Bay - park furniture and upgrade works | 2025 |
| 4 | Tanilba Park Amenities Replacement | 2026 |
| 5 | Lemon Tree Passage Wharf – Replace swim net | 2026 |
| 6 | Gula Reserve, Tanilba Bay – playground | 2029 |

Potential Future Projects

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|---|---|------|
| 7 | Lilly Pilly Reserve, Lemon Tree Passage – boat ramp | 2027 |
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Civil Projects

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|---|---|------|
| 1 | Shared path - President Wilson Walk, Tanilba Bay – shared path from Pershing Place to Diggers Drive | 2027 |
| 2 | Shared path - President Wilson Walk, Tanilba Bay – shared path from Diggers Drive to King Albert Avenue | 2027 |
| 3 | Lemon Tree Passage Road, Lemon Tree Passage from Blanch St to Industrial Drive, Lemon Tree Passage. | 2027 |
| 4 | Shared path - Strathmore Road, Mallabula and Fairlands Road, Mallabula shared path from Pershing Place to Aquatic Centre | 2028 |
| 5 | Elizabeth Avenue - Lemon Tree Passage to John Parade. | 2029 |
| 6 | Stanley Street, Upgrading the drainage system | 2024 |
| 7 | President Wilson Walk, Tanilba Bay: Upgrading the drainage system from LTP road to Golf Course via President Wilson Walk | 2026 |
| 8 | Tanilba Road, Mallabula: Construct kerb and guttering and install pipe drainage system along Tanilba Road. Outlet via Alfred Lane | 2029 |

Potential Future Projects

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|----|---|-----|
| 9 | Tanilba Bay Urban Area: Upgrade the drainage system within Tanilba Bay urban area | N/A |
| 10 | Lemon Tree Passage Urban Area: Upgrade the drainage system within Lemon Tree Passage urban area | N/A |
| 11 | Kawarren Street, Lemon Tree Passage – shared path from Blanch Street to Kenneth Parade | N/A |

Please note: Timing, funding or locations may be subject to change.



Look and feel for Tilligerry

Creating an attractive streetscape brings people into town and makes people want to stay longer. The use of a consistent colour palette and materials can help to create a beautiful town with its own unique 'look and feel'.

Small projects such as shop front renovations, fence replacements and street furniture, present opportunities to create a more cohesive town centre and a sense of belonging to the community.

The colour palette represents the many attributes of the Tilligerry area and celebrates the outstanding natural beauty of the broader Port Stephens Central Ward region.



Green for the vibrant mangrove leaves that line our waterways.

C: 41% **M:** 0% **Y:** 58% **K:** 0%
R: 91 **G:** 208 **B:** 230
HEX: 5BD0E6



Deep green for Tilligerry's native bushland and pockets of wetland.

C: 91% **M:** 44% **Y:** 66% **K:** 35%
R: 0 **G:** 86 **B:** 78
Hex: 00554D



Deep blue for the Tilligerry Creek and Karuah River.

C: 50% **M:** 20% **Y:** 10% **K:** 0%
R: 127 **G:** 174 **B:** 204
HEX: 7FAECC



Rusted steel for industrial components of the Central Ward and its surrounds.



Brown for the bark of our trees and the stone which features in many of our historical monuments.

C: 29% **M:** 41% **Y:** 56% **K:** 3%
R: 181 **G:** 146 **B:** 117
Hex: B59275



Yellow for flannel flowers and for the stunning skies at dawn and dusk.

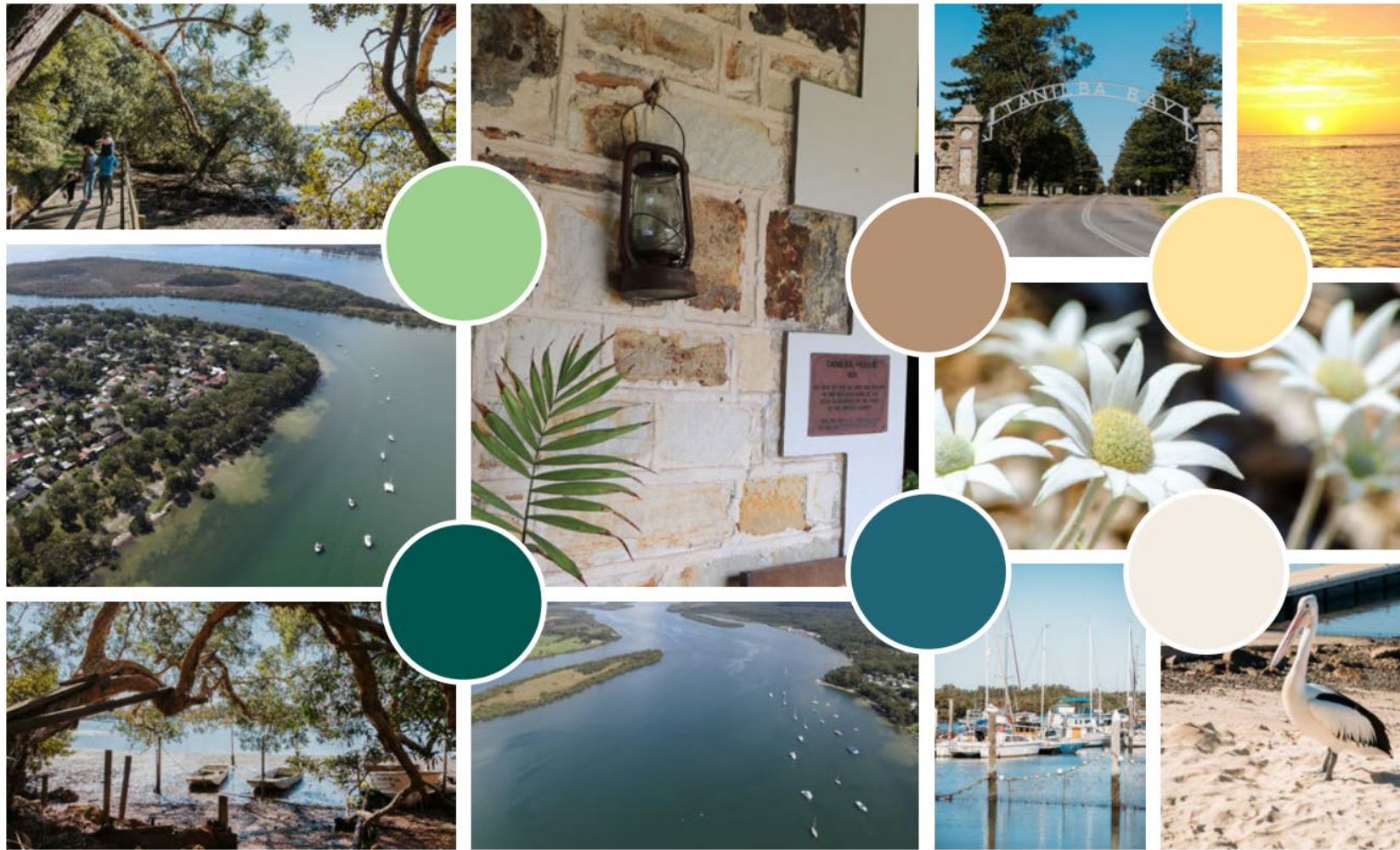
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HEX: FFE59F



Sandy white for the glittering sand at Tilligerry's beaches and boats dotted throughout our waterways.

C: 3% **M:** 4% **Y:** 9% **K:** 0%
R: 244 **G:** 240 **B:** 228
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A vibrant Tilligerry

What can we do?

Creating vibrancy in our town centres and public spaces requires a collaborative approach. It needs shared ownership and action from business, the community and Council to create places that are resilient, welcoming and inclusive. Place activation is not about big budgets and big infrastructure, it's about creating unique and innovative experiences and testing new ideas. This approach connects local identity both through the built form of the place and the programming of the space.



Art and creative opportunity sites

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Town centre/retail

A thriving community needs thriving shop/business districts - we need to encourage people to come out for an evening, find ways to encourage them to stay, and create spaces that attract people and are safe and accessible for all.

Activities could include planting and greening projects, seating, artwork, performance, shop displays, façade upgrades and even interesting signage.



Heritage and cultural interpretation sites

These are locations, like a historic building, archaeological site, or natural landscape, where the story and significance of a particular culture or historical period is actively explained and shared with visitors through various interpretive methods, including guided tours, exhibits, signage, and multimedia presentations, aiming to educate people about the place's cultural heritage.



Test and trial activation opportunities

Taking on the 'lighter, quicker, cheaper approach' is a great way to tackle really complex problems in a place. It allows testing before spending big budgets on projects and allows Council and the community to understand what works and what does not work.



Event/Community gathering sites

Open spaces can be transformed by events – attracting visitors, creating community connections and supporting local business during low and shoulder seasons. Events can range from artisan markets to sporting events, environmental activities or music

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Did you know?

Did you know that Council offers a range of funding streams for our community to create vibrant places and improve the liveability of their town?

Our funding program gives eligible individuals, artists, community organisations, not-for-profits, businesses, students and others the opportunity to apply for funds to deliver initiatives that make a real difference to local communities and our region. These funding programs play a pivotal role in building capacity by supporting initiatives which enhance the social, cultural, environmental and economic life of our communities.

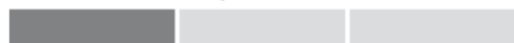
Visit Council's grants, funding and scholarships page on our website to find out more pscouncil.info/grants-scholarships

Actions

Timeframe

This Place Plan has a planning horizon of 5 years. Timeframes denote when delivery of an action is expected to start.

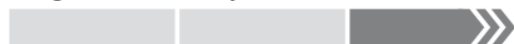
Short term – 0 to 2 years



Medium term – 2 to 4 years



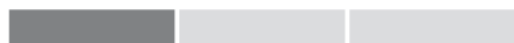
Long term – 4 to 5+ years



Cost

Cost indicates whether an action is a relatively cheap or a costly undertaking.

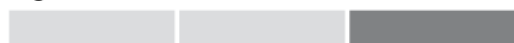
Low



Medium



High



Lead

Each action will be lead by Council or a specific group associated with the action.

Council role

Tilligerry's Liveability Index results have inspired a series of action items. Port Stephens Council has 4 possible roles in delivering these actions:

- **Coordinate** – As a coordinator, we'll provide guidance on how to start your project, help by identifying approvals required, advise you about funding opportunities, get you in touch with other organisations, or advocate for your project.
- **Support** – As a supporter, we may provide support, permission, inspiration or funding.
- **Deliver** – In delivering, we'll fund and deliver the project.
- **Partner** – As a partner, we'll work with the community, business, developers, and state agencies to undertake projects or programs.

Emerging themes

The Liveability survey results indicate that the 5 most important themes of liveability for the people of Tilligerry are:

- **Environmental sustainability**
- **Economy**
- **Management and safety**
- **Quality Open Space**
- **Movement and Place**

Please note: Cost estimates and delivery timeframes are indicative only and subject to further investigation.

The order for commencement of actions is flexible and will be based on timing and availability of funding and resources, and community initiative.

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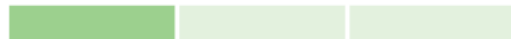
1. Immerse yourself in nature

The Tilligerry is treasured for its natural setting. Opportunities to bring nature into public spaces and town centres could be explored to improve the look and feel of the Tilligerry, reduce urban heat and create more liveable communities.

Individuals, schools or community groups can apply for grants through the Environmental Projects Fund, part of Council's Community Funding Program. The grants support environmentally focused groups to undertake projects that enhance biodiversity and sustainability, safeguard local ecosystems, foster student involvement, and provide community education.

Visit our Environmental Projects Fund pscouncil.info/environmental-project-funding for more information.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Community

Council role: Support

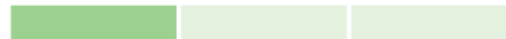
2. Caring for the local environment

Environmental volunteering is a great way to enjoy the outdoors, to create new connections and to contribute to the local community. Community members could join an existing local Landcare or parks and reserves group to help care for the local environment.

Council is currently working with registered volunteer groups to develop action plans that outline a range of environmental activities. These may include protecting biodiversity corridors by managing invasive weeds and regenerating bushlands, or beautifying public spaces by revegetating parks, weeding and mulching.

You can access further information about volunteering at: www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/community/volunteers

Timeframe

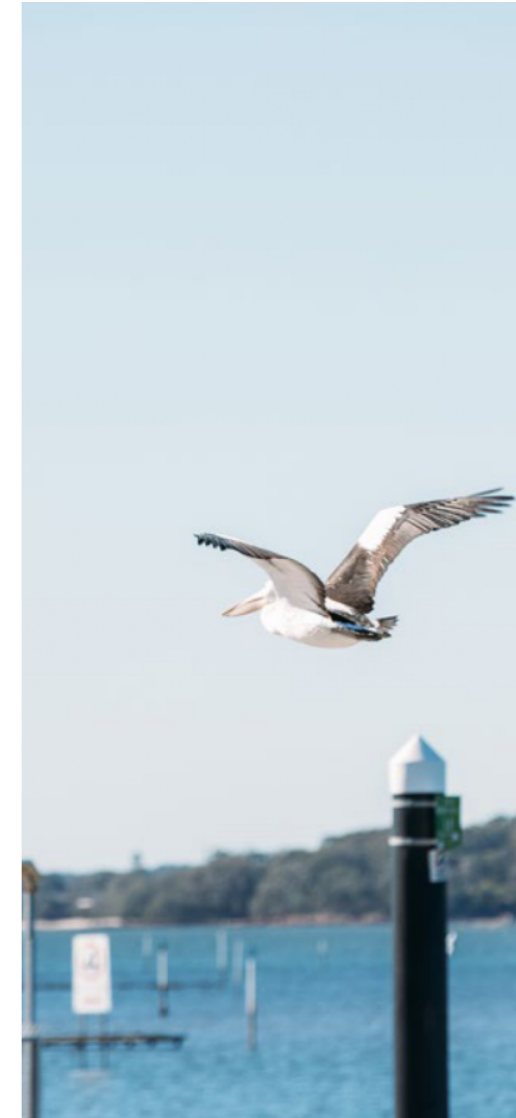


Cost



Lead: Council and Community

Council role: Support



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3. Help keep it clean and tidy

Tilligerry residents take great pride in the visual appeal of their place. Maintaining a clean and tidy town that can be enjoyed by residents and visitors is everyone’s responsibility.

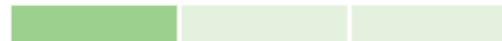
The community and businesses could come together by joining the annual Clean Up Australia Day event or connect with other organisations like Good for the Hood, and Take 3 for the Sea to implement programs that reduce the impact of rubbish in the Tilligerry.

Council will continue to support the Ocean and Coastal Care Initiative (OCCI) to install T’Angler Bins. These bins help prevent marine debris entering our waterways by providing a solution to used fishing line and tackle disposal. Contact OCCI to learn about how your community group or business can adopt a bin.

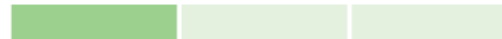
Another simple way to keep the place clean is to report what you see. Council’s Report and Request tool allows the community to submit an issue anywhere, anytime. By using this tool, a detailed report is generated and sent directly to Council’s system, speeding up the process of addressing the issue.

You can access Council’s Report and Request service here:
pscouncil.info/report-request-apply

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Business and Community

Council role: Support

4. Protecting our Koalas

Port Stephens is home to a large Koala population and it's essential that Council and the community work together to protect koalas and their local habitats.

Some of the biggest threats to Koalas are cars and domestic pets. Community members can help by reporting any koala sightings on the NSW Government's 'I spy Koala' app link (bit.ly/i-spy-koala), by becoming a landholder partner, keeping dogs confined or restrained at night, slowing down on our roads, watching for Koalas crossing roads and reporting injured Koalas via the 24hr Koala Rescue Number – 1800 PS KOALAS (1800 775 625).

Private property owners can also help by planting Koala feed trees on their property or by installing Koala friendly fencing, at the landholder's cost.

Council will continue to advocate for funding to support Koala protection initiatives to improve the protection of Koalas from roads and other dangers. Future projects could focus on reducing Koala deaths and injuries related to roads by undertaking road stamping to make drivers more aware or installing fencing in strategic locations.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Council
Council role: Deliver

5. Avenue of the Allies

The Norfolk Island pine trees lining the Avenue of the Allies are locally iconic and are approaching 100 years of age. In recent years, a number of the Norfolk Island pine trees have needed to be removed due to declining health. More removals are expected in the coming years. This presents an opportunity to plan for the future of the street trees along the Avenue of the Allies. There are many options to consider, including the selection of a new species, the number of trees planted, the extent of the planting and the timing of these changes.

Council will work with the local community to shape the desired future street tree for the Avenue of the Allies ensuring the new tree planting reflects both the character of the area and the desires of its residents.

Timeframe

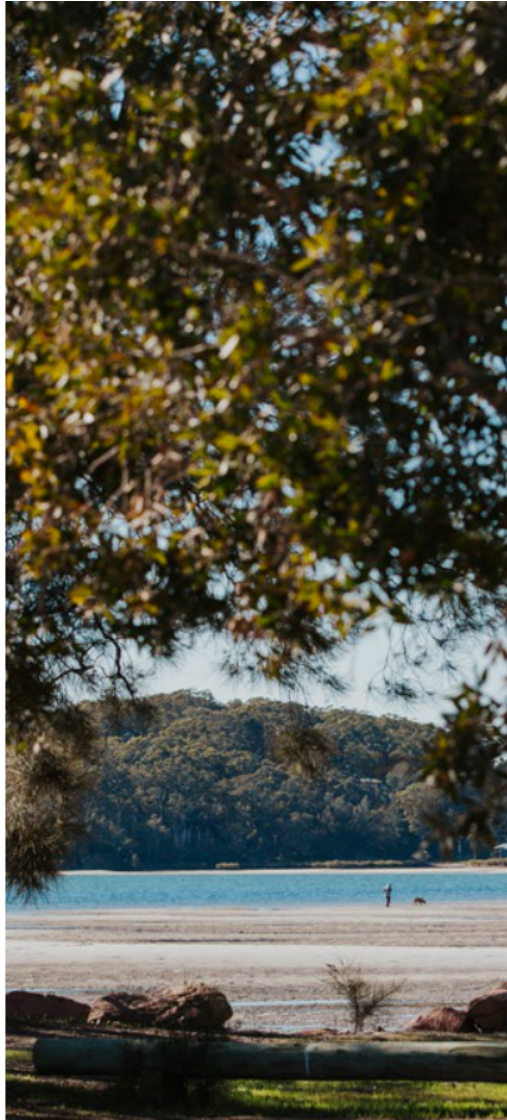


Cost



Lead: Council
Council role: Deliver

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6. Coastal hazards

The Tilligerry benefits from unrivalled coastal views, but this landscape is also vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Rising sea levels and coastal inundation are expected to impact areas within the Tilligerry in the future.

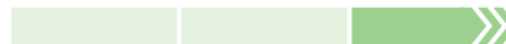
All coastal Councils in NSW are required to develop a Coastal Management Program (CMP). This document sets the long-term strategy for managing our coast. It identifies risks to the coastline and sets out actions to manage and mitigate these risks now and into the future.

The Port Stephens CMP, which came into effect in November 2024, contains actions to protect the Tilligerry from coastal hazards.

The actions will be implemented over a ten year period as funding becomes available and will focus on inundation of roads and properties, and developing a climate change adaptation strategy for the Tilligerry.

This strategy will be prepared in consultation with the community to ensure a collective approach to safeguarding the area's future.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Council

Council role: Deliver

7. Create welcoming town centres

To create a sense of place in the Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage town centres, Council will work with businesses and community to improve the streetscape and shopfronts in these key town centre areas. This could include landscaping, seating, public art, pop up activations or updating shopfronts to improve the look and feel of the centre. Creating distinct town centres leads to a stronger local economy.

Community groups or a Town Team could work with businesses and landholders to undertake a wider scale makeover of these town centres, helping to turn these areas into lively and welcoming spaces.

The Tilligerry already has a strong group of volunteers committed to improving their place, the creation of Town Teams would provide additional support to existing community groups and create more opportunities for a more diverse mix of residents to work on projects. To find out more information about creating a town team visit town-team-hub.mn.co

If you have a great idea to improve your town centre please contact the Vibrant Places Team – events@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Business and Community

Council role: Support



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8. It's On! in the Tilligerry

The Tilligerry already boasts a great array of successful events, including Tilli Fest, open gardens, markets, carols, New Year's Eve fireworks and Lemon Jam. Events in the Tilligerry have a distinct flavour and draw on the talents and creativity of the local community. Working to grow these events and ensuring their long term sustainability is a priority. Future event growth should celebrate the area's unique stories and characteristics, while continuing to highlight the incredible skills of the local residents.

Council will help facilitate conversations with local businesses, community groups or Town Teams to support the development and improvement of community events.

Whether it's refining an existing event or bringing a new idea to life, we'll work alongside the community to build vibrant experiences for everyone.

Please contact the Vibrant Places Team – events@portstephens.nsw.gov.au to find out more.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Business and Community

Council role: Support

9. Investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry

An accessible port is just one of the physical advantages Port Stephens has that make it an ideal location for a thriving marine service industry, catering to a large range of vessels. There's potential to expand marine services, such as establishing slipways for larger vessels. This would allow boat owners to service their vessels locally, avoiding the already congested Gold Coast or Sydney locations, positioning Port Stephens as a leading maritime destination.

There may also be opportunity to dredge the Oyster Cove channel to provide access for larger boats, helping to grow the marine servicing industry in the region.

The NSW Maritime Infrastructure Plan outlines a coordinated, evidence-based approach to planning and delivering NSW Government investments in maritime infrastructure, supporting both commercial and recreational boating activities in NSW. While Oyster Cove dredging is not currently included in the NSW Maritime Infrastructure Plan, local business and community groups could continue to advocate for its inclusion, pushing for an investigation into the feasibility of improving access. Any investigations would also assess potential environmental impacts.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Business

Council role: Support



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10. Test and trial in the Tilligerry

Locally owned businesses that provide goods and services are highly valued by the Tilligerry community. However setting up a new business can sometimes be a large investment. Pop up shops and temporary business provide an opportunity for new ideas to be tested and trialled without a large upfront investment. They can also quickly fill empty retail spaces, with the agreement of the property owner, and increase the vibrancy of a retail centre.

Council provides an opportunity to set up temporary or pop up style trial businesses on Council land. These could support nature-based pursuits, improve recreation options or provide food and drink. Activities that target socially isolated groups, such as youth, should be considered.

Ideas include renting bushwalking and beach equipment such as kayaks or paddleboards, providing maps for walking trails or setting up food trucks in popular locations.

Information on setting up a business, especially the requirements for food businesses can be found on the Port Stephens Council website and NSW Government websites:

- nsw.gov.au/business-and-economy/starting-a-business
- portstephens.nsw.gov.au/business/support-for-businesses

Specific enquiries can be lodge via pscouncil.info/report-request-apply

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Business

Council role: Support

11. Investigate RV parking / kayak camping

Offering free short-term parking for recreational vehicles (RVs) is a great way to encourage visitors into a town centre, benefiting local shops and increasing visitation to local attractions.

In consultation with the community and key stakeholders, Council will assess the need for free overnight RV parking and explore potential locations for short-term RV parking and amenities in the Tilligerry. Locating RV parking in existing car parks may help improve overnight security through passive surveillance.

The Tilligerry is an ideal location to explore on kayaks and it could become a destination for kayak camping. This would require facilities such as temporary waterfront kayak storage close to local accommodation for those wishing to stay.

If accommodation operators and providers close to the waterfront are interested in offering services and facilities to support kayak camping, they can contact Council's Community Assets Team to investigate any opportunities for using Council owned land that may be suitable for kayak storage.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Council

Council role: Deliver



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12. Light it up

Improving lighting within pedestrian corridors is also important. Good lighting from parking areas to shops, restaurants and open space improves safety and accessibility.

Council will undertake an audit of lighting within the two town centres to determine where better lighting is needed in order to improve safety.

The creative use of lighting is also a great way to improve safety and visibility. Adding festoon lighting in public spaces and installing temporary lighting installations on footpaths and buildings can support the evening economy by increasing the ambience of a place and extending dining and trading hours.

More complex lighting and projections can provide opportunities for storytelling and creativity at night. Improved lighting is effective in drawing people to a space and encouraging them to stay longer.

The recent lighting of the Tanilba Bay Gates is an example of how lighting can highlight local attractions and improve the sense of place.

Please contact the Vibrant Places Team – events@portstephens.nsw.gov.au to find out more.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Council and Business

Council role: Partner

13. Community connect

We heard that at times, the Tilligerry community can find it hard to access information and feel that they miss opportunities to participate and contribute. A community noticeboard is one way for the community to know what is going on in their place.

There are lots of ways to create a community noticeboard – it could be a digital noticeboard hosted via social media or a physical noticeboard on the wall in the shopping centre. This could be developed and managed through a local community group or business.

Council also provides information on events, projects and engagement opportunities through social media, a digital newsletter, Your Port and printed newsletters.

Council will work on ways to increase the distribution of the Your Port newsletter and other information to ensure it reaches as many Tilligerry residents as possible.

Destination Port Stephens provide information on their website about 'what's on' and visitor services that are available.

For further information head to portstephens.org.au/events

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Community

Council role: Support



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14. Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility

Feeling safe, stable, and secure is central to our health and wellbeing. How safe we feel can influence our social habits; when we feel safe, we find it easier to relax and do all the things that comfort us, and the work we need to do. The community have expressed concern about the lack of police presence in the Tilligerry.

Community groups can advocate to political representatives for increased police visibility in the Tilligerry and to undertake targeted operations to address concerns, such as drugs, lighting of fires, unregistered trial bikes, graffiti and traffic offences.

Community members also play an important role in crime prevention. Community members could talk to the local police station about setting up a Neighbourhood Watch in the area.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Community
Council role: Support

15. Be prepared for emergencies

Living on a peninsula during emergencies can be distressing for some members of the community. Together with other emergency response agencies, Council will continue to hold education programs and workshops in the Tilligerry to help residents better prepare for emergencies, such as bushfire and flooding.

Council continues to advocate for vulnerable communities through the establishment of the Community Resilience Network. Through the Community Resilience Network we continue to build more community resilience against the impact of natural disasters, including coastal inundation and erosion.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Council
Council role: Deliver

16. Create a community hub

Creating opportunities for people to regularly connect with others in their community is important for people of all ages and all walks of life.

A dedicated space for a community hub could be made available by a property owner looking to activate vacant space or through support from a corporate sponsor interested in enhancing existing facilities. In the absence of a dedicated space, local parks or community halls could be utilised.

The hub could serve as a dedicated base for many community service providers offering programs tailored to youth, seniors, young families and outreach services that deliver information and support.

Organisers can apply for a grant through Council's Community Funding Program to bring these projects to life
pscouncil.info/grants-scholarships

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Business and Community
Council role: Coordinate

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17. Increase housing supply and diversity

The Tilligerry faces limited opportunity for new development due to environmental constraints such as coastal hazards, flooding and biodiversity. To provide more housing and greater housing diversity, it's essential to explore options for increasing density through the redevelopment of key sites and assess the suitability of rural lands for new development.

Council may review the surplus land it owns in town centres that could be better utilised for residential development. Potential infill and future residential are identified in the 'Planning for the Future of the Tilligerry' map.

By working with landholders and the community through any potential future planning proposal processes, Council aims to create opportunities to increase housing supply and diversity while protecting our natural environment.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Council

Council role: Deliver

18. Development that benefits everyone

The community highly values the existing character of the Tilligerry Peninsula. While new development may influence character change over time, Council can investigate development controls that can protect and preserve the features that the community values in their neighbourhoods to guide infill development. Development controls can make sure new development contributes positively to the neighbourhood by setting standards for parking, landscaping, and design.

Council can also work with developers to provide public benefits through mechanisms like planning agreements to fund infrastructure upgrades and community benefits when new development occurs.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Council

Council role: Partner



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19. Mallabulla Sports Complex Masterplan

The Mallabulla Sports Complex Masterplan was adopted by Council on 23 July 2024. The Masterplan was developed in partnership with the Tilligerry Sports Council and in consultation with the community, sports clubs, and operators/licensees. It sets out a 20-year strategic plan for the complex and identifies the community's priorities and sporting opportunities. It proposes new amenities buildings (café, canteen and change rooms), upgraded lighting and parking facilities, new seating and shade sails.

The Masterplan will assist in securing future funding through grant applications to deliver the works, and assist Council in budgeting for the upgrades over time. You can view the Mallabulla Sports Complex Masterplan here pscouncil.info/open-space-planning

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Council
Council role: Deliver

20. Futureproof the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre

Located at the Mallabulla Sports Complex, the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre offers a heated 25m, 8 lane swimming pool which is closed for routine maintenance in the winter period. Council will investigate opportunities to improve the feasibility of this facility.

All of Council's pools are heated and the Port Stephens Emissions Reduction Action Plan identifies the need to improve the energy efficiency of Council pools.

In consultation with the community, Council will consider options to increase the viability and reduce the energy consumption of the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre.

These options include investigating an extended winter closure to reduce energy consumption and determining opportunities to increase patronage over the summer months. The pool operator will be supported to facilitate and promote regular community events at the venue, such as food trucks or other activities to encourage visitation.

Council is preparing an Aquatic Facilities Strategy which will set Council's long-term vision for our aquatic centres. Before any decision is made on the future of the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre, consultation on this Strategy will be undertaken.

Discuss using this venue for your community event by contacting the pool operator: tilligerryac.com.au/contact-us/get-in-touch

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Council and Business
Council role: Deliver and Parter

21. Boat ramp / carpark upgrades

The waters of Port Stephens and its estuaries are one of the Tilligerry's most valuable assets. Waterfront public space could be enhanced to better connect communities with their waterways.

Council's Boating and Fishing Infrastructure Plan makes a number of recommendations for the improvement and maintenance of these local assets such as improved wayfinding, manoeuvring and car park upgrades.

Council is also working with the Marine Rescue NSW to identify the future needs of the services and facilities around the Lemon Tree Passage Boat Ramp.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Council
Council role: Deliver

22. Get Together to Get Active!

The Tilligerry offers several quality open spaces, such as parks and sporting facilities. Local service providers and community members are encouraged to use public spaces and community halls to hold functional fitness, social fitness or rehabilitation activities. These public spaces can support the community coming together to be social while achieving their fitness and health goals.

These activities could range from yoga to communal walks at a pace that is good for all ages and abilities, whilst also focusing on fostering social cohesion and community connection. Particularly as the days get shorter and the temperature gets colder, getting together with people and moving is vital for both our physical and mental health.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Business and Community
Council role: Support

Our parks, foreshores and community halls are available for commercial purposes, such as group fitness activities. Visit Council's website for more information about our Commercial Operators Policy: portstephens.nsw.gov.au/business/operating-your-business-on-council-land

We also provide a number of grant programs to support activations that cultivate community wellbeing and connections. Talk to our Vibrant Places Team for more information: events@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

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23. Celebrate the history of the Tilligerry

Recognising and celebrating our heritage and culture is part of creating vibrant communities and places. The Tilligerry has significant cultural heritage sites for the Worimi people and has important European heritage and historical landmarks.

There are already a number of heritage attractions located in the Tilligerry including a Heritage & History Walking Trail, State Heritage listed buildings and significant cultural heritage sites for the Worimi people, including sacred sites, and areas of historical importance.

Community events and programs that connect residents to the heritage and cultural history of the Tilligerry can preserve cultural identity, boost tourism, and foster

economic growth. Council will support community members and groups that want to organise events or celebrate heritage in the Tilligerry.

To connect with community groups that have an interest in family history and celebrating heritage visit Council's Community Directory: portstephens.nsw.gov.au/community/community-directory/arts-and-heritage

To learn more about the Worimi and Aboriginal culture in the Tilligerry and Port Stephens connect with the Murrook Culture Centre: [facebook.com/MurrookCulturalCentre](https://www.facebook.com/MurrookCulturalCentre)

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Community
Council role: Support

24. Trek the Tilligerry

Once the final section of the pathway between the Mallabula Sports Complex and the Tanilba Bay town centre is completed, the centres of Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage will be connected by off-road pathways.

Council will investigate creating a nature trail on the unformed road corridor to connect Mallabula and Lemon Tree Passage.

There is an opportunity to promote and enhance the existing pathways within the Tilligerry by including temporary activations along key walking trails that draw in visitors and gives both the community and visitors new ways to enjoy the paths.

Please contact the Vibrant Places Team – events@portstephens.nsw.gov.au to discuss your ideas for temporary activations.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Business and Community

Council role: Partner

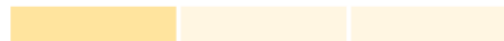
25. Tilligerry community transport

Public transport in the Tilligerry has been identified as an area for improvement with minimal services despite the population size. Council will continue to work with agencies, such as Transport for NSW, to advocate for more regular services and we encourage the community to join these efforts to secure additional transport options.

The community could investigate alternative options to fill the service gap until the population is of a sufficient size to warrant a regular service. Potential grants may be available to support community driven initiatives that offer short-term transport options.

We encourage the community to explore the scope of community transport services and investigate options for sponsorship from business, clubs or churches to convert underutilised buses. These partnerships could help improve connections to retail hubs, cafés and entertainment venues within the Tilligerry, improving accessibility for all.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Business and Community

Council role: Support

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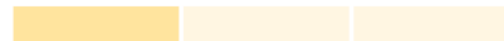
26. Moving around Lemon Tree Passage

Lemon Tree Passage is a popular destination for holiday makers, especially in the warmer months. This influx of visitors means parking around the town centre and foreshore becomes limited, and increased traffic movements can make it tricky for pedestrians to navigate the area safely.

Council will undertake a parking study in the Lemon Tree Passage town centre to review the need for additional parking and explore opportunities to create a safer pedestrian environment.

In consultation with the community, Council will investigate one way streets in the Lemon Tree Passage town centre exploring the conversion of Cook Parade and Shearman Avenue to one-way roads. This would present an opportunity for the road reserve to be used for safer footpaths and additional parking in the town centre.

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Council

Council role: Deliver

27. Improve connectivity in Tanilba Bay Town Centre

The Tanilba Bay Town Centre caters to the daily needs of Tilligerry residents. However, pedestrian movements and accessibility remain challenging.

Council will explore options to improve pedestrian movement and connectivity within the centre. This may include reviewing the current land use zoning to assess whether a more suitable approach could support a wider range of complementary businesses and services, contributing to the overall vibrancy of the town centre.

To read the Pathways Plan: portstephens.nsw.gov.au/services/roads-and-pathways/pathway-plans

Timeframe



Cost



Lead: Council

Council role: Deliver



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Place plans are plans that put people and places first. Place plans start with our community values and priorities using our Liveability Survey data as a baseline. They identify the unique local character of a place and the ways our community can shape, enhance or protect the places in which they live, work and play.

Place plans are guided by strategic documents and put a local filter on all of Council's existing strategies to make one easy-to-read, action-oriented plan. Place plans also include an analysis of potential opportunities for a place in line with the community's vision. Actions in place plans guide the way we plan for future land use, invest in new infrastructure, attract investment and activate our streets and open spaces.

The draft Place Plan aims to build on the community's values and priorities that are performing well and puts a focus on the elements that require improvement. Council held a series of workshops, surveys and meetings with local businesses, members of the Tilligerry community and key stakeholders such as Hunter Water Corporation, Destination Port Stephens and the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council to explore community priorities and to work through future ideas for the Tilligerry. More detail about this engagement is contained in the Tilligerry Place Plan Engagement Report (**ATTACHMENT 2**).

As an outcome of this engagement, the draft Place Plan includes key actions to:

- Investigate the new housing opportunities
- Enhance the natural environmental
- Make it easier to move around
- Invest in the local economy.

Investigate new housing opportunities

In 2024, Council adopted a new Port Stephens Local Housing Strategy to deliver 11,100 new homes over the next 20 years. This Strategy focuses on three main areas - housing diversity, housing affordability and housing supply. As part of this work, urban areas that may be able to facilitate additional housing have been identified across Port Stephens, including in the Tilligerry Peninsula.

The Tanilba Bay Town Centre is identified as a location that will evolve into a centre supported by a range of low and mid-rise housing, which could include secondary dwellings (granny flats), duplexes, terraces, town houses and residential flat buildings (apartments). The draft Place Plan is consistent with the direction adopted in the Local Housing Strategy and notes that whilst this land is already zoned R3 Medium Density Residential, building heights may need to be increased. This would be in order to facilitate infill housing around the town centre and improve investment opportunities. As a result of these changes, it is estimated that potential for 410 new dwellings could be realised in the area.

Land at the Tanilba Golf Course and its surrounds has also been identified as a potential location for future housing (subject to rezoning processes). With these changes, it is estimated that potential for 216 new dwellings could be located in this

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area. In total, there is the potential to deliver 5.5% of the housing target for Port Stephens within the Tilligerry Peninsula.

A workshop was held with the community on the existing and desired character of the area, what future land use could look like, with discussion on potential building heights and design controls. These controls would guide the future development character of the Tilligerry Peninsula, particularly surrounding the Tanilba Bay Town Centre. In order to rezone land, or increase building heights, an amendment to the Port Stephens Local Environmental Plan 2013 is required and would need to be supported by a site-specific development control plan. If these planning changes were to proceed in order to deliver additional housing in the Tilligerry, a further community consultation process would be undertaken prior to planning controls being changed.

Enhance the natural environment

The Tilligerry community is passionate about protecting the local environment. As part of the 2020 and 2024 Liveability Survey, the natural environment was rated as a highly valued assets for the area. A number of actions encourage more people to get involved in looking after the local environment by volunteering as part of a school or community group. The actions relate to projects that enhance biodiversity and sustainability, safeguarding local ecosystems, foster student involvement, and providing community education. Community members are also encouraged to join existing volunteer groups, take part in organised clean-up programs, or implement initiatives that improve safety for Koala movements.

The Tilligerry Peninsula is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The draft Place Plan notes that the Port Stephens Coastal Management Program (2024), contains actions to protect the Tilligerry from coastal hazards. These actions will be implemented over a 10-year period and focus on inundation of roads and properties, and developing a climate change adaption strategy for the Tilligerry.

Make it easier to move around

Moving around the Tilligerry Peninsula can sometimes be difficult due to a lack of public transport, increased traffic during peak holiday times and missing links in pathways. Improved pathways and improved access between housing and local shopping centres in a high priority for the Tilligerry community. The draft Place Plan illustrates where new pathways are scheduled to be constructed over the next five years.

The draft Place Plan also identifies a potential one-way option in the Lemon Tree Town Centre. This could help alleviate traffic congestion and create more space for on street parking. The draft Place Plan commits to a traffic and parking study being undertaken to determine what action is needed in order to improve traffic flow and parking in Lemon Tree Passage.

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Public transport in the Tilligerry is currently limited. The draft Place Plan suggests that a community transport option could be investigated in order to help isolated members of the community access shops and services. In addition to this, Council and the community continue to advocate to the State Government for additional and express services between employment and service centres.

Invest in the local economy

The Tilligerry community highly value locally owned and operated businesses. These businesses create jobs, provide services to local residents, attract visitors and contribute to the regional economy.

The draft Place Plan encourages businesses and community members to make improvements to the Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Town Centres. Projects that require small investment can make a huge impact to the look and feel of a town centre, include beautification of public spaces, shopfront design and footpath dining opportunities.

Visitors are attracted to the Tilligerry's natural environment and waterways, unique dining experiences and local events. The draft Place Plan identifies options for businesses and community members to work with Council to promote the Tilligerry and attract more visitors to the area, particularly those who may be looking to day trip from other tourist hubs such as Nelson Bay.

The Tilligerry already has some regionally significant businesses in the aquaculture, marine servicing and food and beverage industries. The draft Place Plan suggests opportunities that would enable these local businesses to grow and strengthen the position of the Tilligerry as a leading destination for these industries.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Direction	Delivery Program 2022-2026
Thriving and safe place to live	Develop a strategic program for Place Plans

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The public exhibition of the draft Tilligerry Place Plan and associated community engagement activities will be undertaken using existing budgets.

Source of Funds	Yes/No	Funding (\$)	Comment
Existing budget	Yes		
Reserve Funds	No		
Developer Contributions (\$7.11)	No		

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Source of Funds	Yes/No	Funding (\$)	Comment
External Grants	No		
Other	No		

LEGAL, POLICY AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk	Risk Ranking	Proposed Treatments	Within Existing Resources?
There is a risk that the draft Tilligerry Place Plan does not meet community expectations.	Low	Accept the recommendations. Extensive community engagement during the exhibition period will assist Council to understand community expectations and identify possible changes to be made to the draft Tilligerry Place Plan prior to it being adopted.	Yes

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Includes Social, Economic and Environmental Implications

Social

Place Plans aim to enhance the liveability of places in Port Stephens to improve community wellbeing. They respond to the community's values and aspirations. Place Plans enable a collaborative approach between residents, businesses and Council to deliver great place outcomes.

The draft Place Plan contains actions to inspire community involvement in creating a better place through conservation, beautification, connectivity and activation. The draft Plan aims to provide more opportunities for vulnerable people living in the Tilligerry to connect with others, access services and improve wellbeing.

There is limited housing diversity in the Tilligerry, with the majority of housing stock being detached dwellings. This lack of diversity impacts on housing affordability and makes it difficult for people to age in place, remain in the neighbourhood and community that they love. Reviewing planning controls and facilitating well designed infill development, as identified in the draft Plan, can help provide housing diversity and provide appropriate housing for people living in the Tilligerry.

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The Tilligerry is ideally positioned to leverage the growing Port Stephens visitor economy. Actions in the draft Place Plan aim to help businesses and community improve awareness of the many attributes on offer at the Tilligerry, from bushwalking and heritage trails to fine dining.

Additional investment in infrastructure and services is expected to improve liveability and wellbeing of the broader community. Upgrades to business areas, local events, and a greater awareness of tourism opportunities at the Tilligerry can contribute to improved economic outcomes.

Environmental

Tilligerry residents place a high value on the natural environment and the draft Place Plan aims to protect and celebrate this important asset. The draft Plan recognises this and identifies a number of opportunities for projects, including clean up days and environmental volunteering.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Council's Communication and Engagement Strategy uses the IAP2 Framework to identify the level of engagement undertaken. An explanation for each level is shown below.

INFORM	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.
CONSULT	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.
INVOLVE	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.
COLLABORATE	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.
EMPOWER	To place final decision-making and/or developed budgets in the hands of the public.

The following communication and engagement applies to this report.

External communications and engagement

CONSULT	If endorsed, the draft Tilligerry Place Plan will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and will be notified through social media, direct email to stakeholders, print advertising and Council's website.
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	A drop-in session will be held during the exhibition period where council staff will be available to talk to the community about the draft Tilligerry Place Plan.
INVOLVE	<p>The draft Tilligerry Place Plan was developed through a series of face to face and online workshops with community groups and targeted stakeholders.</p> <p>The engagement activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liveability Survey completed in 2020 and 2024 • Community workshops commenced in 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshop 1 – Exploring findings of the Liveability Survey and setting priorities, generating ideas and making action plans ○ Workshop 2 – Focus on character, future land use, building height, and design controls • Stakeholder meetings – business owners, Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council, Hunter Water Corporation, and Destination Port Stephens • A session with workshop participants to launch the draft actions • An online survey to check-in on draft actions with the workshop participants in 2023. <p>The Tilligerry Place Plan Engagement Report is found in (ATTACHMENT 2).</p>

Internal communications and engagement

The draft Tilligerry Place Plan has been prepared in consultation with the Community Futures Directorate, Facilities and Infrastructure Directorate and Corporate Strategy and Support Directorate.

OPTIONS

- 1) Accept the recommendations.
- 2) Amend the recommendations.
- 3) Reject the recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Tilligerry Place Plan.
- 2) Tilligerry Place Plan Engagement Report.

COUNCILLORS' ROOM/DASHBOARD

Nil.

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TABLED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

Communications and Engagement Report
Tilligerry Place Plan
June 2025



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Tilligerry Place Plan


Engagement snapshot

The place planning process aims to capture the character of the unique communities within Port Stephens and to give voice to their residents. By giving ownership to the community of the roadmap for the future, it not only enhances their connection to place but also ensures that the priorities and actions within the plan are created by those who it will impact. The Tilligerry Place Plan is an action-oriented strategy informed and guided by community input.

What we've been up to



Workshops and drop ins
106+ attendees



Surveys and submissions
79 completed



Webpage
1039 visitors



Direct emails/e-newsletters
1500+ sent



Social media
25,984 reach

Top 5 Tilligerry Values - Liveability Index 2020




75%
Elements of natural environment



65%
General condition of public open space



60%
Protection of the natural environment



58%
Shared paths that connect housing to amenities



56%
Sense of neighbourhood safety



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Top things we've heard

- Better connection and more pathways to connect the townships of Tilligerry
- Celebrate the history of the area
- Protect Tilligerry habitat and Koalas in general

Liveability recommendations

- Tilligerry strengths**
- Elements of natural environment
 - Sense of neighbourhood safety
 - Local businesses that provide for daily needs
 - Access to neighbourhood amenities
 - Sense of personal safety
 - Evidence of Council/government management

- Tilligerry attributes to prioritise**
- Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to community amenity
 - Evidence of recent public investment
 - Quality of public space
 - Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport
 - General condition of public open space
 - Protection of the natural environment

Vision

leafy green connected social peaceful community
protected footpaths

Key workshop themes

1. Preserving and protecting the natural environment
2. Better and safer pedestrian movement
3. Improved wayfinding/signage
4. More things to do
5. General care and beautification

Project timeline



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Summary

The place planning process aims to capture the character of the unique communities within Port Stephens and to give voice to their residents. By giving ownership to the community of the road map for the future, not only does it enhance their connection to place but also ensures that the priorities and actions within the plan are created by those whom it will impact.

In developing the Tilligerry Place Plan and listening to the community, we learned that some of your priorities for the area are; quality of public space, evidence of public investment, walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity, evidence of Council/government management, access and safety when walking, cycling and on public transport and general condition of public open space.

The introduction of a Tilligerry Place Plan to the community will work through a phased four phased engagement approach:

- Phase 1** Collection of the Liveability Index data collection.
Completed September 2020 and November 2024.
- Phase 2** Targeted and collaborative engagement - allowed local residents, businesses and other stakeholders to prioritise and vision for the place.
Completed July 2022.
- Phase 3** Check-in phase – testing of key concepts and actions with the previous workshop participants.
Completed December 2023
- Phase 4** Exhibition of the draft document for public comment.
Completed March-April 2025

The key objectives of all phases of engagement are to:

-  **Increase community awareness** of the development of the Tilligerry Place Plan
-  **Inform the key stakeholders and community** about upcoming engagement opportunities in the Tilligerry
-  **Seek feedback** on the draft Place Plan and how community priorities might have changed
-  **Identify and report on** community preferences to inform the Tilligerry Place Plan

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Communication and Engagement Methods

COMMUNICATION METHODS		
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	REACH
Phase 1	Liveability Index	
Various activities	Sep 2020 tied to wider communications campaign for entire local government area not specific to Tilligerry Nov 2024 tied to wider communications campaign for entire local government area not specific to Tilligerry	
Phase 2	Initial EOI communications and workshop*	
Project webpage	Place Plan Council website page Tilligerry Place Plan Used to host information and supporting documents	615 visits (2023 and 2024)
Social media	Port Stephens Council Facebook 24 May 2023 Post boosted to target Tilligerry community EOI process to register interest in workshops	19,404 reach; 141 interactions; 497 link clicks
Direct email contact	2 November 2022 Invite to key stakeholder meeting Workshop 1 invite Workshop 2 follow up email and homework reminder	24 106 106
Phase 3	Check-in phase, includes general updates	
Direct email contact	30 November 2023 Invite to check-in workshop 21 December 2023 Follow up email 21 March 2024 Community update email 3 June 2024 Community update email	106 106 106 106
Social media	Tilligerry Town Teams launch events 15/16 May 2024	37 registrations via Event Brite

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COMMUNICATION METHODS		
Phase 4	Public Exhibition phase 26 March to 29 April 2025	
Website	Download of the draft place plan document from Current Public Exhibition page	177
	Visits to the dedicated Tilligerry Place Plan website page during public exhibition phase	165
	Visits to the event page for the Tilligerry Open Pool day	53
	Visits to the Council meeting overview news item from 25 March 2025	29
Social media	Council meeting overview post 25 March 2025 mentioning Tilligerry Place Plan public exhibition	1768 reach
	Community Open Day Event Post 2 April 2025	1240 reach
	Tilligerry Place Plan Have your Say Post 15 April 2025	3572 reach
Local media update	Draft Tilligerry Place Plan Public Exhibition included in the weekly media update emailed to media outlets, 22 April 2025.	9 media outlets
Related print media	Port Stephens Examiner, 'Tilligerry Place Plan on public exhibition: community to have their say', online edition, 9 April 2025.	2,000
	Port Stephens Examiner, 'Tilligerry Place Plan on show', 17 April 2025, print edition, p. 10	27,000
Radio	ABC Radio story with Strategic Planning representative, 17 April 2025	5,000
Print advertising	Council notices: Tilligerry Aquatic Centre Community Open Day (original date 29 March 2025)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Stephens Examiner 27 March 2025 • NOTA 27 March 2025 	22,231 10,000
	Council notices: Public Exhibition Draft Tilligerry Place Plan	
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Your Port EDM	Bulk Email to Your Port e-newsletter subscribers, Article, 'Have your say on the draft Tilligerry Place Plan' and advertisement of Mallabula Aquatic Centre Community Open Day, 2 April 2025	710 opened
Direct email	Direct email to previous participants, 27 March 2025	106
	Direct email from the haveyoursay inbox to Tilligerry community groups, 27 March 2025	35

* Above Phase 2 communication statistics do not include reference to initial communications about Place Plans conducted in 2021.

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ENGAGEMENT METHODS		
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	REACH
Phase 1		
Liveability Index		
Online Survey	Liveability Index Survey All local government area survey Note: Phase 2 workshops were based on the data collected during 2020.	In 2020 196 surveys completed + 238 community ideas In 2024 166 surveys completed + 270 community ideas
Phase 2		
Workshop phase or ‘deep dive’		
Place Plan introductory community key stakeholder meeting	Meeting 9 November 2022 with group of known key stakeholders (24 groups) to talk about the Place Plan development and community appetite. Invites issued to community groups and known community representatives.	8 participants
Workshops 1 + 2	Workshops investigated the results of the Liveability Index survey 2020 and provided an opportunity to explore ideas and solutions.	78 people registered their interest in the workshop series.
	Workshops online: Workshop 1: 19 July 2023 Workshop 2: 26 July 2023	Participants 13 10
	Workshops Face to Face: Workshop 1: 20 July 2023 Workshop 2: 27 July 2023	13 11

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ENGAGEMENT METHODS		
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	REACH
Phase 3		
Check in phase (included additional face to face session)		
Check in session	Check in session held 14 December 2023 to deliver proposed Place Plan draft actions	20 participants
Online survey with workshop participants only	Online survey – opportunity for feedback of proposed Place Plan draft actions	38 surveys completed
Town Team launch event	Introductory sessions held 15/16 May 2024	25 participants
Phase 4		
Public Exhibition phase 26 March to 29 April 2025		
Information sessions	Drop in held in conjunction with Open Day at Mallabula Aquatic Centre 5 April 2025 (this free event was supported financially by PSC)	141 visitors to Pool
	Drop in held outside Tanilba Bay shops (Coles) on 17 April 2025	39
Submissions	Online ‘guided’ submission surveys	19
	Formal public submissions	22
	Note: multiple submissions made by the same people	

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Liveability Index 2020

A snapshot of the strengths and high priority areas are as follows:

Strengths:

- Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife)
- Sense of personal safety (for all ages, genders, day or night)
- Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution)

High priority areas:

- General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks)
- Evidence of recent public investment (roads, parks, schools)
- Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity (shops, parks)
- Quality of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)
- Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport (signage, paths, lighting)
- Protection of the natural environment
- Local businesses that provide for daily needs (grocery stores, pharmacy, banks)

Liveability Index 2024

Since the workshops were conducted in 2023 we have once again undertaken a further Liveability Index in December 2024. The full results from this survey are on Council's website. Some areas in Tilligerry have improved and others have declined. A quick snapshot of the strengths and high priority areas are as follows:

Strengths:

- Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife) (same as 2020)
- Locally owned and operated businesses (New strength)
- Overall visual character of the neighbor (New strength)
- Sense of belonging in the community (New strength)

High priority areas:

- Evidence of recent public investment (roads, parks, schools) (same as 2020)
- General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks) (same as 2020)
- Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution) (New high priority)

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The key engagement component for Phase 2 were community workshops (2x 2hr workshops replicated online and face to face). These workshops included the following:

- **Introduction and education** - building rapport, building understanding of scope, setting the scene, presenting Liveability data to guide the session, and what makes a great place.
- **Immersion and detailed exploration of place** - deep dive into local values and identification of priority places and issues
- **Ideas generation** - quick wins and big picture moves - actions for both Council and community leaders. Identification of barriers to delivery and how we can deliver.
- **Action planning** - action planning of some of the quick wins and big picture moves identified as part of the workshop.

These workshops provided an opportunity for staff to learn from the community and better understand their vision and priorities for their place. These workshops also provided an opportunity for members to build community capacity and network among the group to help deliver community projects.

Key Findings:

A reasonably diverse mix of ages and genders were represented at the workshops.

The workshops focused on better understanding of the values and priorities collected as part of the 2020 Liveability Survey. The key focus areas developed during the workshop activities corroborated the priorities collected as part of the 2020 Liveability Survey.

The emerging themes from these workshops included:

Preserving and protecting the natural environment

The group was passionate and community-minded with great pride in their place. It was clear participants want to protect the natural environment and local habitat areas with a high priority for the Koalas in the Tilligerry. Green open spaces along with parks and reserves were enjoyed by the community regularly along with coastal walks.

Better and safer pedestrian movement

Connecting paths and access was a common theme in both workshops. Participants would like to see shared pathways to connect for walking and cycling around the Peninsula along with connecting pathways between housing and the local shopping centres. In addition, participants also spoke about feeling unsafe for themselves and for local children being forced to walk on the edge of busy roads due to a lack of footpaths.

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Improve signage around the local area was a popular discussion topic. Refurbishing old signs was a starting point along with consideration of new signage along board walks and a 'Welcome to Tilligerry' sign with an adjoining map at the entry of Tanilba Bay.

More things to do

Bringing back music festivals such as Lemon Jam for the community along with considerations for a Cinema in the Park event was a key item for community-led initiatives.

General care and beautification

Beautification of Tanilba Bay was popular with improving the appearance of the gates with LED lights and gardens, street trees, and a long term plan for an upgrade to the town centre.

Key stats Workshop 1 and 2 (online and face to face combined)

Workshop 1 Activity 1: Liveability values 'deep dive' 113 comments

Workshop 1 Activity 2: Word clouds, existing and visioning, x2

Workshop 1 Activity 3: Mapping priorities: 151 comments

Workshop 2 Activity 1: Case study centered on land use planning including heights and rezoning.

Workshop 2 Activity 2: Action Planning ideas total 98 ideas

Workshop 2 Activity 3: 9 ideas action-planned.

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The approach for Phase 3 consisted of a survey to 'check-in' with the previous workshop participants as well as the wider group who had initially expressed an interest in the place plan process for Tilligerry.

The survey received 38 responses. Full details are available in Appendix C.

The majority of responses were **supportive** of the draft environment actions

- Immerse yourself in nature (86.9% supportive, 13.2% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Caring for the local environment (76.3% supportive, 21.1% neutral/unsure, 2.6% opposed)
- Help keep it clean and tidy (79% supportive, 18.4% neutral/unsure, 2.6% opposed)
- Coastal hazards (84.2% supportive, 15.8% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Keeping koalas safe (84.2% supportive, 15.8% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)

The majority of responses were **supportive** of the draft economy actions:

- Create welcoming town centres (78.4% supportive, 21.6% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Trek the Tilligerry (86.5% supportive, 13.5% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Incredible by nature (91.9% supportive, 8.1% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- It's On! In the Tilligerry (78.4% supportive, 18.9% neutral/unsure, 2.7% opposed)
- Investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry (64.9% supportive, 24.3% neutral/unsure, 10.8% opposed)
- Test and trial in Tilligerry (78.4% supportive, 21.6% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Investigate RV parking (64.9% supportive, 27% neutral/unsure, 8.1% opposed)

The majority of responses were **supportive** of the draft movement actions:

- Welcome to the Tilligerry (77.8% supportive, 16.7% neutral/unsure, 5.6% opposed)
- Tilligerry community transport (86.1% supportive, 13.9% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Investigate options for a Tilligerry trail (91.7% supportive, 5.6% neutral/unsure, 2.8% opposed)
- Moving around Lemon Tree Passage (72.2% supportive, 16.7% neutral/unsure, 11.1% opposed)
- Improve connectivity in Tanilba town centre (75% supportive, 22.2% neutral/unsure, 2.8% opposed)

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The majority of responses were **supportive** of the draft quality open space actions:

- Public art to showcase the Tilligerry (66.7% supportive, 27.8% neutral/unsure, 5% unsupportive)
- Activate your own public space (80.6% supportive, 16.7% neutral/unsure, 2.8% unsupportive)
- A new Master plan for Mallabula Sports Complex (80.6% supportive, 19.4% neutral/unsure, 0% unsupportive)
- Boat ramp/car park upgrades (72.2% supportive, 27.8% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Tilligerry Aquatic Centre review (52.8% supportive, 30.6% neutral/unsure, 16.7% unsupportive)
- Plan for a bicentenary monument (55.6% supportive, 19.4% neutral/unsure, 25% unsupportive)

The majority of responses were **supportive** of the draft management and safety actions:

- Establish a town team (78% supportive, 19% neutral/unsure, 3% unsupportive)
- Light it up (75% supportive, 19% neutral/unsure, 6% unsupportive)
- Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility (75% supportive, 19% neutral/unsure, 6% unsupportive)
- Community connect (78% supportive, 17% neutral/unsure, 5% unsupportive)
- Be prepared for emergencies (86% supportive, 11% neutral/unsure, 3% unsupportive)
- Create a community hub (75% supportive, 22% neutral/unsure, 3% unsupportive)
- Enhance the Tanilba gates (72% supportive, 17% neutral/unsure, 11% unsupportive)
- Signage audit (78% supportive, 19% neutral/unsure, 3% unsupportive)
- Recognise the Indigenous history and culture of the area (81% supportive, 19% neutral/unsure)
- Increase the housing supply and diversity (50% supportive, 33% unsure, 17% unsupportive)

ITEM 1 - ATTACHMENT 4 TILLIGERRY PLACE PLAN ENGAGEMENT REPORT.**Phase 4: Public Exhibition 26 March to 29 April 2025**

Following the check-in phase, some of the draft actions were amended and reworded for the draft document. The draft document was endorsed for public exhibition by Council on 25 March 2025. The communications and engagement approach for the public exhibition period was to have an active public exhibition period to help encourage submissions from the whole community. This included:

- displaying the document at two additional local venues, Tilligerry Community Library and Tilligerry Arts Group
- undertaking two drop-in sessions to help promote the plan and to provide an opportunity for people to ask questions
- using a guided survey process to help encourage submission responses, as well as the standard public exhibition process

The public exhibition period ran from 26 March to 29 April 2025. The 28 day standard public exhibition period was extended to 35 days to provide additional time for responses due to the public holidays in this period (Easter and Anzac Day).

We received 22 formal submissions and 19 guided submissions surveys.

Drop-ins

Two drop-ins were scheduled, one as part of the Mallabula Aquatic Centre Open Day on 5 April 2025 and another near the local Tanilba shops on 17 April 2025.

The Mallabula Aquatic Centre Open Day event was managed by the pool operator, Belgravia, with funding provided by Council. This location was selected to help promote community discussion on one of the draft actions, 'Futureproof the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre'.

Approximately 141 people attended the open day between 10am and 3pm, and Council staff were available to promote the place plan public exhibition period and answer questions. Many of the questions centred on the above draft action regarding the aquatic centre.

The second drop-in at the local Tanilba Bay shops on 17 April 2025, with approximately 39 people stopping to ask questions and to learn more about the place plan. There were no particular issues that were raised at this drop-in.

Written submissions

The 22 formal written submissions have been included as part of the Council report as part of Council's standard public exhibition processes. A summary of the submissions received has been incorporated into the Council report as part of the standard public exhibition process and therefore is not replicated in this report.

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The guided submission survey has proven to be particularly useful to help gather feedback on the whole draft place plan. The guided submission survey received 19 responses. Full details are available in Appendix D.

One of the key themes from both the drop-ins and submissions focused on the proposed action around the extended closure of the pool over winter to pay for additional activities during summer. Despite these comments, it is interesting to note that the level of support for this action from the guided submission survey was quite high at 78%.

Q1 Majority of responses were clearly **supportive** of the draft Environmental Sustainability action items (Answered 18; Skipped 1)

- Immerse yourself in nature (89% supportive; 11% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Caring for the local environment (89% supportive; 11% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Help keep it clean and tidy (100% supportive; 0% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Saving Koalas (100% supportive; 0% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Avenue of the Allies (67% supportive; 33% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Coastal hazards (94% supportive; 6% unsure; 0% opposed)

Q2 Do you have any further comments about the draft Environmental Sustainability action items? (Answered 7; Skipped 12)

See Appendix D for full responses.

Q3 Most responses were generally **supportive** of the draft Economy actions items (Answered 18, Skipped 1). The exception, as shown below, was the draft action 'Investigate RV parking/kayak camping action', which had a lower level of support and higher levels of uncertainty and opposition. The other actions with lower levels of support and higher levels of unsure included 'Investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry' and 'Test and trial in Tilligerry'.

- Create welcoming town centres (78% supportive; 17% unsure; 6% opposed)
- It's On! in the Tilligerry (78% supportive; 22% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry (50% supportive; 44% unsure; 6% opposed)
- Test and trial in Tilligerry (56% supportive; 39% unsure; 6% opposed)
- Investigate RV parking/ kayak camping (39% supportive; 28% unsure; 33% opposed)
- Create welcoming town centres (78% supportive; 17 unsure; 6% opposed)

Q4 Do you have any further comments about the draft Economy action items? (Answered 9; Skipped 10)

See Appendix D for full responses.

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Q5 Most responses were **supportive** of the draft Movement and Place action items (Answered 17, Skipped 2). The action with lower levels of support and higher levels of unsure was 'Improve connectivity in Tanilba Town Centre'.

- Tilligerry community transport (76% supportive; 18% unsure; 6% opposed)
- Moving around Lemon Tree Passage (76% supportive; 18% unsure; 6% opposed)
- Improve connectivity in Tanilba Town Centre (53% supportive; 29% unsure; 18% opposed)

Q6 Do you have any further comments about the draft Movement and Place action items? (Answered 11; Skipped 8)

See Appendix D for full responses.

Q7 Most responses were clearly **supportive** of the draft Quality Open Space action items (Answered 18, Skipped 1).

- Mallabula Sports Complex Masterplan (76% supportive; 18% unsure; 6% opposed)
- Boat ramp/ carpark upgrades (88% supportive; 12% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Futureproof the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre (78% supportive; 6% unsure; 17% opposed)
- Celebrate the history of the Tilligerry (94% supportive; 6% unsure; 0% opposed)

Q8 Do you have any further comments about the draft Movement and Place action items? (Answered 11; Skipped 8)

See Appendix D for full responses.

Q9 Most responses were clearly **supportive** of the draft Management and Safety action items (Answered 17, Skipped 2).

- Light it up (88% supportive; 12% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility (88% supportive; 12% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Community connect (82% supportive; 18% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Be prepared for emergencies (100% supportive; 0% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Create a community hub (76% supportive; 24% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Increase housing supply and diversity (71% supportive; 24% unsure; 6% opposed)

Q10 Do you have any further comments about the draft Management and Safety action items? (Answered 9; Skipped 10)

See Appendix D for full responses.

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Q11 Most responses were supportive of the list of potential projects that could be undertaken to create better places and spaces in the Tilligerry (Answered 12; Skipped 7).

See Appendix D for full responses.

Q12 Final comments with most responses were supportive of the plan in general (Answered 9; Skipped 10)

See Appendix D for full responses.

Q13 Contact information (Answered 16; Skipped 3)

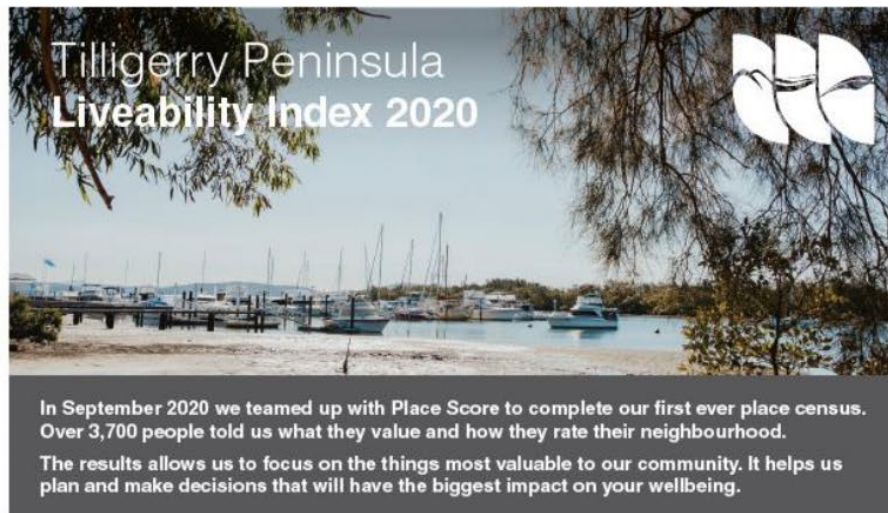
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Q14 After the Tilligerry Place Plan is adopted, we'll be creating a Town Team for the Tilligerry Peninsula. A Town Team is a group of people who want to be involved in helping deliver some amazing projects for their place. If you're interested in joining the Tilligerry Town Team or even just learning more about the process, please check the box below and we will keep in touch. (Answered 10; Skipped 9)

10 people expressed an interest in Tilligerry Town Teams

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Appendix A – Liveability Index Survey 2020 Tilligerry summary



196
responses from
Tilligerry Peninsula



Liveability is simply what a place is like to live in — a liveable place is a healthy place.
Liveability is influenced by safety, the natural environment, infrastructure, accessibility, things to do, attractiveness and inclusivity.



OUR TOP 5 TILLIGERRY VALUES

These are the things most important to Tilligerry residents in their ideal neighbourhood:

- Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife) — 75%
- General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks) — 65%
- Protection of the natural environment — 60%
- Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity (shops, parks) — 58%
- Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution) — 56%




In the Tilligerry Peninsula your ideal neighbourhood has:

- well maintained and managed public domain; footpaths, parks, roads and other public assets
- easy to access shared community amenities, like the local shops, on foot or bike
- locally owned and operated businesses that provide the community with their daily needs

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OUR STRENGTHS

These are the things you care about most and say are performing well. We must continue to celebrate and protect these.

-  Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife)
-  Sense of personal safety (for all ages, genders, day or night)
-  Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution)

OUR LIVEABILITY PRIORITIES

These are the things most important to you and are underperforming. We must work to improve these.

-  General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks)
-  Evidence of recent public investment (roads, parks, schools)
-  Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity (shops, parks)
-  Quality of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)
-  Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport (signage, paths, lighting)
-  Protection of the natural environment
-  Local businesses that provide for daily needs (grocery stores, pharmacy, banks)
-  Evidence of Council/government management (signage, street cleaners)
-  Things to do in the evening (bars, dining, cinema, live music)
-  Landscaping and natural elements (street trees, planting, water features)
-  Local employment opportunities (within easy commute)
-  Sustainable urban design (water sensitive design, transport-oriented design, sustainable building design, density)
-  Access to shared community and commercial assets (library, bike/car share, sports facilities gyms)
-  Amount of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



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Appendix B - Workshops

The key component of this phase of Engagement was a series of community workshops. The series involved two 2 hour sessions.

We received a high number of EOI's for the workshop for Tilligerry (78) and decided to run both a face to face and online workshop series (4 workshops in total). Both the online and face to face workshops covered the same content.

Workshop 1 was designed to explore the Liveability Index attributes as well as providing people the opportunity to talk about the strengths and priority ideas. Workshop 2 was more in depth and focused on providing answers with regard to land use planning issues such as density and heights. It also showed the community a way forward to achieve some improvements through a working together process (action planning).

The first activity in workshop 1 involved picking four Liveability Index attributes that were important to attendees. An online ideas wall was used to help capture and focus a 'deep dive' into the Liveability Index findings for the Tilligerry. The exercise was designed to explore what the attributes mean to different people e.g. "Don't get specific about locations - think about what pops into your head that gives meaning to this attribute/value".

The following table is a summary of the activity findings from 113 comments.

Note: In the following table, some of the 'raw' comments have been uplifted to focus on the broader Placescore attribute rather than on specifics. For example, if someone had commented, 'Local people have been fighting for pathways/corridors for animals and that these are retained and not destroyed', this comment has been uplifted to the attribute Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife etc). This process ensures similar comments can be grouped and key priorities are more easily highlighted.

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Workshop 1 Activity 1: Deep Dive Testing the Liveability Index

COMMENT TYPE	LIVEABILITY ATTRIBUTE	COMMENT	COMMENT COUNT
Strength	Protection of the natural environment	Protecting waterways, bushland, and native fauna	5
Strength	Protection of the natural environment	Protection of birds and wildlife	3
Strength	Landscaping and natural elements	Maintain highly valued access to water	1
Strength	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity	Boardwalks, general walks, pathways, Mallabula boardwalk and beachfront	3
Strength	General condition of open space	Koala food trees	1
Strength	General condition of open space	Reserves and parks are good for kids - good equipment	1
Strength	Quality of public space	Continuous public space around the peninsula. Maintain what we have - opportunity for walking tourism	2
Strength	General condition of open space	Huge potential for Tilligerry to be an additional asset to Port Stephens	1
Strength	Evidence of recent public investment	Great boat ramp and estuary	2
Strength	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood	Exploration of Tanilba's historic attributes e.g. heritage gates	4
Strength	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood	Tilligerry habitat	1
Strength	Locally owned and operated businesses	Home businesses encouraged - local produce, hairdressers, small trades that are local	1
Strength	Locally owned and operated businesses	AirBnB - Stanley Street and Lemon Tree Passage	1
Strength	Access to neighbourhood amenities	Lemon Tree Passage shopping centre - small and connected	1
Strength	Local businesses that provide for daily needs	Opportunities for new businesses	2
Strength	Local businesses that provide for daily needs	Good options for local community with a range of local services	2

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COMMENT TYPE	LIVEABILITY ATTRIBUTE	COMMENT	COMMENT COUNT
Strength	Sense of neighbourhood safety	Safe from crime, can walk around without fear of being hurt, positive neighbourhood watch environment	3
Strength	Elements of natural environment	Beautiful natural environment	1
High Priorities	Landscaping and natural elements	Erosion of foreshore and waterways is impacting pathways and boardwalks	2
High Priorities	Evidence of council/government management	Need for signage; public spaces, swimming areas, parks	3
High Priorities	Evidence of council/government management	Shelter at off-leash dog areas and more seating at parks	3
High Priorities	Evidence of council/government management	Street sweeping program	1
High Priorities	Evidence of council/government management	Drain maintenance (around the bridge at Henderson Park) and general drainage, curb and guttering	2
High Priorities	Evidence of council/government management	Gravel paths, Boardwalks, and park facilities need improved maintenance	1
High Priorities	Evidence of council/government management	Off street parking for the seniors hall	1
High Priorities	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity	Pathways lacking connection	7
High Priorities	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity	Paths need to be established along main roads - It's dangerous for mums with prams, kids on bikes and general walkers, walking along the roadside. Genuine lack of paths around main streets	4
High Priorities	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity	Tanilba Bay shopping centre is disconnected from the community	1
High Priorities	General condition of open space	Opportunity to be a cleaner community.	2
High Priorities	Evidence of recent public investment	Pathways and boardwalks need repairing/improving	4
High Priorities	Evidence of recent public investment	Regular road repairs are needed	2
High Priorities	Evidence of recent public investment	Directional signage for visitors along the peninsula walk	1
High Priorities	Access and safety walking, cycling, and/or public transport	Public transport is a problem for the community, particularly the older generation who become isolated. No direct routes to local shops, and	8

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COMMENT TYPE	LIVEABILITY ATTRIBUTE	COMMENT	COMMENT COUNT
		connections needed to Raymond Terrace and Newcastle.	
High Priorities	Access and safety walking, cycling, and/or public transport	All accessibility - particularly with mobility scooters	2
High Priorities	Sense of personal safety	Need for lighting down around the mariner	1
High Priorities	Access to neighbourhood amenities	Access to youth centres and services/Tomaree Neighbourhood centre	3
High Priorities	Access to neighbourhood amenities	Turnover of residents - Schooling opportunities. Younger families moving to the Tilligerry but kids have to leave the area for schooling	1
High Priorities	Local businesses that provide for daily needs	Overall quality of shops is concerning, high turnover of local businesses	2
High Priorities	Local businesses that provide for daily needs	Small businesses need more support from the local community	1
High Priorities	Local businesses that provide for daily needs	A sense of community is needed to get together for things such as art groups and exercise groups.	1
High Priorities	Sense of neighbourhood safety	Increasing crime is a concern in the area, more police/ranger presence is needed	4
High Priorities	Sense of neighbourhood safety	More road crossings located in areas that are safe	1
Secondary Priorities	Landscaping and natural elements	Improved landscaping with street trees on verges, hardier choice of plants needed to ensure longevity	4
Secondary Priorities	Landscaping and natural elements	Maintain weeds and lantana	2
Secondary Priorities	Landscaping and natural elements	Address some of the street lights that aren't working	1
Secondary Priorities	Access to neighbourhood amenities	The need for a local high school	1
Secondary Priorities	General condition of open space	Label bushland so it has an identity to assist with illegal dumping naming of parks	3
Secondary Priorities	General condition of open space	Define what's crown land and what's not (public and private land)	2
Secondary Priorities	General condition of open space	Billy's beach and Caswell Reserve are becoming too busy on weekends and school holidays for off leash dog areas	1
Secondary Priorities	Evidence of recent public investment	Needs to be more detail on websites advertising key features of the peninsula e.g. walking maps	1
Secondary Priorities	Evidence of recent public investment	Council to support local business by giving assistance to promote their business	1

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COMMENT TYPE	LIVEABILITY ATTRIBUTE	COMMENT	COMMENT COUNT
Secondary Priorities	Access and safety walking, cycling, and/or public transport	Signage e.g. dogs affecting people	1
Secondary Priorities	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood	More focus on Mallabula	1
Secondary Priorities	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood	Information opposite Tanilba House needs an uplift	1
Secondary Priorities	Sense of neighbourhood safety	Lemon Tree Passage Road is really dark	1
Total 'deep dive' comments			113

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Workshop 1 Activity 2: Word clouds

Participants were asked to provide three words which describes the local character of Tilligerry today (present). Resultant word cloud below (the larger words mean more repetition from the responses).



Participants were then asked what they'd like to see in Tilligerry in the future. Resultant word cloud below (the larger words mean more repetition from the responses).



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Workshop 1 Activity 3 - Mapping our town

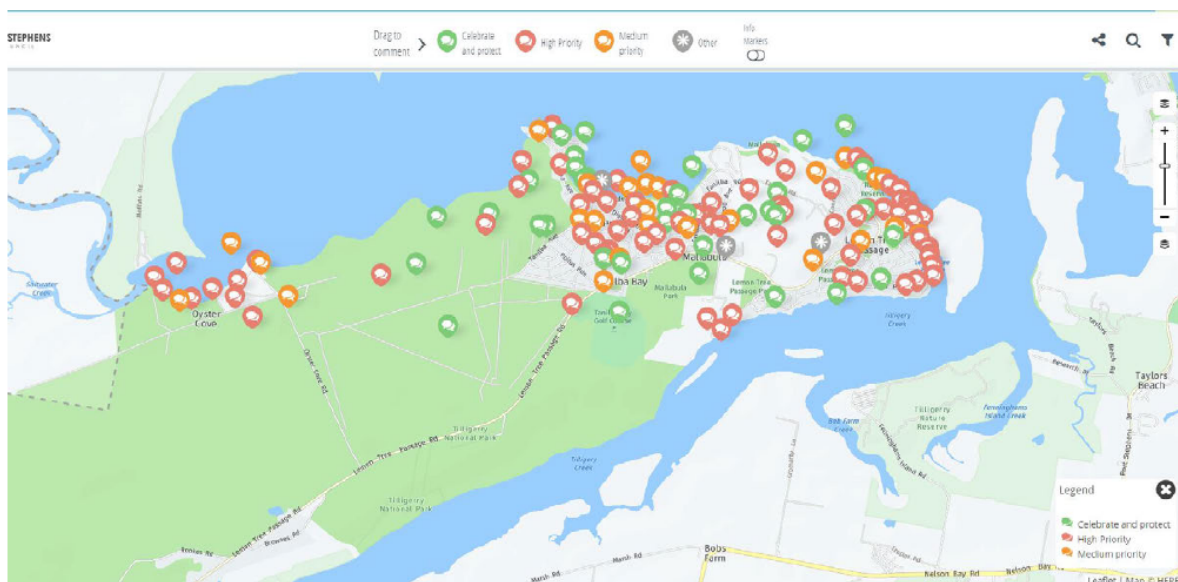
This activity focused on people mapping specific areas to a Liveability priority.

There were 151 responses received and the tool remained open for a longer time after the workshops to allow more time for participants to complete the activity.

There was a particular stress on making sure we capture the strengths of the area to help identify the areas and elements that should be celebrated and protected rather than only focusing on identifying areas that need work.

The emerging themes from this workshop exercise include:

- Preserving and protecting the natural environment
- Better and safer pedestrian movement
- Improved wayfinding/signage
- More things to do
- Improved general care and beautification of area



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#	Category	Comment
1	Celebrate and protect	Koala - high priority to protect
2	Celebrate and protect	Protect the hiding koala, love being able to look at the bush and walk through. Visit the viewing platform at the end of the boardwalk. Dog friendly on lead is a great asset.
3	Celebrate and protect	Protection of all the bushland and foreshore areas
4	Celebrate and protect	Protect the waterfront from coastal erosion
5	Celebrate and protect	LTP environmental protection zone. Lemon Tree Passage Hill - it would be good to have a more celebrated traditional name. Has lovely exciting areas and need to be celebrated
6	Celebrate and protect	Protect all areas of the environment
7	Celebrate and protect	Steps and walking areas
8	Celebrate and protect	Koalas living here and is national park and is named Gir-um-bit - means saltwater
9	Celebrate and protect	Tanilba arches need to be celebrated and protected. Lack of sense of arrival and directional signage
10	Celebrate and protect	Rim of trees around all the foreshore and should be protected. Koalas are living here.
11	Celebrate and protect	Protection of the relics behind Tanilba House. use to melt shells to make mortar etc
12	Celebrate and protect	Great place for kids to play on the grass and access the shallow water. Good water for littlies
13	Celebrate and protect	Includes the whole convict history
14	Celebrate and protect	Good area for young kids
15	Celebrate and protect	Interpretative signage about the history of LTP
16	Celebrate and protect	Well maintained council managed public reserves
17	Celebrate and protect	Protection of the boardwalk in this area. Opportunity to talk about the history of this area
18	Celebrate and protect	All stonework to be preserved - sunset park etc
19	Celebrate and protect	Retain the village character for Tanilba
20	Celebrate and protect	Retain the village character in Lemon Tree
21	Celebrate and protect	Coastline & Habitat
22	Celebrate and protect	Koala protection

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23	Celebrate and protect	Green open spaces
24	Celebrate and protect	BBQ & picnic areas (+ sheltered)
25	Celebrate and protect	Keep as bushland national park
26	Celebrate and protect	Golf course/club is well supported
27	Celebrate and protect	GP access is a positive (but no specialist services unfortunately)
28	Celebrate and protect	Good sports grounds + facilities and pool
29	Celebrate and protect	Nice boardwalks + habitat
30	Celebrate and protect	Foreshore views & socialising
31	Celebrate and protect	Wangi queen + Koala ferries
32	Celebrate and protect	Library
33	Celebrate and protect	Wildlife, bush land and waterways
34	Celebrate and protect	Local businesses
35	Celebrate and protect	Village atmosphere
36	Celebrate and protect	Public spaces are well maintained
37	Celebrate and protect	Footpaths to connect the sporting and recreational facilities to the shops / school. So many children walking on Strathmore Rd and Wychewood Rd to get to soccer or football games/training in the path of buses and cars because the side of the road is pothole and water filled.
38	High Priority	Shared path connecting Gibbers point (koala shores) right through to Oyster Cove
39	High Priority	Lighting and directional signage to be added to shared path - degree of difficulty, kms to key locations, all access - mobility scooters
40	High Priority	Need to protect and make this area more loved. No public tracks so difficult to walk through. No signage or labels.
41	High Priority	Include educational elements - incorporate QR codes etc at landmark locations
42	High Priority	Protecting this area from coastal erosion
43	High Priority	Protect from coastal erosion, rebuilding supports
44	High Priority	signage about impacts of littering on the environment - all over Tilligerry Prove more bins
45	High Priority	Maintain the boardwalks for the areas that need repair

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46	High Priority	Bikes can't be ridden due to steps - room around the flat area plus small bridge would allow people to ride safely through this area
47	High Priority	Paths are muddy - drainage, gravel etc??
48	High Priority	Consider alternate road - emergency access, particularly given sea level rise.
49	High Priority	Pathway that connects all the way around the peninsula
50	High Priority	and bushfire
51	High Priority	Overhaul of boardwalks around LTP, can be slippery or damaged from rotten wood and vandalised. Many fall and trip hazards
52	High Priority	History of oyster cove.
53	High Priority	Water access needs to be resolved
54	High Priority	Land parcels needs to be labelled - e.g. national parks
55	High Priority	This isn't labelled as Council land
56	High Priority	Park signage and the meaning to be included
57	High Priority	No coffee shop in Tanilba Bay
58	High Priority	Use of the quarry site for pathways and other activity for all ages. This is crown land.
59	High Priority	Markets in the square once the town centre is completed.
60	High Priority	Run a taste of Tilli
61	High Priority	Activities for young people - e.g. scavenger hunt for children to learn about the area
62	High Priority	Pathways connecting areas to parks, boardwalks and shops
63	High Priority	Appearance of the main street - been in council for too long waiting for this. It's very unappealing when you drive through
64	High Priority	Connection between suburbs with footpaths and/or cycle ways (shared pathways)
65	High Priority	No public water access
66	High Priority	No tourist facility on Oyster Cove - nowhere to stop, no water access, no toilets, no areas for picnics. Could also be in the bushland and not necessarily on the water
67	High Priority	Erosion here linked to CMP
68	High Priority	Maintenance of public space needs to improve
69	High Priority	Parking an issue near boat ramp. Boat ramp at LTP so busy, Tanilba needs its own boat ramps
70	High Priority	Boat ramps at Tanilba are run down
71	High Priority	Erosion here
72	High Priority	Board walks to be protected
73	High Priority	Bring back music events
74	High Priority	Need a bus stop at Coles
75	High Priority	Oyster cove is isolated/separated from community
76	High Priority	Vibrant spaces - painted walls
77	High Priority	More lighting around public spaces
78	High Priority	Connections to sewer - no onsite sewer

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79	High Priority	Better bus options to Raymond Terrace and Salamander Bay
80	High Priority	Small parks in residential nature zone focus
81	High Priority	Youth group services (girl scouts hall)
82	High Priority	Limited taxis/Uber options
83	High Priority	Manned police station
84	High Priority	More lighting at night for driving and walking
85	High Priority	No night life
86	High Priority	Feeling isolated, lost community connection
87	High Priority	Foreshore lighting
88	High Priority	Extend/improve boardwalk
89	High Priority	Need a general store e.g. IGA
90	High Priority	Reopen waste management service to stop illegal dumping in the bush
91	High Priority	Parking in LTP is difficult
92	High Priority	Bring back Lemon Bash/music in the park
93	High Priority	Visual signage/interactive signage
94	High Priority	Advocate for police presence
95	High Priority	Oyster Cove needs improvement
96	High Priority	Review DCP for koalas
97	High Priority	Connected footpaths to key locations
98	High Priority	Public transport advocacy
99	High Priority	Weed control but weeds need to be replaced by native veg
100	High Priority	Street tree planting (everywhere)
101	High Priority	Regular social outings for seniors including transport
102	High Priority	Events
103	High Priority	Tree planting/clean up days
104	High Priority	Improved track going to the top of Lemon Tree Hill
105	High Priority	Less dog off leash areas to protect wildlife - inappropriate location
106	High Priority	Band at LTP stage once a month
107	High Priority	Lighting needed
108	High Priority	Continuous path along foreshore
109	High Priority	Signage to control dogs + policing
110	High Priority	Youth centre + program for teens
111	High Priority	We need to connect the spaces we already have before we create more areas. Footpaths end with no connection (Ave of Allies footpath doesn't connect to either of the Coles entrances for example). No footpath to sporting fields or pool forcing people with prams or on scooters to use the busy roads.
112	High Priority	There is a coffee shop. Heathers next to the post office.
113	High Priority	An incredible parkrun course could go from John Pde in LTP around to Cook Pde with a bus back to the start. A once a month event, increasing to weekly as popularity grows. Would also see an increase in weekend cafe tourism as most runners meet for breakfast after their run.

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#	Category	Comment
114	High Priority	Moving the Kooindah markets to LTP would be much better location and likely to attract more vendors.
115	High Priority	A community event like live music needs to be timed with the markets for example so that people coming to the area have more than one reason to stay. Come for the markets and stay for the music, grab some dinner while you are here..
116	High Priority	Footpaths to connect the existing facilities. Footpath needed along President Wilson Walk to connect the school, the habitat paths and the waterfront to the shops. Too many kids on bikes on the road with buses and cars at school start and finish times, too many pensioners trying to drive their scooters with no path for them to access the shops safely.
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118	High Priority	Footpaths end with no connection (Ave of Allies footpath doesn't connect to either of the Coles entrances for example).
119	High Priority	We need to connect the spaces we already have before we create more areas. No footpath to sporting fields or pool forcing people with prams or on scooters to use the busy roads.
120	High Priority	The walk along the foreshore of Tilligerry Creek in LTP is beautiful but the gravel paths need improving. Rough steps at Lilli Pilli Park limit the access to John Parade Res and the rest of the walk along the LTP foreshore for a lot of people. There isn't an alternative route around the steps.
121	High Priority	LTP Passage parking is dreadful. Some businesses park their cars in the parking area all day which causes customers to give up and go elsewhere.
122	Medium priority	Boardwalk planks are loosening and beginning to lift, in need of repair.
123	Medium priority	Frisbee golf would be a great way to activate the foreshore - this area is underutilised. This would help small businesses by either selling / hiring the Frisbees and accessories
124	Medium priority	Sensor solar lighting so boardwalks can be well lit when in use, similar to lighting at Anzac Bridge. makes the area more usable in the evenings
125	Medium priority	More lighting for walking around at night
126	Medium priority	Lighting around mariner needed- suggestion of solar/motion lighting would be beneficial
127	Medium priority	Free camping site
128	Medium priority	Walkway map to be updated (potential community grant?)
129	Medium priority	Lemon Tree Passage Hill - opportunity to walkway and stairs
130	Medium priority	Dog off leash area - signage needed to indicate where this area starts and stops
131	Medium priority	Potential off leash dog park section
132	Medium priority	Gardens at the gates of Tanilba entry
133	Medium priority	Road in poor condition
134	Medium priority	Tourism organising bus trips to Tilligerry
135	Medium priority	Eco tourism at Oyster Cove

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136	Medium priority	Oyster Cove Road needs upgrading
137	Medium priority	Cinema in the park events
138	Medium priority	Sailing club expansion
139	Medium priority	Caravan park shuttle service to free up parking around marina
140	Medium priority	Navigational channel into Oyster Cove. LTP needs to be dredged as boating industry growing.
141	Medium priority	Re-use of RSL shuttle services
142	Medium priority	Vouchers book for visitors
143	Medium priority	Community bus to take older residents to the shops/other areas
144	Medium priority	Lack of hospital locally
145	Medium priority	Connected shopping centre
146	Medium priority	Community education programs about gardening, environment etc
147	Medium priority	Car park extension for boat trailers at Tanilba boat ramp
148	Medium priority	I have seen too much road rage between trailer boat owners and picnickers, fighting for car space. I think a quick fix is to move the horizontal telegraph poles on the left, over closer to the concrete path and then road base over the grass and sign post it trailers only. No one users that patch of grass and it would solve a big problem.
149	Other	This area used to be covered in sea grasses and hard to access
150	Other	More events and well marketed. More marketing on FB, sharing with local pages, temporary banners or signage, brochures (similar level to illuminate).
151	Other	The need for more housing. Currently not viable for some businesses or new investment to the area because of the limited population.
	Total	Mapping your area comments - 151

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Workshop 2 Activity 1: Case Study on increasing density and heights

A case study using a world café model for group discussion was undertaken to focus on increasing density in Tilligerry with a focus on increasing heights. This scenario was driven by proposed population and housing increases as per the Hunter Regional Plan.

In the standard world café model each group was split into three groups to look at the pros and cons of each scenario. Each group then took a turn at the other scenarios with less time.

Scenario 1: Increase heights from 2 - 3 storeys to 4 - 5 storeys in Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage town centres.

Options for consideration include:

- Reducing minimum lot sizes
- Rezoning from low to medium-density residential (permitting more land uses such as residential flat buildings)
- Increasing building heights
- Development Control Plan (DCP) controls town centres to encourage appropriate development

Scenario 1 - Increase heights/density	
Pro's	Con's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less clearing • Protection of vegetation and open spaces • Increased infrastructure • Increased funding for infrastructure • Diversity - new businesses • New customers, new employees • Extended hours • Diverse homes - smaller • 1 or 2 bedrooms - more affordable • Upgraded services/shops • Increased density close to shops • Additional funding for infrastructure • Could lead to improved public transport provision • Can take advantage of existing infrastructure • Provide more affordable housing options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busier - Traffic, parking near shops, noise, loss of spaces • Lose village atmosphere • Overshadowing • Insufficient infrastructure • Loss of privacy • Eyesore • Cumulative impacts • Drainage issues • Places pressure on existing facilities, infrastructure (sewer, traffic, parking) and services • Stress on existing community grounds - public spaces • Downsizing is cost prohibitive (stamp duty) • Existing drainage issues and traffic issues • Inflation - barrier to deliver infrastructure

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Scenario 1 - Increase heights/density

Pro's

- 2 - 3 storey development but more medium density housing with same height limit
- New customers for existing businesses - increase of opening hours - more vibrancy in the afternoons or evenings
- New businesses and services for existing residents
- Could encourage new services

Con's

- 3 storeys - lose village atmosphere, create eyesores, block visual access to the water, changes character, overshadowing, public access to sunlight
- Education facilities
- May lead to more tourism accommodation instead of residential
- Concern for reduced home ownership, more tenancies
- Don't want overcrowding

Building controls WANT

- Park upgrades
- Street trees
- 3 storeys Lemon Tree Passage marina
- Clustered services for community atmosphere
- Landscaping
- Setbacks (front setbacks)
- Beach upgrades - maintenance attractive buildings

Building controls DON'T want

- No 4/5 storeys
- Ugly buildings
- Views lost

Scenario 2 – Greenfield sites: Do not provide planning controls to encourage infill development, and identify land suitable for Greenfield development to provide housing supply

Options for consideration include:

- Understanding that a planning proposal would need to be lodged for land to be rezoned to allow for residential development on greenfield sites
- The character of the area would continue as low density development (min lot size 500m2)
- Greenfield sites have lots of negatives including cost, environmental impacts and also that there is limited opportunity

Scenario 2 – Greenfield option

Pro's

- Won't impact on character of existing areas
- Well planned

Con's

- Loss of greenspace/habitat
- Insufficient facilities and infrastructure

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- Lots of houses quickly - families
 - Increased supply - affordability
 - New infrastructure
 - Low density - won't impact on views
 - Potential for over 50s
 - More jobs
 - Lots of houses fast
 - More money in rates for Council to spend in the area
 - Developer contributions
 - It won't change the character of existing areas - maintain low density character - less likely to be lower socio economic demographic / renters
 - More houses = more feasible public transport
 - Increasing population - Need police, schools etc
 - Drainage and flooding issues exacerbated
 - Insufficient use of infrastructure
 - Will impact on character
 - No public transport
 - Ugly
 - Kills animals
 - Destroys environment - climate change
 - Don't want houses fast
 - Roads & drainage can't cope - no infrastructure
 - No diversity of houses
 - Environmental impact - clearing and waterways
 - Loss of open space
 - Lack of open space
 - Change character
 - Roads won't cope with machines required for building the development (getting supplies in)
 - Wasteful of resources
 - Infrastructure
 - Expense of building new infrastructure
 - Isolation during emergency events - e.g. Salt Ash area is low lying and subject to inundation
 - If there is unconstrained land then go for it
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Scenario 3 - Do Nothing

Scenario 3 – Do nothing option	
Pro's	Con's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stays peaceful • Bushland and recreational spaces are maintained • Allows for more of a community connection • Less cars • Investment in local area, catering for current community (community investment) • It's the easy option • Don't have to put any resources into people resistant to change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less opportunities for families to stay in the area and also less opportunity to attract families here • Limited diversity in housing • Business impacts and services • Congestion will increase with population growth • Doesn't make it attractive to tourists (limited businesses) • Unplanned growth

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Scenario 3 – Do nothing option	
Pro's	Con's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saves council money • Recognises the limitation of our resources • Not really servicing the existing community - social services and health services • Won't need to spend money on rising sea levels • Won't change the quiet character of the Tilligerry • Focus more on visitors rather than people living in a congested society • Electromagnetic radiation illness may be an issue with growth in technology • Unique area that would change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited investment into the area - No connected paths, lighting or improved boardwalks • Limited opportunities for locals to invest in running local businesses • We don't evolve • Bushland degrading steadily - Need investment to look after it. • Transport options remain limited • Needs to be a balance between community and council re investment (no greenfield) • We have nothing - we need people to boost us so can have a reason to have resources e.g. Lavery blood extended service • Public transport won't increase • Won't get additional footpaths and solar • Won't be anywhere for people to live • Might not have affordable places to live • Business may not survive • No restaurants or night eateries (need correct zoning) • After hours transportation - taxi/Uber • Would go backward we did nothing • Wouldn't enable retirement villages etc to come to the area • Wouldn't be able to cater for different demographics - older and children etc • Infill will be able to protect bushland - doing nothing won't protect it either

The general sentiment of the workshop was that participants were 'open to' 3 storeys in locations where views would not be adversely impacted. Overall group was supportive of residential flat buildings near the Lemon Tree Passage marina (rezoning from R2 to R3).

Discussion also included possible Development Control Plan chapter to help protect the Tilligerry from inappropriate development. This could be a chapter for the R3 zones in Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage to accompany a planning proposal if that option is pursued.

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Workshop 2 Activity 2: Quick Wins, Big Picture Ideas

At the conclusion of Workshop 1 participants were asked to undertake a homework exercise which would feed into the activities for Workshop 2. This activity centered on people detailing their quick win and big picture ideas as follows:

Quick Wins and Big Picture Ideas

Quick wins ideas (51) – individual raw data responses below:

1	QUICK WIN IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
1	Improve signage at the approach to the roundabout at the Avenue of the Allies and Lemon Tree Passage Road in Tanilba Bay. There is currently an assortment of outdated signs. Signage should be welcoming, useful, inviting to tourists, easy to read and reflect the character of the area.	Evidence of Council/government management Overall visual character of the neighbourhood.
2	Additional public exercise equipment stations, similar to the one at Tanilba Park. Connect exercise equipment stations via a walking path	Access to neighbourhood amenities
3	Open Tilli Place in the Kooindah Centre as an outreach centre with staff and volunteers to provide information and support for the community, so they don't have to go to Raymond Terrace or Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre.	Sense of personal safety Access to neighbourhood amenities
4	Regular fresh produce markets.	Local businesses that provide for daily needs Access to neighbourhood amenities
5	Caswell reserve parking on weekends and school holidays is unsafe and crowded. The park and beach is too busy now to be an off leash dog area (and it is direct connection to our koala habitat zone). This area needs to be assessed prior to spring and summer holidays coming up.	Elements of natural environment Quality of public space Sense of personal safety Protection of the natural environment
6	Caswell reserve needs more garbage bin collections or more garbage bins during weekends and holidays. The two bins in place are overflowing and spreading rubbish around the park and into the water during the holidays.	Protection of the natural environment Evidence of council/government management General condition of public space
7	Basketball court between Diggers Drive and Habitat (connects to the primary school path) needs to be cleaned, and hoops replaced. Kids use this area for roller skating, learning to ride bikes, ball games but it is neglected	Evidence of council management General condition of public space

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	QUICK WIN IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
8	Outdoor Cinema at Henderson Park or Mallabula sporting grounds. Include Food trucks/food stalls	Evidence of recent public investment
9	Beatification of Water/Land Gates at Tanilba Bay. Options for planting of flowers/plants beneath or surrounding gates	General condition of public open space Evidence of recent public investment Quality of public space Landscaping and natural elements
10	Repair and painting of existing seating at Tilligerry peninsula. Repair of damaged seating due to fire and graffiti.	General condition of public open space Evidence of recent public investment Quality of public space Landscaping and natural elements
11	Clean/replace all of the information signs with additional signage regarding rubbish	Safety, evidence of Council management
12	Repairs on the boardwalks - particularly the one near Koala Shores.	Personal safety
13	Increased garbage bins/dog refuse bins in waterfront areas and on walking tracks, none at Mallabula Jetty Park	Quality of public space Protection of the natural environment
14	Reduction of fire load in bushland areas	Sense of personal safety Quality of public space
15	Additional storage facilities for boats/kayaks as available on Tomaree Peninsula and Taylors Beach	Access to neighbourhood amenities
16	Weekend or school holiday activities for different aged children and their families to connect with e.g. Scavenger hunts, walking events, art and craft activities, funs sporting events (park runs), music events, family fun days	Access to neighbourhood amenities
17	Clean up garden areas around Kooindah Centre – Centre is very unappealing. Needs to be more inviting for local businesses there.	Visual character of neighbourhood Landscaping and natural elements
18	Lobby for more police presence. Need more police presence/radars along Lemon Tree Passage Road between Tanilba Bay and Salt Ash. Council road is good but there is a lot of speeding and overtaking on double lines.	Sense of neighbourhood safety
19	Community Notice Board near Coles - busiest area for communicating events. When there are community events, we hear/see a lot of comments that people didn't know about them. There is one at Kooindah Centre but not as busy there. Not everyone is on Facebook.	Character of neighbourhood

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	QUICK WIN IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
20	Better signage of dog off leash areas – particularly around Habitat area. There should be no dogs off leash anywhere signage along Tanilba Foreshore about cars parking on grassed areas.	Protection of natural environment
21	Pop up Youth Centre and activities for young people in area. Maybe in one of the community centres. Maybe in school holidays.	Access to neighbourhood amenities
22	Lemon Tree Passage Spring Music Festival	Organised by Lemon Tree Passage Business Group with help from council
23	Lemon Tree Passage Cinema in the Park	Access to neighbourhood amenities
24	Top up with sand the small beach area at Lemon Tree Passage so children can play. Clean up and replace nets for swimming	Landscaping of natural elements
25	Police station manned at Lemon Tree Passage	Sense of neighbourhood safety
26	Youth activities	Access to neighbourhood amenities
27	Events; co-ordinate local events	Access to neighbourhood amenities
28	Replace the bins in Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba Bay for people to dispose of rubbish. They have been removed recently without any notice or reason.	Evidence of council/government management
29	Improve signage for bike and walking path connecting Tanilba Bay to Lemon Tree Passage	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
30	Maintenance required on Tanilba Bay boardwalk	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport Quality of public space Protection of the natural environment
31	Centralised local and tourist information (visitors centre or community centre). Access to Tilligerry connect program, local maps, history and culturally significant sites	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity Evidence of Council/government management Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport

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QUICK WIN IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
32 Repair footpaths in Lemon Tree Passage from Johnson Parade to the waterfront. Existing repairs in the form of road base are unsightly.	General condition of public open space Sense of personal safety
33 Repair footpaths Lemon Tree Passage to Tanilba near pool - eroded and dangerous	General condition of public open space Sense of personal safety
34 Pop up Youth Centre and activities for young people in area. Maybe in one of the community centres. Maybe in school holidays.	Access to neighbourhood amenities
35 Lemon Tree Passage Spring Music Festival (organised by Lemon Tree Passage Business Group with help from council)	Things to do
36 Lemon Tree Passage Cinema in the Park	Access to neighbourhood amenities
37 Top up with sand the small beach area at Lemon Tree Passage so children can play. Clean up and replace nets for swimming	Landscaping of natural elements
38 Police station manned at Lemon Tree Passage	Sense of neighbourhood safety
39 Youth activities	Access to neighbourhood amenities
40 Events; co-ordinate local events	Access to neighbourhood amenities
41 Replace the bins in Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba Bay for people to dispose of rubbish. They have been removed recently without any notice or reason.	Evidence of council/government management
42 Improve signage for bike and walking path connecting Tanilba Bay to Lemon Tree Passage	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
43 Maintenance required on Tanilba Bay boardwalk	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport Quality of public space Protection of the natural environment
44 Centralised local and tourist information (visitors centre or community centre). Access to Tilligerry connect program, local maps, history and culturally significant sites	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity Evidence of Council/government management Access and safety of walking, cycling

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QUICK WIN IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY and/or public transport
45 Repair footpaths in Lemon Tree Passage from Johnson Parade to the waterfront. Existing repairs in the form of road base are unsightly.	General condition of public open space Sense of personal safety
46 Repair footpaths Lemon Tree Passage to Tanilba near pool - eroded and dangerous	General condition of public open space Sense of personal safety
47 Provide a boardwalk from Lemon Tree Passage to Tanilba	General condition of public open space Sense of personal safety
48 Repair of broken wire fence Tanilba Avenue, Tanilba Bay to prevent vehicular access to bushland areas	Quality of public space
49 Encouragement of community surveillance and reporting of dumping in bushland areas	Quality of public space
50 Collation of details of community groups, their contacts and roles	Access to neighbourhood amenities
51 Inclusion of Worimi Aboriginal Land Council is planning and community initiatives.	Locally owned and operated businesses

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Big picture ideas (47) – individual raw data responses below:

	BIG PICTURE IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
1	More footpaths in Tanilba Bay so people can access the community safely	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or other public transport.
2	More street lighting in Tanilba Bay so people feel safe to walk around at night.	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or other public transport.
3	Tanilba Bay town centre upgrade.	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood.
4	Audit of current street trees with plan for planting more trees in areas that lack shade	Landscaping and natural elements.
5	More footpaths in Tanilba Bay so people can access the community safely	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or other public transport.
6	More street lighting in Tanilba Bay so people feel safe to walk around at night.	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or other public transport.
7	Tanilba Bay town centre upgrade.	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood.
8	Audit of current street trees with plan for planting more trees in areas that lack shade	Landscaping and natural elements.
9	Footpaths to link existing facilities - Sporting fields/pool link to school footpath and Caswell reserve in Mallabula.	Access to neighbourhood amenities. Sense of personal safety Access to safety walking, cycling and public transport Bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
10	Kooindah shops linked to school and habitat/waterfront paths. Kooindah shops linked to Coles complex	Access to neighbourhood amenities Sense of personal safety Access to safety walking, cycling and public transport

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	BIG PICTURE IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
11	Avenue of the Allies footpath safely linked to Coles complex entrance	Access to neighbourhood amenities Sense of personal safety Access to safety walking, cycling and public transport
12	Avenue of the Allies footpath linked to school & habitat via King Albert Avenue	Sense of personal safety Access to safety walking, cycling and public transport
13	Coles complex rear entrance linked to Kooindah centre via Lloyd George Grove or Pershing Place with a footpath as the cut through via the old shopping centre is going to be lost with the demolition works and building of the Caswells.	Access to neighbourhood amenities Sense of personal safety Access to safety walking, cycling and public transport, bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
14	Sculpture Walk at Tilligerry peninsula. Map provided for patrons to walk to view sculptures by local artists and highlighting surrounding key locations (e.g.: Tanilba Bay/Lemon Tree Passage foreshore, Sunset Park, habitat).	General condition of public open space Evidence of recent public investment Quality of public space Elements of natural environment Landscaping and natural elements
15	Upgrade of existing boardwalks and construction of new boardwalks; Caswell Reserve, to existing habitat boardwalk, Tanilba foreshore to Tanilba Park, Henderson Park to Rudd Reserve, Mungarra Reserve Lemon Tree Passage	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport Evidence of recent public Amount of public space Landscaping and natural elements Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity

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BIG PICTURE IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
<p>16 Enclosed dog park (off leash) at 13 Meredith Avenue, Lemon Tree Passage. Existing dog park (on leash). Provide an enclosed fenced area where people can safely let their dogs off lead. Away from existing off leash areas (away from Koala habitat).</p>	<p>General condition of public open Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport Protection of the natural environment Evidence of recent public investment Amount of public space</p>
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<p>19 More shelter seating</p>	<p>General condition of public open space Protection of the natural environment Evidence of recent public investment Quality of public space Amount of public space</p>

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BIG PICTURE IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
	Elements of natural environment Landscaping and natural elements Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
20 Transport: additional direct routes to Newcastle.	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public
21 Shared access walking track from Koala Shores (Lemon Tree Passage) to Sunset Point (Tanilba Bay) with a plan to continue to Oyster Cove. Must be suitable for bikes, walking, with areas for disabled access. Must be well sign posted with distances.	Quality of Public Space Overall visual character of neighbourhood Access and safety walking, cycling, and or public transport
22 Development of café/restaurants on waterfront areas to attract tourists. Currently many visitors eat away from the peninsula. Council could build and lease premises on Council land.	Local businesses that provide for daily needs Locally owned and operated businesses
23 Additional seating and parking at Caswell Reserve. In the summer it is impossible to find a car park, a seat to sit on etc. The boat ramp is in disrepair.	Quality of public space
24 More community activities e.g. music days/festivals/movie days/markets at Lemon Tree Passage. Great family area there.	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood
25 IGA at Lemon Tree Passage	Local businesses providing for daily need

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	BIG PICTURE IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
26	Creating opportunities for tourism to be brought into the peninsular through carefully designed and supported activities that are developed with the support of local businesses and local government. Promoted beyond the Tilligerry area and given weight amongst the other areas of Port Stephens and NSW coastal region (promotion of our walking trails, landmarks, fishing spots, children and family friendly activities and proximity to other areas - Newcastle/Karuah - Tea Gardens, affordable accommodation options for holidays, visitor centre presence and information in a local business or bill board)	Evidence of recent public investment
27	Tanilba foreshore needs a makeover along Peace Parade. It's underutilised by families. The grass area needs preserving and not used as a car park. Tree roots are also taking over near Peace Park.	Condition of public space Protection of natural environment
28	Shared path that links Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage (along Lemon Tree Passage Road). Would love to see families walking/riding together between all the towns (unfortunately Oyster Cove is a bit far to include in this).	Access and safety walking, cycling and/or public transport
29	Footpaths/bike paths that connect. Love to see more elderly/families walking around our beautiful areas.	Quality of public space
30	Better signage between water and houses along the Tilligerry foreshore areas. Would love to be able to walk around the entire peninsula but not sure which is public and which is private. Future developments should not go to the water's edge. Should be available for everyone to enjoy.	Protection of natural environment.
31	Bridge connecting Lemon Tree Passage to either Taylors Beach or Soldiers Point. Another fire exit for peninsular commercial and tourism growth of the peninsular linking the peninsular and Tomaree communities to enhance the long term economic sustainability	Evidence of public investment
32	Road repairs in the Tilligerry Peninsular	Condition of open space
33	Extend the beach area in Lemon Tree Passage to make it more appealing for tourism	Landscaping of natural elements
34	Help businesses with making Lemon Tree Passage a destination for tourists; Council assisting with contacts to nursing homes so we can bus seniors to Lemon Tree Passage	Quality and open space
35	Peninsula Website - combining 3 existing	Evidence of public investment

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	BIG PICTURE IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
36	Community Centre - drop in/manned	Evidence of public investment
37	RV Parking	Evidence of public investment
39	Paths around the peninsula particular Mallabula Point - Walking trail	Evidence of public investment Access to safety walking, cycling and public transport
39	Install Solar Lighting that has sensors along the boardwalk area in Tanilba Bay, Lemon Tree Passage and even along Lemon Tree Passage Road Mallabula between the Swimming Pool and the Tip.	Evidence of public investment
40	Improve access to "The Hill ". Create access to a lookout point	Evidence of recent public investment. Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity Landscaping and natural elements
41	Improve telecommunication service	Evidence of recent public investment
42	Pool needs to be updated to attract more people e.g. facelift, waterslide for children, playground equipment to make it more family friendly	General condition of public/open space/safety
43	Safe, well signed water side walking track from Lemon Tree Passage Caravan Park to Oyster Cove. Longer term development of path connection to Medowie. Development of alternative high road into the peninsula connecting to Medowie and Richardson Road	Increasing local and tourist community amenity. Elements of local environment
44	Preservation of our bushland ecosystem via zoning and compartmentalisation of bushland to control wildfires	Elements of natural environment
45	Comprehensive litter control signage around the peninsula and school programs to encourage children to be litter aware	Elements of natural environment
46	Attempts to break down the inter-town parochialism by fostering a 'Tilligerry' identity	Locally owned and operated businesses
47	Promotion of possible long-term effects of climate change and sea level rise on our low-lying peninsula	Sense of personal safety

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Workshop 2 Activity 3: Action planning

The quick wins and big picture ideas provided above were further distilled into 5 quick win ideas and 4 big picture ideas to be action planned as follows:

Quick Wins

- Improve Signage
- Youth Markets
- Cinema/small event in the park
- Beautifying the Gates
- Youth Activities - Educational Nature Walks

Big Picture ideas action planned:

- Makeover of Tanilba Town Centre
- Help make Lemon Tree Passage a tourist destination
- Pathways and Lighting
- Local produce markets

Please note: not all action plans were completed sufficiently due to workshop time constraints.

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Quick Win 1: Improve Signage

What do we already have to work with?	Existing signage need cleaning Key locations/identified locations
What's the situation?	Limited signage at key locations e.g. parks Condition of existing signage
What does success look like?	Rejuvenation of current signs New signage/maps Welcome to Tilligerry Peninsula sign + map of the Tilligerry
Who needs to be involved and what is their role	Key local group e.g. Tilligerry Community Association and/or Lions Club Lead project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigation • Current • New • Locations • Longevity • Funding
What might stop this happening?	Funding Individual/Group investment (dedicating time) Council support
Key actions to make it happen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One head body to lead project 2. Consultation - Community 3. Investigation and reporting

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Quick Win 2: Youth Markets

What do we already have to work with?	Skate parks, pool, sports complex, waterways, beaches, sailing/rowing club, little athletics, bushland
What's the situation?	Lack of education support Homework support at library Extended library hours/service (even 1 day per week) (Koala cafe) Tilli Youthisie
What does success look like?	Parents bringing kids to the library More activities run out of the library Beautification of the library More technology Space for studying, info re TAFE Opportunities to talk with kids and find more activities
Who needs to be involved and what is their role	Council, TCA, existing volunteers, consult with the community
What might stop this happening?	Volunteers Funding Marketing
Key actions to make it happen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council review services 2. Consult community/marketing 3. Apply for grants to fund <p>** Look into school library, survey for parents, commitment from council</p>

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Quick Win 3: Cinema/small event in the park

What do we already have to work with?	<p>Lots of parkland, open space, stage, facilities</p> <p>Tilligerry festival</p> <p>Mallabula sports complex, Lemon Tree Passage waterfront (Henderson Park) - close to shops, McCann Park</p> <p>Most parks have toilets and power supplies</p> <p>Parking could be an issue - sportsground better option</p>
What's the situation?	<p>Car parking, traffic control - community bus</p> <p>Depends on movie - who is the target audience?</p> <p>Something to do to connect with community</p> <p>Develops community interactions</p>
What does success look like?	<p>Lemon Tree Jam returning – include new artists</p> <p>50 people</p>
Who needs to be involved and what is their role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community groups • Council - approvals, grants • Screen hire company • Food truck/local business stays open
What might stop this happening?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of communication • Rain (plan B) • Target audience – mix of movies • Lack of funding • Lack of advertising • Council requirements make it more difficult and expensive to put on events (e.g. trained traffic controls)

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Key actions to make it happen

- 1. Community driven - apply for grants**
- 2. Identify target group**

Quick Win 4: Beautifying the Gates

What do we already have to work with?	Lights are going in Interesting, historic, iconic
What's the situation?	Not much would need to change Look a bit run down Would benefit from a clean
What does success look like?	Highlighting, not changing it Signage - historical
Who needs to be involved and what is their role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community groups • Historical groups • Residents • Council approvals
What might stop this happening?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of restoration
Key actions to make it happen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lights are going in - let's revisit 2. Careful restoration process 3. Community support

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Quick Win 5 Youth Activities - Educational Nature Walks

What do we already have to work with?	Natural environment Water existing rowing and sailing clubs, swimming pool, sports complex, skate park, scouts, snack and rap, park grounds, Tanilba Bay hall, Mallabula community centre, library
What's the situation?	Tilligerry has a wonderful natural environment that the children should be able to enjoy and learn about. Lack of events for youth, limited hours at library
What does success look like?	A regular excursion for children in child care services and public schools to take guided tours through the local natural bushlands. Sporting, gym facilities, rowing club/sailing club, blue light discos, art and crafts - classes, homework club (library), book club/preschool reading, nature walks through child care services and public schools
Who needs to be involved and what is their role	Childcare services / public school in partnership with Worimi LALC – educational walks in the Tilligerry
What might stop this happening?	No one to facilitate it, needs Council support to establish connections between services and Worimi
Key actions to make it happen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council to reach out to childcare services, public school and LALC 2. Develop a walking plan – close to service/school, transport, safe footpaths, toilet facilities 3. Gain community / parent support for the excursion to take place 4. Make the project repeatable and ongoing

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Big Picture 1: Makeover of Tanilba Town Centre

What do we already have to work with?	Coles/Kooindah centre RAAF Park Main road in
What's the situation?	Connection Tired appearance
What does success look like?	Connection between centres to improve Awareness of where the area is - some sort of landmark More trees/paths Over 55s village is a positive
Who needs to be involved and what is their role	
What might stop this happening?	
Key actions to make it happen	Not completed in timeframe of workshop.

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Big Picture 2: Help make Lemon Tree Passage a tourist destination

What do we already have to work with? Boat ramp - best in Port Stephens
 Wangi Queen - boat
 Lemon Tree Passage park facilities are great
 Tilligerry habitat
 Heritage
 Water
 Walking destination - off back of Tomaree coastal walk

What's the situation? Bad roads

What does success look like? Murals, public art
 Balance between tourism and limiting impact
 Day trippers - attract boaties
 RV parking - 48hrs
 Advertising walking trails - signage for how long walks take

Who needs to be involved and what is their role Port Stephens destination
 Businesses
 Marketing

What might stop this happening? Lack of connecting paths
 Lack of funding
 Lemon Tree Passage beach in need of upgrades

Key actions to make it happen

- 1. Businesses talk to PS destination**
- 2. Look into grant funding for murals**
- 3. Advertise**

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Big Picture 3: Pathways and Lighting

What do we already have to work with?

What's the situation?

What does success look like?

Lighting between RSL and LTP
30mins or higher
Pathways to the shops and habitat
including Kooindah

Who needs to be involved and what is their role

What might stop this happening?

Key actions to make it happen

1. Prioritise which pathways to construct first

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Big Picture: Local produce markets

What do we already have to work with? Henderson Park, Lemon Tree Passage

What's the situation?

Poor public toilets

What does success look like?

Tastings, Trying new food options

Who needs to be involved and what is their role

Local businesses

What might stop this happening?

Key actions to make it happen

Not completed in timeframe of workshop.

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Appendix C: Phase 3 – Check-in phase January 2024 survey results

Tilligerry Place Plan Draft Actions Survey

Note: some spelling and grammar changes have been made to ensure clarity of comment only

Q1 What do you think of each of the 'protection of the natural environment' action items for the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?

Answered 38; Skipped 0

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Immerse yourself in nature	23	10	5	0	0
Caring for the local environment	23	6	8	1	0
Help keep it clean and tidy	23	7	7	0	1
Coastal hazards	24	8	6	0	0
Keeping koalas safe	25	7	6	0	0

Q2 Do you have any other great ideas of comments about protection of the natural environment?

Answered 17; Skipped 21

#	Comment
1	While the community can work at the grass roots level and with Council, we also need the support of other stakeholders, such as the Worimi, National Park, Crown Lands and Hunter Water who have not been involved in this process. The community needs Council's support in working with these other stakeholders.
2	We starting working on alternative energy grants last year so would like to a goal that supports current solar panels and community batteries if possible.
3	There needs to be better control of wild fire events here that depopulate the koalas. Encouraging traditional cultural burns in conjunction with Worimi may minimise this issue. Fire breaks to compartmentalise the forested areas will limit wild fires. Planting of trees to connect the forested areas with effective corridors are essential to prevent genetic isolation of the koala gene pool.
4	Better signage, more garbage bins to assist with keeping tidy, education of school children to understand the importance of protecting the natural environment. Encourage increased participation of qualified Cultural Burn graduates to reduce fuel loads in an improved environmental way.
5	This reads like it is written by a 3rd grader. What incredibly basic action plans. The first 3 are about volunteering, the 4th climate matters and the 5th action plan about koalas you

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	should talk to Mr Minns about building affordable housing which will impact the environment and koalas. Meanwhile you could bring in a law that says all pets need to be on a lead and inside before dusk and not allowed out until sunrise
6	You could introduce a program within the local schools to increase the youths involvement in local environmental issues.
7	Sorry no, but think what has been proposed is excellent starting point
8	Objectives don't encourage and enable young people, people with a disability and older people to participate. Dissolution of Chambers of Commerce mean engagement of industry is piecemeal and haphazard. Encouragement of less formal groups such as neighbourhood gardening in Diggers Drive, park at end of Clemenceau Crescent, Sunset Park with supply of native plants. Encouragement of other groups to form enhancing beautification of Halloran planned parks which are mostly grass and bare earth. Investigation of restoring some of streetscapes altered over time such as closing of Wemyss Crescent.
9	Education programs to help community members better understand how to care for the local environment and what to if they witness vandalism or see dog owners with their dogs off leash in natural environments, etc.
10	Immerse yourself in nature - the idea of planting natives in the verge in front of your property needs more consideration before being suggested in a Place Plan, as it could lead to planting inappropriate species in the wrong places. Caring for the local environment - the action is limited to people joining a local volunteer group. It needs to offer simple actions that people can do easily and how the Place Plan will facilitate this e.g. reducing water use, waste, plastics and car trips. Keep it clean and tidy - a quick Google of Good for the Hood and Take 3 for the Sea mentions Sydney based consultancy companies that are a cost burden on the community. With the exception of the well-known Clean Up Australia, I think more thought needs to go into how litter can be reduced without mentioning particular organisations in this document. I noticed that Medowie Place Plan doesn't mention any particular group in the Place Plan document and worked with the "Town Team" not for profit group. Caring for koalas - I suggest this should be titled "Saving koalas" as the action doesn't acknowledge the anecdotal reports of the substantial decrease in koala numbers. I think the action should be to inform an update of the Koala Plan of Management. Actions should be based on current data on koala numbers, car strikes and dog attacks on the Tilligerry, vegetation and wildlife corridor habitat mapping and this data used to identify the main threat to Tilligerry koalas. I suspect this would be loss of habitat over cars and dogs. In the meantime, strategies such as avoiding cutting down trees, planting koala feed trees and koala friendly fences are more practical than phrases such as "slowing down on roads".
11	Solar panels and battery innovation
12	Would be good to see more actions in coastal management plan. Reduced areas where dogs are off leash and reduce cats roaming streets/habitats. Clean and tidy some more impact reducing features with local hoons becoming an increased problem (burnouts, access unpermitted zones)

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13	People living on the Peninsular need to have an understanding of their role with the local wildlife. Policies need to be enforced in regards to trees, speed on the roads dogs on leads and the reporting of sick or injured wildlife.
14	Annual clean-up day. More public recycle bins.
15	I would like to see positive ideas to stop the erosion that is occurring along the waterfront of John Parade Although this was mentioned by myself, I do not see any plans or immediate plans for its conservation Currently it is in repair and erosion is occurring with the king high tides with a drastic negative impact along before sure If something is not done, I immediately then houses will be lost to high water erosion
16	We are an isolated community with very little elevation. There is a choke point at Salt Ash if any inundation should occur. Road improvement and height increase should be a priority
17	Community engagement needs to be on a regular basis and should be across all demographics

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Q3 What do you think of each of the 'economy' action items for the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?

Answered 37; Skipped 1

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Create welcoming town centres	17	12	8	0	0
Trek the Tilligerry	20	12	5	0	0
Incredible by nature	20	14	3	0	0
It's on! In the Tilligerry	19	10	7	0	1
Investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry	12	12	9	2	2
Test and trial in Tilligerry	15	14	8	0	0
Investigate RV parking	13	11	10	1	2

Q4 Do you have any other great ideas or comments to add about the draft economy action items?

Answered 17; Skipped 11

#	Comment
1	Trek the Tilligerry and Incredible by Nature will require new pathways to connect the villages on the peninsula, otherwise there is no trekking and no access to the natural features that are worth visiting. For Incredible by Nature, there is no Visitor Information Centre on the Tilligerry Peninsula and Council does not promote tourism to the Tilligerry Peninsula - this has to change.
2	It is quoted somewhere that oysters are one of Australia's biggest exports so there needs to be a balance between dredging and water quality. For years we have talked about a loop path around Tilligerry. We need to protect and develop links through Lemon Tree Passage Hill and seek other walking areas like Gir-um-bit SCA west of Tanilba Bay.
3	In the revamp of Henderson Park my small business lost \$67,000. Council needs to help tourism in the Tilligerry. 3 shops that I know of are closing in LTP, We are becoming a ghost town.
4	RV parking for 48 hour limit is important to encourage the large travelling community to spend time on the peninsula.

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Walking trails along the waterfront are vital to allow exposure of our natural areas in a controlled way. Connection from Oyster Cove to Medowie would improve connectivity between this community and Medowie. Completing the path from Caravan Park to Tanilba Bay is a high priority. The old quarry at LTP is a lost opportunity to create a wetland recreational area that can merge into the forested areas.

Designated pathways through the LTP Hill will allow this beautiful area to be enjoyed safely by the broader community.

Lack of available food outlets other than Clubs after 7 PM is a detriment for people staying here short term.

Looking at higher density housing surrounding the unique triangular parks in Tanilba Bay allows locals to have their own on tap parks.

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- 5 A major problem on the Tilligerry is the lack of food venues on the waterfront. Council owned land could contain buildings for lease as food venues encouraging tourism. Currently many visitors leave the peninsula to eat elsewhere.

RV parking already occurs so making it official and controlled will reduce complaint by neighbours.

Walking/biking tracks connecting Lemon Tree to Tanilba Bay via the waterfront will attract visitors, but proper signage indicating distances and location of toilets is essential.

Public Facilities (toilets) need to be cleaned prior to any major functions and bins emptied more regularly in tourist season. Poor maintenance of these facilities result in people not returning.

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- 6 Maybe the council could run a boat from Nelson bay to Tilligerry Peninsula so they can come to a Council organised market and information at the park with local music and the First Nations. That would be great. Stop trying to get anyone but Council staff to not work on projects like this. Maybe Council run environment education workshops would be great. I did this as an environmental education office in Sydney and the locals loved it. Council needs to be proactive. Yes to the equipment along the walks. Yes to the pop up stores (maybe on the weekends) that Council has free transport to the Tilligerry peninsula. No to RVs as there is not enough amenities or police presence

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- 7 I love where this is going. I think a major overhaul on shop frontages and potential incentives for local business to join the 21st century. For such a beautiful town in nestled between lots of progression the town is definitely not attracting people who are in a position to buy and spend big like the rest of port Stephens.

Tilligerry has huge potential it just needs to have incentive and the infrastructure for people to want to spend the money. Good money!

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- 8 Trek the Tilligerry is a great idea but we need to agree walks and create the various walk maps and then clearly mark these walk pathways before installing exercise equipment and the like. At Tanilba House we get a lot of visitors staying or visiting at events, and it is very hard to explain where the walks are as they are not marked. This should be the priority rather than capital investment on equipment.

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	<p>Walking maps are an opportunity for Port Stephens generally, leveraging the new coastal walk publicity. We need a matrix of walks across various landscapes that bring walkers here and then ensure they want to return to do more, e.g. we have recently created the new WW1 street name and heritage walk. This plus the quarry walk and the various creek, boardwalk and foreshore walks are quite different to the beach and coastal walks in other areas of PS. It needs to be a catalogue of walks for the area and also the region more broadly. Willoughby council does this really well for example.</p> <p>The historic side of Tanilba Bay is barely mentioned above and is a huge drawcard for tourists bringing money to spend for a day out. With our beautiful gates, Temple, Tanilba House, various parks with stone artefacts, and other stonework this makes our area unique. This is not being celebrated in the above items. A heritage walk has been created as mentioned and is on the local Family History website via a grant we have been given. Signs will be installed in 2024. Walking trails and public parks need signage and info on the history if relevant (e.g. the quarry, why is Lemon Tree passage called that? etc)</p> <p>We certainly need more coffee shops and we need one in Tanilba near the foreshore where people can stop on a walk. The current Tanilba Bay coffee shop services tradespeople getting takeaway, closes early and is in an unattractive part of town near the road with limited seating. I think it's a case of build it and they will come. Port Macquarie has wonderful cafes along its coastal walks (though larger population). We need to get visitor numbers up to make this viable. Publishing a walk map would help!</p> <p>Re the businesses doing upgrades to their shop fronts to make areas more appealing, I'm not sure how this would work?</p> <p>Events are great and work well when run well. There have been some great events in the Tilligerry but also some disappointing, poorly advertised and not supported events put together at the last minute that have reflected badly on our region. Is there an opportunity for ensuring events are approved only if planned in advance and perhaps a marketing kit?</p>
9	I would like to have further conversations on how we could action the trek the peninsula and incredible by nature ideas asap. A variety of questions on these ideas and how we can start the process.
10	Look at increasing the track around from Tanilba to Lemon Tree with Broadway's so the walk doesn't just have to be done at low tide
11	Town Centre needs shade, otherwise it just remains empty all the time. Parking is an issue now, but paid parking is definitely not an option.
12	The amount of liquor shops and tobacco shops in this area is more than required. I believe the council should be able to carefully determine whether it's required for the area.
13	RV parking could create problems in narrow roads and where parking is limited. Extension of paved area parking along the foreshore at Lemon Tree Passage could create great opportunities but will inevitably be divisive with local residents. Development of RV parking along Tilligerry Creek could assist without creating too much disturbance. Perhaps McCann park could be developed as it is in walking distance to Club Lemontree and the waterfront. Lack of open food venues will continue to deter visitors. Especially over Xmas almost all venues are shut at night, with only some of the licensed venues open, denying those with animal's access. Development of Maritime Industry will inevitably occur only on Oyster Cove where there are no retail shops. Little can occur at the LTP jetty due to lack of

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	space to expand. Tanilba Bay needs a kiosk that opens seasonally but the problem of vandalism will inhibit this. Perhaps a project that locals would support?
14	<p>The Place Plan should mention that it is important to have natural elements such as trees and plants in Town Centres to avoid a repeat of installing the expanse of concrete in the new LTP Town Square.</p> <p>I am opposed to "investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry" as the justifications relate to Port Stephens and not Tilligerry Peninsula. There are already two slipways with marine servicing industries attached to them (Lemon Tree Passage and Oyster Cove). The economic sustainability of adding identical businesses is questionable. Based on the Liveability Index and comments written during the Place Plan workshops, residents prioritise the protection of the environment and maintaining the natural feel of the Tilligerry waterways over an increased number of slipways and marine service industries. This action doesn't appear as a High Priority.</p> <p>I suggest adding an action item for local businesses and clubs to investigate installation of more electric vehicle charging stations.</p>
15	<p>Welcoming town centres more uniform improvements have greater impact than individual changes which can look messy.</p> <p>Trek Tilligerry does not require exercise equipment. We need pathways that connect and don't stop half way. We have no paths from Tanilba bay waterfront to school or shops or sport fields.</p> <p>RV parking will just increase litter, undesirables and hoons which are all frequent and with no policing. If we consider RV parking not near waterfront spaces where residential homes will be impacted by noise and mess.</p>
16	Most of our car parks could be used between 6pm and 8am and would help curb break-ins and any suspicious behaviour in these areas. These areas would need to be well sign posted so it is well understood responsibilities of the uses. Tasmania does this with their car parks for self-contained RVs.
17	Bike and walking tracks as we have very little need more encourage exercise should put a bike track alongside Lemon Tree Passage Road

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Q5 What do you think of each of the 'movement' action items for the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?

Answered 36, Skipped 2

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Welcome to the Tilligerry	17	11	6	0	2
Tilligerry community transport	17	14	5	0	0
Investigate options for a Tilligerry trail	25	8	2	1	0
Moving around Lemon Tree Passage	17	9	6	2	2
Improve connectivity in Tanilba town centre	21	6	8	0	1

Q6 Do you have any other great ideas or comments to add about the draft movement action items?

Answered 15, Skipped 23

#	Comments
1	The bus service in the peninsula needs to address local community access needs, such as a bus stop that serves Coles. The one-way traffic options for Lemon Tree Passage does not address the key issue of the conflicts between street parking by Henderson Park, cars towing boat trailers and pedestrians crossing the road.
2	We would like to see some parking on President Wilson Walk to create town busyness. The boat ramp needs careful expansion as most boats bring several cars with them and there is inadequate small car parking. New traffic barriers are needed in Henderson Park. The link to Salt Ash signage needs to be developed otherwise we lose the ability to invite tourists into our peninsula.
3	We need a grocery store in LTP and we need a bus from Coles at Tanilba Bay going around the Peninsular for people who are unable to drive.
4	The current approved Action Plan for Mallabula Parks and Reserves includes a pathway to connect the Mallabula Jetty to Caswell Park - part of the option for a Tilligerry Trail. This has the support of the local community as a letterbox drop was undertaken to encourage participation in the proposed Action Plan. The Trail should be close to the waterfront where possible as that is where most visitors want to be. It needs to be safe and suitable for walking, biking and disabled.
5	We need a bus stop at the Coles shopping Centre in Tanilba Bay. Mallabula Parks Committee is advancing plans to connect Caswell Lions Park to LTP Waterfront Park

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	through the existing Crown Land Reserve. There are layers of bureaucracy involved in working on Crown Land Reserves. We want to safely show off our Crown Reserves by introducing safe walking paths through these areas. Sign posting is vital to these paths.
6	The one way is the most ridiculous idea I have ever heard. These streets are wide and fine for 2 way traffic. There is lots of parking. Maybe if you had free transport by boat from Nelson bay there would be less cars or better bus services. And new signs to a one way in and one way out. Seriously, I don't know who is writing this but it is embarrassing
7	I don't believe transport issues will be resolved through more services from transport NSW. If anything we are over serviced by buses with a large percentage of bus services outside school and work peak hour times trundling around the suburb with no/few passengers. The buses go too fast on our narrow streets and have hit wildlife and dogs. It is a waste of taxpayer funds and use energy unnecessarily People need services that will get them around the region to appointments. Ubers would be perfect but there appears to not be enough demand. Buses have a role but they are not well used here and adding more is not the solution.
8	The back gate of the primary school is very unsafe as there is no crossing between President Wilson Walk and Diggers Drive. It was a safety issue when my son & daughter water at the school. I can still see it poses a risk for safely crossing the road.
9	Welcome- No room for vehicles to pull over to read sign creating a huge traffic hazard. Community transport- desperately needed. Aged population who are not computer literate rely on neighbours and friends to assist with shopping. Accessing any medical appointments is impossible due to local GPs not having spare capacity, specialist and hospitals only being accessible during daylight hours on slow buses or expensive taxis. Tilligerry trail - must be consistent, coordinated, properly signed with ownership of signs to be PSC to ensure they are legible and maintained. Again support for residents along Trail to enhance and beautify. Provision of more seating and public toilets (which are properly cleaned and monitored for damage). Identification of items of note and installation of compass signs regularly to indicate direction to other areas. Moving around LTP - more parking areas must be developed. One way roads will not improve situations and will force traffic onto narrow roads like Shearman Ave and Stanley St and cause major delays at corner of Stanley and Meredith. Tanilba Town centre- I am unsure where this is located. The development of The Caswell and new childcare centre could change the traffic outside the Kooindah centre.
10	Linking existing paths around town centres. Currently there are paths that go nowhere.
11	Moving around Lemon Tree Passage - for a Place Plan it is enough to state that Council will undertake a parking study. Including a specific example of the potential one way option obviously isn't based on any data until the study is completed. I think adding details like this distract from a Place Plan. Improve connectivity in Tanilba town centre - in direct contrast to the moving around LTP action, the statement about changing land use zoning in Tanilba isn't specific enough. What zoning is being reviewed?
12	Community transport and tourism would benefit from regular ferry services Tanilba bay. Karuah, tea soldiers Point etc. Welcome to Tilligerry be wary of graffiti and vandalism with signage. Coastal walkways need improved infrastructure to prevent erosion, erosion between Mallabula and Tanilba Bay is occurring with no break wall. Tanilba requires more focus of council funds, peace park boat ramp and carpark should be sealed, paths to connect to business from waterfront.

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13	The clubs could provide a local small bus service to residents from home to shops / doctors / clubs so large buses could stay on the main road not have to travel through the suburb if a bus stopped at the shopping centre.
14	more foot paths for safety for wheelchairs, scooters, prams, walkers etc
15	Bike paths

Q7 What do you think of each of the 'quality open space' action items for the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?

Answered 36, Skipped 2

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Public art to showcase the Tilligerry	13	11	10	1	1
Activate your own public space	15	14	6	1	0
A new masterplan for Mallabula Sports Complex	16	13	7	0	0
Boat ramp/car park upgrades	16	10	10	0	0
Tilligerry Aquatic Centre review	11	8	11	3	3

Q8 Do you have any other great ideas or comments to add about the draft quality open space action items?

Answered 16, Skipped 22

Comments	
1	The boat ramps at Lemon Tree Passage are a major drawcard for visitors. The review of the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre needs to recognise that the pool is not that old and that a reduction in services was not raised or foreshadowed in Council's Strategic Management Plan for 2018 - 28. The pool is an important local asset and ways need to be found to increase patronage. A monument is not necessary for Tanilba House and could end up as unpopular as statues of Captain Cook. A celebration is appropriate and both the good and bad stories of early settler heritage should be told.
2	We think the stone gates are a sufficient bicentennial monument but they can't be changed too much without destroying their integrity. There are locals who want to add artwork into very niche. We would like to see a series of nature statues. A celebration needs to be planned. The Aquatic Centre needs to be enhanced and maintained. There is no residential access to the water in Oyster Cove and for a place with a large

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maritime footprint and ambition this needs to be addressed with a foreshore park. We would like to see a plan to include youth activities in this place plan- many of our older community groups do not see this as their concern.

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- 3 I keep asking myself why Nelson Bay is so popular with tourists and the Tilligerry is not. What can we do to change that? I don't think Art is enough and our businesses are really suffering
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- 4 Tilligerry Aquatic Centre happened because of a long and sustained public campaign. I strongly oppose any move to close this facility. Learn to swim classes for all of the areas children would turn this into a busy facility. Better entrepreneurial management of the Centre is required,
Public art needs to be of sufficient merit to warrant public display.
Walking access to the Mallabula Jetty needs to be provided. Allowing use of this jetty for ferries and other water transport is essential. Improved jetty facilities including variable water height platform and swimmer access to the jetty via ladder are needed.
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- 5 Better pedestrian access to the Mallabula Jetty (and addition of a safe ladder to exit the water onto the Jetty is essential.
Public Art needs to be of a sufficient standard to attract people.
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- 6 Ok, Shane I can't write under each item which would make more sense than bundling it here in this box at the end. Public art - no, unless it's First Nations people's art, yes council Organising open space activities including entertainment and food vans etc, the sports complex needs to have a new building with indoor basketball court and table tennis and other things for kids to hang out at with a police youth liaison office being a part of this police youth club. Also for council to organise monthly involvement days for the different ages with parents being involved too that might involve a swim race, a bike ride, a basketball match. Kids versus parents as an example. Maybe if the aquatic centre was more interesting and entertaining for kids and even some seniors classes for fitness, it may get used more. Maybe an open day every 2 months. With council rates so high, not many people have money left to spend on things. I suggest less council workers and more productive work. No to Tanilba house monument. Not important
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- 7 Make the pool 50m
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- 8 All good ideas.
Art could be good, but I do worry about vandalism to the art.
The other items are good ideas. In particular the bicentenary. This should be a massive opportunity for our peninsula to celebrate and promote the area.
Many, many people who come to Tanilba House events say "I never knew this area existed". We need to put it on the map. DPS can help but public events can help. A significant bicentenary monument and celebration is a huge opportunity that will bring people here. We believe the area behind the Temple is a perfect place for a suitable garden with a fountain / monument.
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- 9 Creating an artwork brochure similar to the Scavenger Hunt to give visitors information on the art and artists / Nelson bay has an art walk and it is another wonderful incentive to hand to visitors to the area alongside the Scavenger Hunt brochure.
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- 10 Mallabula sporting complex is in dire need for an upgrade. An indoor sports centre would be very useful for our area too as we have a lot of sporting families that participate in various sports including adults. This could potentially expand into other sports during winter e.g. futsal, volleyball. It could also be valuable to our local primary school as a resource.
The boat ramp at the end of avenue of the allies is not really accessible for people to use as it's too steep to launch/ hook a boat.

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- 11 Public art- needs to occur across multiple locations- plan an Art week with exhibitions in Council owned premises, competitions at Henderson Park and Tanilba locations for open air activities. Employ a worker to encourage development of more community enabled groups operating out of existing locations such as Mallabula Hall, Foreshore Hall and LTPOSC. Use those myriad of small parks to encourage light outdoor exercise, simple ball skills etc
Mallabula master plan needs input of all sports groups that use it. There has been major expansion of soccer in the area which should be supported.
Boat ramp car park. More of both but away from immediate Henderson park precinct.
Aquatic centre- we need it open more and not less. In peak summer it closes too early. It is used by elderly and disabled during shoulder seasons but cost can be prohibitive.
School groups require local access for lessons, given the huge rise in drowning this year. The idea of a gym has been muted and perhaps this could enhance site.
Bicentenary monument- needs extensive research with all sections of community, not just those who have existing ear of Council. Whilst gates were relevant when erected a static monument will not have the same impact. Ask children at school for input
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- 12 Make the pool more attractive for families so it gets utilised more.
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- 13 Boat ramp/car park upgrades - Using the search function on Council's website I couldn't find Council's Boating and Fishing Infrastructure Plan.
Tilligerry Aquatic Centre review - a Place Plan shouldn't include flagging a cut to a Council service unless it's based on feedback that this is what the community wants.
Plan for a bicentenary monument - could be read as though we are getting more stone gates.
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- 14 Tanilba and Mallabula boat ramps are in dire need or improvement and parking to be sealed.
The aquatic centre is not used door to its poor quality, my kids have swimming lessons in Raymond Terrace leisure centre due to better pool, larger pool and better heating. Plus more lesson availability for a working family.
Supportive of a monument depending on specifics. Would to like to see something grand, strong and lifelong similar to the historic gates.
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- 15 A car park needs to be extended at the Foreshore Hall so the Seniors Citizens hall has access to car parking on the vacant block next to it. The Seniors Hall shares a driveway with the Independent living estate but has no turn around for cars only to drive across grass or back out onto a busy road. This is such a dangerous situation where vehicles park on both sides of road and large buses are frequently moving in this area.
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- 16 The issues with the Aquatic Centre relate to a lack of access and rather than extended closure they need to make the hours of operation more accessible to the working members of the community.

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Q9 What do you think of the 'management and safety' action items for the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?

Answered 36, Skipped 2

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Establish a town team	15	13	7	1	0
Light it up	16	11	7	2	0
Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility	18	9	7	0	2
Community connect	18	10	6	1	1
Be prepared for emergencies	23	8	4	1	0
Create a community hub	19	8	8	1	0
Enhance the Tanilba gates	18	8	6	3	1
Signage audit	18	10	7	1	0
Recognise the indigenous history and culture of the area	20	9	7	0	0
Increase housing supply and diversity	15	3	12	4	2

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Q10 Do you have any other great ideas or comments to add about the draft management and safety action items?

Answered 16, Skipped 22

#	Comments
1	There is no image provided showing locations to investigate for future housing. With respect to this, the Hunter Region Plan says "For Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage secondary dwellings and low rise housing like dual occupancies and townhouses are suitable. Local strategic planning should incorporate the views of local communities".
2	TCA has been running community meetings at our own cost to hire halls- we need a community hub desperately. Tilligerry Place that is rarely open is labelled community info but Tomaree NC has walked away. The signage audit confined to Tanilba Bay has left broken signs in other villages and we should be working across the whole community.
3	Chamber of Commerce structure is more suitable for engaging business in promoting the area. Tasteful lighting of the Gates will enhance this feature. Working closely with the Worimi is essential, as they are major land holders on the Peninsula. This area has not reached critical population mass to encourage a new range of businesses. The large proportion of holiday houses means that the present housing is not well used to populate the area, I favour an up rather than out approach to new housing. The commercial areas have poor internal connection and this needs to be addressed (especially TB)
4	Town teams already exist to some extent through the various Parks groups, service groups, and are already functioning and could quickly become Town Teams. My greatest fear is that of fire. There is little done to reduce fuel loads on existing bushland and Crown land. A second road out of town is also essential for long term safety. Better, easy to find, information on Council Website of services and activities on the Tilligerry
5	Council being the town team coordinator, not leaving it to the people as it won't happen. Again council is trying to not be involved. We just got lights but have no exercise equipment to use and most can walk on the road if wanting to go for a walk so waste of money unless equipment to use. Hmm, crime prevention, I can't see you suggesting anything, what is the action plan? I would suggest more police presence , more cameras, speed cameras and I know that's not council but YOU do need to liaise with them and get it sorted and it's not the public's responsibility but those resources, police and council to have systems in place for crime, yes to noticeboard, yes to being prepared for emergencies, NO to a property owner having their private residency for a community hub but council should have a hall or build something for the community, no to Tanilba gates and lights in front of a roundabout which would just cause accidents looking at what's lit up, that would be very dangerous, more signage repairs, maybe look into how to have signage that can't get damaged in the first instance and YES to indigenous culture with a monthly open day for locals and getting educational tours happening in the local areas like mangrove walk etc, and no to housing as the koalas are the priority and the natural environment needs to be protected!!

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6	<p>A community noticeboard is a little old fashioned given that most people including the elderly get their info online (especially considering mobility issues for older community members). If there are events on it is always on the local Facebook page rather than a noticeboard that quickly gets out of date. So I think its use is limited. There is one in the Kooindah centre and it is not well used or up to date for example.</p> <p>The town team idea is fine as a concept but it does need to be inclusive. Past experience shows that the community is turned off by dominant personalities running these community groups and support for them quickly diminishes.</p> <p>People who purport to represent the community in fact have limited engagement with them. It can get quite political so its leadership should rotate and members should be able to vote on who represents them. Should this also be attended/championed by the local member for example?</p> <p>Other ideas are great. Improving the gate gardens is a must do!</p>
7	No image of planned area for development
8	There was no image to show where housing supply could increase, more info please.
9	<p>Town Team- yes, yes. But not the same people. We need diverse input. Community leaders need to be identified but need to have focus on particular issue. If the same ones in all areas then there won't be diverse input and particular issues could overwhelm.</p> <p>Light it up- Unfortunately because there aren't open venues then more lighting is redundant. Only a few places at LTP and 2 restaurants at Tanilba.</p> <p>Crime prevention- constant problem particularly in holidays.</p> <p>Community connect and community hub should be combined. Problem is location. Kooindah shops would seem logical but no space. Must be accessible to people who don't drive. But could incorporate coordination for community transport, support to access internet shopping and in-home support services.</p> <p>Tanilba gates don't require any other enhancements apart from those already funded such as up lighting (Progress Association) and lecterns for new Tanilba Heritage trail.</p> <p>Signals audit- already undertaken in Tanilba. Needs to be extended. Signage needs to be legible, consistent, correct and controlled by council in public spaces. Could be managed by Town team.</p> <p>Indigenous history and culture- needs to have local elders involved at managerial level and reflect their wishes.</p> <p>Housing supply and diversity- peninsula is at capacity. Needs huge capital and infrastructure input.</p>
10	Ensure that the council's online community directory is kept up to date, perhaps by engaging a team of local community members to keep council informed about changes.
11	<p>I think spending money on lighting and landscaping the Tanilba gates isn't a spending priority for most people.</p> <p>I didn't have the image below which references potential locations to investigate opportunities for future housing but as in previous actions I don't believe the Place Plan should have such fine detail without data and community feedback informing them.</p>
12	<p>Don't see need for spaces for elderly and youth to come together.</p> <p>The crime prevention paragraph gives no specific on what will occur. Best crime prevention would be police outside business hours or CCTV.</p> <p>I am opposed to some items above purely as I see no value to cost.</p> <p>Increased housing and development could be beneficial if done right. No housing commissions, waterfront business opportunities, housing estates lemon tree passage</p>

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road and oyster cover could be good, further housing between Lemon Tree and Mallabula.

13 The Community hall in Mallabula is underutilised and should be used as a meeting place for youth. As far as more development there are pockets of over development happening now but the impact is on others as these developments are not being supervised and residents are having to cope. As a member of the Tilligerry Community Association helping to raise the money to provide the lighting to the Entry gates which will be a great improvement as you enter our Town and its history.

14 Community centre or hub is much needed.
As a recent resident of this area I have found it difficult to access community events & groups.

15 Indigenous projects should be a priority work with the Worimi people

16 Town Team needs to be populated with a cross section of the community rather than the usual suspects who tend to discourage involvement.

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Q11 Do you have any final comments about the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?

Answered 19, Skipped 19

Comments

- 1 Tilligerry Community Association has been trying to work across the geographic peninsula for 12 years. When the Tilligerry Plan was first agreed we were gratified that council was not planning a LTP Plan and a Tanilba Bay Plan etc but an across peninsula process that recognises Salt Ash is our access. We would hope this would be continued as an unsightly graffiti on the Telstra substation and weed mass at Salt Ash is not a welcoming feature.
We have worked for the last 12 years building the stage etc at Lemon Tree Passage and we don't want to go back to 12 years ago when Tanilba Bay looked at what Lemon Tree Passage was getting and wanted one of those too, We are one community with shared resources.

- 2 If something is not done to bring people to LTP the town will become a ghost town.

- 3 I have no confidence that the formulated plan will be used by Council or the community. We need to have a real commitment from the Council to ensure this plan is followed.

- 4 It is the worst draft plan I have ever read in my life. Nothing proactive, nothing showing what the youth would like or what the elderly needs are and nothing saying how the council plans on protecting the koalas and the natural environment. Just a lot of words with no meaning in that action plan. Way too much trying to get volunteers and not enough Council involvement. I would love to see where my rates are going in Tilligerry itself.

- 5 If Tilligerry had a good pub and some good places to eat it would attract triple the amount of people. Whether it's first home buyers, renters or visitors. Tilligerry is majorly out dated and has huge potential as a coastal town attached to port Stephens. Don't let it get left behind - there's massive money to be made here if it gets done right.

- 6 Walks and walk maps, signs, bicentenary and beautification projects are what I think are the priority. Would be very happy to discuss!

- 7 There are a few things that I would like more clarification on before I could support them.

- 8 If we want to discuss ideas and how to begin a process who are our best contacts at the council?

- 9 Sounds good, seems like a lot of thought has gone into the plan

- 10 A lot of issues identified that will not be resolved with existing community input. Many are reluctant to be involved as they feel they are ignored. Many initiatives attempted over the years but community members "burned" by lack of transparency and hidden agendas. I am only a newcomer to the area but have listened to many people complaining about same issues.
Please consider all remarks for community consultation. I attendee consultation at Henderson Park and felt that resident's comments were not considered. Outcome was basically what council proposed and issues such as shade were belatedly addressed. In summer it remains largely unused due to the heat and the focus towards the Marina is misguided and should be towards the open water
Forgot to mention emergency management. Models are being developed for community emergency management which could be of use to our community.

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- 11 Youth crime and drugs are a prominent issue in our community at present. We need more lighting in our community and police presence increased as we have a lot of vulnerable people residing here.

- 12 Additional shade required. I'm not sure that an additional aboriginal specific effort is required and cannot see the value. Traffic flow needs community input, particularly for the streets that will be affected. Additional smaller, community housing is required as the older community has no downsizing opportunities and will take the history away from LTP with them (which is very sad).

- 13 While I acknowledge that it isn't always possible, I would like more time to complete surveys that fall over the Christmas/New Year period.

- 14 A review of dog off lead areas is required, i.e. shouldn't be where endangered birds are as well as more policing of on lead areas.

- 15 Main items:
 - paths
 - policing
 - break walls and erosion prevention

- 16 It is so important to have a plan but it is very important how these villages are linked together and not divided by name. The whole area has such a unique and important role to the Port Stephens LGA with its history, wildlife corridors and remoteness. There is a willing group of volunteers in Marine Rescue, Tilligerry Community Association, The Gallery, The Habitat, The Combined Churches, Landcare and every Sporting/ Dancing group, Dog Obedience and Auto Club along with our Aged Care Facility to cater for all.

- 17 It seems vague. We need concrete action to install a sea wall along lot 290 of DP 41306 to protect the swamp mahogany forest that is koala habitat. Otherwise a further 35m of coastline will disappear and much of the forest with it. This will protect the walking path that is extensively used by locals and tourists.

- 18 Some Great ideas however how are they going to be implemented?

- 19 We have such a wonderful environment that needs some enhancement to achieve its full potential

Q12 Contact information – please include at least your name and email

Answered 33; Skipped 5

Information not included to protect participant's privacy

Q13 After the Tilligerry Place Plan is adopted, we will look at setting up Town Teams for The Tilligerry. A Town Team is a group of people who want to be involved in helping deliver some amazing projects for their place. If you are interested in creating or joining a Town Team or even just learning more about the process, please check the box below and we will keep in touch.

Answered 26, Skipped 19

26 people interested that they would like to be involved in future town team project for Tilligerry.

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Appendix D: Phase 4 – Public Exhibition 26 March to 29 April 2025



Drop in held in conjunction with Open Day at Mallabula Aquatic Centre 5 April 2025 (this free event was supported financially by PSC)



Drop in held outside Tanilba Bay shops (Coles) on 17 April 2025

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Full guided submission survey results from Public Exhibition Period 26 March to 29 April 2025

Note: some spelling and grammar changes have been made to ensure clarity of comment only

Q1 How supportive are you of the Environmental Sustainability action items?

Answered 18; Skipped 1

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Immerse yourself in nature	11	5	2	0	0
Caring for the local environment	10	6	2	0	0
Help keep it clean and tidy	12	6	0	0	0
Saving Koalas	13	4	0	0	0
Avenue of the Allies	6	6	6	0	0

Q2 Do you have any further comments about the draft Environmental Sustainability action items?

Answered 17; Skipped 12

#	Comment
1	Erosion is a Tanilba Bay and Tilligerry Creek big issue. We got ignored virtually in the coastal management plan. I propose a project to trial some areas of small plants planting to try to stabilize the edges and not wait 8 years before we have action.
	Events support from council- History festival / Tilligerry festival - any plans?
2	Action 2 - Community groups need to work within guidelines and limits set by Council. We have observed that some groups have only been interested in beautifying limited areas to their own advantage and not necessarily to best environmental practice.
	Action 3 - A rubbish bin needs to be placed at the new toilet block in Lemon Tree Passage.
	Actions 4 - On/Off-leash dog areas need to be more clearly identified and enforced. We live overlooking the marine park and a Council reserve that is on-leash, but every day we see multiple dogs off-leash.
	Action 5 - The Avenue of the Allies is a key access point to Tanilba Bay between the historic gate structures. The heritage of this road needs to be respected and ideally with replacement of the Norfolk Pine trees.

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#	Comment
	<p>Action 6 - The actions for the Tilligerry in the Port Stephens CMP are inadequate, since they are based on no data and no understanding of coastal erosion processes in the Inner Port. Access to the peninsula is via one road. In the six years that we have lived in Lemon Tree Passage, the road has been closed due to flood, fire and fallen trees on a number of occasions. The time frame indicated for development of a climate change adaptation strategy is too long. This strategy needs urgent attention.</p>
3	<p>I would like to see qualified people being consulted before Council endorses plans with volunteers that have impacted habitat corridors not with positive outcomes.</p>
4	<p>Restoration of the Tanilba foreshore from the boat ramp down to the habitat. This area is mainly bare of vegetation and trees. Barriers to stop people parking on grass and picnic areas would be great. More trees and seating are needed.</p>
5	<p>Infill development is not needed here. The koala's shoulder be protected and human population kept as it is.</p> <p>Our roads are terrible fix them and pickup our trash and we are happy.</p> <p>You might want to look into previous rezoning at Swan bay [REDACTED] seems like an abuse of power and corruption.</p>
6	<p>Please do not reduce operating hours of our Tilligerry pool. I was involved in the original project to raise money for this pool when council challenged us to raise 50% of the cost. To the amazement of council we did this after many Leamington drives pie drives and blue light Discos. I think it is unlikely that many people in council now will remember these days. This pool is a community asset. It is ours we have paid for it. The fact that it runs at a loss is no surprise. Please tell me what pool in Australia or indeed the world runs at a profit. Especially when it is a community pool.</p> <p>The council has built a skate park and bike tracks, tennis courts, and footpaths For our people.</p> <p>None of these extra facilities which are very welcome, an additional cost to the user. Why then should the Tilly pool be any different? There doesn't appear any suggestion that kids need to pay to use the skate park or cyclist to use the cycle path. So why impose this hardship on those of us who wish to swim each day. We pay our fees and we realise that Belgravia leisure is under contract. However, they would have known the population size here when they entered into this contract. That has been apparent for a long time that we are the poor relation in terms of obtaining ongoing maintenance and updates at the Tilly Gerry aquatic Centre. However, we put up with this with good Grace and apparently all these things will be fixed in time. I put it to you that we pay our rates in the same way as those at Raymond Terrace and Nelson Bay and we should not be treated any differently or at a disadvantage. Please come and talk to us if you really need to know why we want this pool open. In my cell and my husband's case we have both been diagnosed with cancer and are swimming in the hope that this will prolong our lives and increase our chances of remission.</p> <p>Please do not disregard the submission. We have lived on the peninsula for almost 40 years. We pay our taxes with contribute to the community in terms of volunteering at Marine Rescue. We believe that is unfair for us not to be able to use the pool for the propose six months per year. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

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I challenge and a member of council to attend the pool at 6 am on Any Given Day and see how much it is used by our older generation. If council chooses to reduce the operational hours What on earth will we do. Most of us cannot afford to drive to Raymond Terrace or Tomaree. The suggestion that this pool should be closed for six months of the year is outrageous and totally out of touch with what we need. Do you realise that most of the older people who attend are just simply trying to stay alive and to improve their health and therefore reduce the cost to taxpayers in terms of medical care.

7 no

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Q3 What do you think of each of the 'economy' action items for the draft Tilligerry Place Plan? (Answered 18; Skipped 1)

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Create welcoming town centres	9	5	3	1	0
It's On! In the Tilligerry	7	7	4	0	0
Investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry	5	4	8	1	0
Test and trial in Tilligerry	6	4	7	1	0
Investigate RV parking / kayak camping	6	1	5	6	0

Q4 Do you have any other great ideas or comments to add about the draft economy action items?

Answered 17; Skipped 11

#	Comment
1	RV area in Tanilba Bay as well as LTP would work well.
2	<p>Action 7 - The first step to creating a welcoming town centre is to provide safe and comfortable access, so a road with no ruts or pot holes! Council needs to place a much higher priority on upgrading Lemon Tree Passage Road. Tanilba Bay has a dysfunctional commercial centre, with poor access between the Coles Supermarket and the Kooindah Centre. With proposed new housing and commercial development in this area, Council needs to give much more attention to the planning and layout of Tanilba Bay. Oyster Cove must be one of the most unwelcoming town places in Australia and provides no public access to the waterfront.</p> <p>Action 9 - Development of Oyster Cove would require Council support to promote the area, as well as improved road access (i.e. pot hole repairs)</p> <p>Action 10 - Local businesses are struggling and shops are closing. Local coffee shops often seem to be closed when tourists are mostly likely to visit. Council is not promoting the Tilligerry Peninsula as a tourist destination despite its heritage, waterfront access and natural beauty. At best, the peninsula is promoted as a possible day trip destination from Nelson Bay - what about a day trip from Newcastle? We see busloads of visitors arrive for trips on the Wangi Queen, but what efforts are being made to encourage these visitors to return another day?</p> <p>Action 11 - It is suggested that overnight RV campers should be required to pay a nominal</p>

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#	Comment
	fee, which could be done easily on-line with recording of the vehicle registration fee. Kayak camping could be a unique experience but would require public access to the Oyster Cove waterfront.
3	<p>The existing area allocated as the “LTP town centre” has no available space for new restaurant or retail development that maximises the stunning water views across to Soldiers Point on the LTP waterfront. Whilst there may be future issues with coastal hazards these could be mitigated with smart design. Currently there is next to no restaurant or retail spaces on the Tilligerry peninsula and providing future opportunities like this by reconsidering the LTP town centre will provide a more appetizing opportunity for investors that will maximise their returns.</p> <p>The best location for such a development would be the eastern end of Henderson Park on Cook Parade adjacent to the LTP boat ramp car park. The current LTP town centre could never compete with or achieve the long term benefits that a greenfield site like this could provide.</p>
4	When you visit the facilities at Nelson Bay many RV campers are using them for showering which impacts on beach users who pay for accommodation in the area.
5	I think the town centres need to be more attractive especially LTP. The park has improved a lot but across the road has not.
6	<p>Local economy is what it is. Don't try to mess with it.</p> <p>The free camping people at the lemon tree passage boat ramp parking area are taking up space and contribute nothing but waste.</p>
7	Please see above [refer Q2 #6]
8	In the RIGHT PLACE. There needs to be a monitored time limit and use of public facilities and a place that is not detrimental to the public and local residences.
9	<p>Welcoming section - no specific plans or strategy for people with limited mobility. Just the usual phrases. You can and should do better. e.g. look at and assist each public fronted business individually and improve access accordingly.</p> <p>Kayak camping PS-wide with locations setup to store kayaks can differentiate our area and attract more visitors for an extended period. Our old toilet block might be used as some kind of storage facility in this regard</p>

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Q5 What do you think of each of the Movement and Place action items? (Answered 17, Skipped 2)

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Trek the Tilligerry	7	6	3	1	0
Tilligerry community transport	9	4	3	0	1
Moving around Lemon Tree Passage	6	3	5	3	0
Improve connectivity in Tanilba Town Centre	12	3	1	0	1

Q6 Do you have any further comments about the draft Movement and Place action items? (Answered 11, Skipped 8)

#	Comments
1	Track between Mallabula and Lemon tree passage on foreshore exists now but could enhanced and marked. A change in the bus route and create a bus stop on LTP Road near Tanilba shopping centre (Coles) would help many people in our area. Many people are elderly and the closest bus stop is not close.
2	Have never noticed traffic in our area but am originally from Sydney so bad comparison. The pathway connection will be a game changer. Please make sure this is suitable for cyclist (kids and teens can connect to each other much safer through these paths) as well as accessibility for motor scooter and prams. At present you do need to cross the road from the Mallabula side to the LTP side - can this be done on the straight so kids can see vehicles coming. At the moment most cross on the bend near the caravan park
3	Action 12 - Development of walking paths along the foreshore from Lemon Tree Passage to Tanilba Bay, as well as over Lemon Tree Passage Hill, should be a priority. This area would quickly become a hiking destination. Action 13 - The absence of a bus stop at Coles is difficult to understand and is long overdue. This is critical given the demographics of the area and should be given a high priority. Action 14 - A parking study and improvements to pedestrian safety are supported, but the change to one way streets in Lemon Tree Passage is not supported as it would result in traffic accidents due to non-compliance and is unlikely to yield many extra parking spaces. The recent change to one way operation in the Coles car park has not been fully accepted by the community and non-compliance is frequently observed. Similar non-compliance is observed at the no right turn from the Coles car park to Lemon Tree

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Passage Road.

Action 15 - As noted under action 7, Tanilba Bay has a dysfunctional commercial centre, with poor access between the Coles Supermarket and the Kooindah Centre. With proposed new housing and commercial development in this area, Council needs to give much more attention to the planning and layout of this town centre.

- 4 One way roads in LTP sound like a waste of funds. Improved parking, traffic flow with roadabouts etc, and improved overall road condition would be more beneficial.
- 5 I am opposed to one way streets due to occasional heavy traffic.
- 6 Shared pathways connecting both communities to the Mallabula sports complex is essential. The entrance to this area is inadequate and it needs to be more visible from the main road at present it is screened by scrub. Visibility would also improve patronage and safety of users. A coastal walk connecting Mallabula and LTP is a great idea.
- 7 The more public transport the more criminals will be out here.
- 8 Yes, please see above [refer Q2 #6]
- 9 Tilligerry Community Transport exists on one bus to the Terrace via Medowie. No taxi service here, only hire car if you can afford that? Otherwise it is another bus to the Bay or Newcastle for those that can't or don't drive. What is the sufficient size of population to warrant a regular transport option to the hospitals to even attend appointments?
- 10 Once again - no specific plans, strategy or even mention of people with limited mobility beyond saying its "accessible". Easy to use the term, but is it, in reality, actually a fact.

**** There should be a comprehensive coach / bus interchange at the Airport. Increase and rationalize bus transport to enable residents to actually be able to use public transport to get to and from work off the peninsula. The airport is ideally situated to act as a hub for bus movements from the Tomaree and Tilligerry peninsula. This approach is aligned with the Hunter transport management plan to increase public transport patronage. I saw no indication of such a transport hub at the airport which is an opportunity missed.
- 11 Community & youth together

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Q7 What do you think of each of the Quality Open Space action items? (Answered 18; Skipped 1)

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Mallabula Sports Complex Masterplan	9	4	3	1	0
Boat ramp/ carpark upgrades	10	5	2	0	0
Futureproof the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre	12	2	1	1	2
Celebrate the history of the Tilligerry	8	8	1	0	0

Q8 Do you have any further comments about the draft Quality Open Space action items? (Answered 11; Skipped 8)

- Comments**
- The pool is an essential part of our community. Changes to times open would be disruptive. Aqua aerobics twice a week well attended plus general usage. Closing for 6 months- bad news. Potential decision not liked by the community. A shade cover over the pool would be beneficial.

The council has threatened over the years to take away some of our current low tide boat ramps which are used frequently. The biggest boat ramp is LTP - council has only recently done a major upgrade. Car parking on LTP foreshore is always busy but seems to work.

Tanilba Bay - outside Kooindah shops on President Wilson Walk - the no parking signs need to be changed to all more street parking it is wide enough to facilitate more street parking.

Tanilba Point - our oldest historical area - possible to make a historical conservation area not just for the historical features- Tanilba House, Hallorans walls, Summer House , change room, etc but to protect the natural environment - trees etc. An older house with 1920 stone chimney was sold recently demolished. No protection at all for the original chimney built in Henry Hallorans' time here.
 - Lighting is everything for the sports complex and as it links the whole community through all the sports, skate park and youth services. Look at Umina Skate park and sports complex to see safe usage in the evening by locals. youth currently uses the space to drink and additional lighting will help keep them safe and prevent constant damage
 - I believe Council should stop focusing on community pools being profit making. I am against the proposed longer periods of closure.
 - The carparks at Tanilba boat ramps and the tennis court need upgrading these carparks are also used by people using other nearby facilities.

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- 5 The Tilligerry Aquatic Centre is a vital resource for locals, encouraging people, including older people, to maintain fitness as well as social connection. Extended winter closure would not be a preferred option.

- 6 The pool should stay. Find a way to make it happen.

- 7 Please see above

- 8 Futureproof The Tilligerry Aquatic Centre is required to be open to all public with minimum closure. I am AGAINST EXTENDED WINTER CLOSURE. The pool operator, Belgravia, has been lax with the management and promotion of our pool. The disabled and elderly are at a disadvantage with information and resources if they are not on social media, limited access to internet or mobile phones. Therefore the pool operator has not been promoting money making events such as swim squads (none at present) Aqua classes, swim school days/times or any encouragement to visit during school holidays. The pool Winter hours are now active at the start of these school holidays and Easter break, with closure by 12pm weekdays and only open for 3 hours 9am - 12pm weekends. Why? The weather is still warm and we only have limited hours whilst both Tomaree and Lakeside pools are still open normal Summer hours. It is easy to show a deficit by no promotions, signage within the pool grounds of current activities available to members, their guests and visitors and closing the pool whilst the weather is still suitable to swim all day up until the end of May. If Belgravia has no money making promotions or events at present, how does the Council support them to facilitate promotion of regular events in the future? This pool started as a \$100,000.00 community donated and funded venture for this community. It is a meeting place where everyone is welcome and can feel a part of the community and not isolated. The disabled and elderly alike. Isn't our mental health important too? Is our pool not relevant anymore for people to stay active with low impact exercise? A place that keeps us regularly fit for the mind, body and soul? We as a community should not be penalised with access to our pool for 9 months of the year due to lack of population, feasibility statistics and lack of promotion to make our pool better! The disabled and elderly are especially impacted and discriminated with this OPTION.

- 9 I do NOT agree with Tilligerry Aquatic Centres hours being reduce! This facility has been the major source of physiotherapy for myself after having double knee replacement in Feb 2024, if not for this pool I would not of recovered as well as I have. There are a lot of community members that use this pool for their physiotherapy, it is also a major source of social interaction for a lot of elderly people who cannot drive the distance to other pools. Majority of the staff at the pool are locals, if the pools hours are cut they will be without work.

- 10 As a regular aquatic centre user I am constantly disappointed at the lack of maintenance in particular ladies showers. Also am opposed to the proposal of a 6 month closure, I imagine that would mean closing late March each season which is too early. I am one of the regulars who are still swimming now in April and will continue to do so.

- 11 Extending the closure times of the pool is the kiss of death for the facility. Of course the expense of running a pool will stick out in any spreadsheet as a significant cost centre. But sometimes it is up to Council to provide facilities that do cost money but increase the wellbeing and health of residents immeasurably. It seems inconceivable that the future of the pool is in doubt when the sporting area development options is in train.

Q9 What do you think of the Management and Safety action items? (Answered 17; Skipped 2)

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Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Light it up	8	7	2	0	0
Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility	11	4	2	0	0
Community connect	9	5	3	0	0
Be prepared for emergencies	11	6	0	0	0
Create a community hub	10	3	4	0	0
Increase housing supply and diversity	5	7	4	0	1

Q10 What do you think of each of the Management and Safety action items?
(Answered 9; Skipped 10)

#	Comments
1	<p>The housing policy sent to the State government not good. Take away half of the golf course for housing as a housing strategy stinks.</p> <p>More effective street lighting - yes.</p> <p>How about lighting the dark inner side of the historic gates at Tanilba Bay? The lights set up recently have been set up on the lighter side of the gates where cars can see them. The dark side inner side between the gates is not lit up at all.</p> <p>Community centre sounds a wonderful idea.</p>
2	<p>If the depot is moving to the other side of the road in Mallabula is there opportunity to make this space a youth centre. This could be link to the current services at the community hall who are only able to support to 12 years of age. Motorbikes will always be an issue but is there option to educate youth on safety and preferred locations. Most don't mind the bushes and trails as long as trees aren't damaged but riding with no light on at night around bends and on footpaths at school bell times is the real danger</p>
3	<p>Action 20 - The lighting of the Tanilba Gates has not been the success that it could have been and is a missed opportunity. While the outward facing facades have been lit, the highlighting is minimal and difficult to see due to the high mast street lighting. Unfortunately the inward facing facades remain unlit and unseen at night time.</p> <p>Action 22 - Too many community groups, including Council, rely on Facebook to provide information. Facebook is a very unreliable and lazy way to communicate and we often</p>

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miss events or event cancellations because organisers incorrectly assume that Facebook's algorithm will promote unpaid advertising.

Action 23 - As noted under action 6, access to the peninsula is via one road. In the six years that we have lived in Lemon Tree Passage, the road has been closed due to flood, fire and fallen trees on a number of occasions.

Action 25 - It is noted that the Hunter Regional Plan says that low rise development would be suitable in Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage, but Council's proposal for infill developments of 3 to 4 storeys is not low rise. We would like to see better and more proactive Council planning and control of development in the area, rather than letting private developers set the planning agenda.

- 4** The community needs are only 2.1% of the residents. I believe you should consider reviewing how you connect with residents of the Tilligerry Peninsula
- 5** Lighting along pathways is essential to keep everyone safe. Our community is a safer place now than in the past.
- 6** We don't want or need more housing supply. Stop trying to turn TilliGerry into a crowded version of lake side. We don't want it!!!!
- 7** Make it easier to respond to these types of proposed changes. Bear in mind that many of your constituents are of an age where IT may not be so easy for them to understand or to follow and give options such as phone or written responses. Your webpage is not user-friendly
- 8** Increase housing supply and diversity needs to be very careful in not wiping out and destroying our beautiful natural environment. Unlike Medowie zones that has destroyed many trees to expand and create new housing estates, I do not want that destruction of habitat here! No condensed housing either as our infrastructure cannot handle the existing traffic and roads and one supermarket at present.
- 9** Overall co-ordinator for emergency action needed. E.g. if we are forced to gather on the waterfront as a last resort due to a bushfire on the peninsula. Who would be in charge? What needs to happen?

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Q11 The draft Tilligerry Place Plan provides a list of potential projects that could be undertaken to create better places and spaces in the Tilligerry. This can be viewed on page 20 and page 21, as seen in the image below. View the plan to see this in full detail. Do you have any comments on the projects listed on page 21 of the draft Plan? Page 20 and 21 of draft Tilligerry Place Plan (Answered 12; Skipped 7)



Creating better places and spaces map

Recreation Projects		Civil Projects	
1	Mallabula Sports Complex, Mallabula - Roadlighting and power upgrades	2025	
2	Mungahs Reserve - Baseball Upgrade	2025	
3	Sunset Park, Tanilba Bay - park furniture and upgrade works	2025	
4	Tanilba Park Amenities Replacement	2026	
5	Lemon Tree Passage Wharf - Replace swim net	2022	
6	Quee Reserve, Tanilba Bay - playground	2025	
Potential Future Projects			
7	City Park Reserve, Lemon Tree Passage - boat ramp	2027	
1	Shared path - President Wilson Walk, Tanilba Bay - shared path from Perding Place to Diggers Drive	2027	
2	Shared path - President Wilson Walk, Tanilba Bay - shared path from Diggers Drive to Kingshead Avenue	2027	
3	Keweenaw Street, Lemon Tree Passage - shared path from Willich Street to Keweenaw Parade	2027	
4	Lemon Tree Passage Road, Lemon Tree Passage from Bl both St to Industrial Drive, Lemon Tree Passage	2027	
5	Shared path - Stillmore Road, Mallabula and Patricks Road, Mallabula shared path from Perding Place to Aquatic Centre	2026	
6	Elizabeth Avenue - Lemon Tree Passage to John Poesche	2029	
7	Stankly Street, Upgrading the drainage system	2024	
8	President Wilson Walk, Tanilba Bay - Upgrading the drainage system from LTP road to Golf Course via President Wilson Walk	2026	
9	Tanilba Road, Mallabula - Construct and upgrade and install pipe drainage system along Tanilba Road, quiet residential lane	2029	
Potential Future Projects			
10	Tanilba Bay Urban Area - Upgrade the drainage system within Tanilba Bay urban area	N/A	
11	Lemon Tree Passage Urban Area - Upgrade the drainage system within Lemon Tree Passage urban area	N/A	

Please note: Timing, funding or locations may be subject to change.



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- 1 The Recreation projects are OK. Any improvement to open spaces I will support. Mungarra and Tanilba Boardwalk need maintenance.

Civil projects- Projects 1-6 The plan to make more shared paths particularly from the school to the shops worthwhile. Safety and convenience.

Projects 7-9 Drainage certainly needs fixing.

Project 8 -Success Street and President Wilson Walk (PWW) always floods over both roads in heavy rain (big water pipes to smaller disconnected pipes in PWW) R.A.F. Park side. I would fully support number 8.

- 2 Looking forward to the projects

- 3 Council has undertaken a number of projects in the Tilligerry Peninsula recently, such as road reconstruction and new pathways. Some of these projects would have benefited from better planning and consultation. For example, the new concrete footpath along the Lemon Tree Passage foreshore is a great addition and very popular, but could have been better. There were no plan drawings of the path, so the first indication of the alignment were the setting out pegs. Nearby residents questioned the alignment and it was sensibly moved closer to the foreshore edge, but looking along the path it appears to have been designed by committee and will not win any landscape awards. In addition, there has been no consideration to cross drainage so water pools in the park and across some sections of path.

Another example is the new toilet block at Lemon Tree Passage. A sketch was provided by Council, but most residents could not understand where the toilet block would be located. This first sketch had a number of issues, including non-compliance with disabled access standards. Community consultation meetings were held and the toilet block was relocated, but again it was difficult to identify the exact location on the sketch provided. The toilet block is now too close to the road, there is no path for disabled access from the barbecues and there is no privacy screen, so everyone on Cook Parade can see who is going to use the toilets.

We would like to see Council work to achieve better design outcomes. Any community consultation needs better quality drawings of the proposed works so that people unfamiliar with engineering or architectural drawings can easily understand the proposed works. It is acknowledged that the community will provide a lot of conflicting views and you can't please everyone, but Council's designs should at least be legible and match the standards required of a development application.

- 4 Upgrade or replacement of the Tanilba Bay boardwalk appears to have been overlooked.

Improved maintenance, park land facilities and pathways also need to be addressed in the Tanilba Bay waterfront reserve. This reserve is one of the most popular destinations on the peninsula and it's lacking the maintenance and investment it deserves.

- 5 The recreation projects are maintenance tasks for existing spaces and places. I believe the Place plan is lacking identification of new vibrant spaces.

- 6 Up grading and forming shared pathways is a much needed asset in our community.

- 7 No further comments.

- 8 Save money on these and just fix the roads!!!!

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- 9 Yes. See above in Relation to our local pool
- 10 Lemon Tree Passage Wharf- Replace swim net needs replacing now not 2026. There is obviously a hole, as so many people have sited sharks from time to time inside the area.
- 11 I disagree with using Smart Parking revenue if it means that parking meters will be installed in Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba.
- 12 Add the Tanilba Bay boardwalk to map and actions.

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Q12 Do you have any final comments about the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?
(Answered 9; Skipped 10)

Comments

- 1 Dog fence area at Mallabula / LTP. Here are lots of dogs out here. Cat management???

Increased environmental protection a consideration with projects.

Pelican statues in prominent places - make the area more attractive.

How will the groups / committee overseeing /doing projects be made up?

One group or many????

_____ Communication / guidance from council will be essential. Keeping all up to date.

- 2 Not at present.
- 3 As a council maintain your current assets then the focus on Place plan could reflect a future that is genuinely reflective of the residents needs.
- 4 I think it is a good plan but it's concerning that so few people have contributed.
- 5 No further comments.
- 6 I think council has missed the mark on what the majority think and want. Don't make us a mini lakeside full of unemployed scum.
- 7 Lack of timing for the notification in the local papers (Thurs April 3rd) and emailed Council newsletter (Fri April 4th) for the public exhibition of the draft has been disappointing. Not only is it now School Holidays but also Easter Holidays and Anzac Day all within this time frame to submit comments before the 5pm, 28th April 2025 deadline. This has also left a small window to get more public awareness and response for many of the topics within the draft. A big thankyou to Jason Wells, our Central Ward Councillor, who has taken his time to be present and available to our Community during this draft process. A notice to ratepayers, advising us of the upcoming Public Exhibition, with our last Council Rates would have been appreciated also. I am also sending an email with my concerns as an Advocate on behalf of the People With Disability and the Elderly on this Peninsula.
- 8 I do feel the winter hours closer of Tilligerry Aquatic Centre was not discussed with the community or the Centre staff and I feel that is unfair. I hope that the community and centre staff can be involved in any future discussions
- 9 Your distribution of the plan to the local populace is not working well. One of the two locations on the Tilligerry where the plan was meant to be viewed, the TAG gallery location is closed. On a recent visit to the library, the other location, staff knew nothing about the plan, could not locate it, and stated, "No real point nothing gets done anyway". Nice.

_____ On entering "Tilligerry Place Plan" as a search term on the PSC web-site, the Plan is not one of the search results without on-clicking a suggested result.

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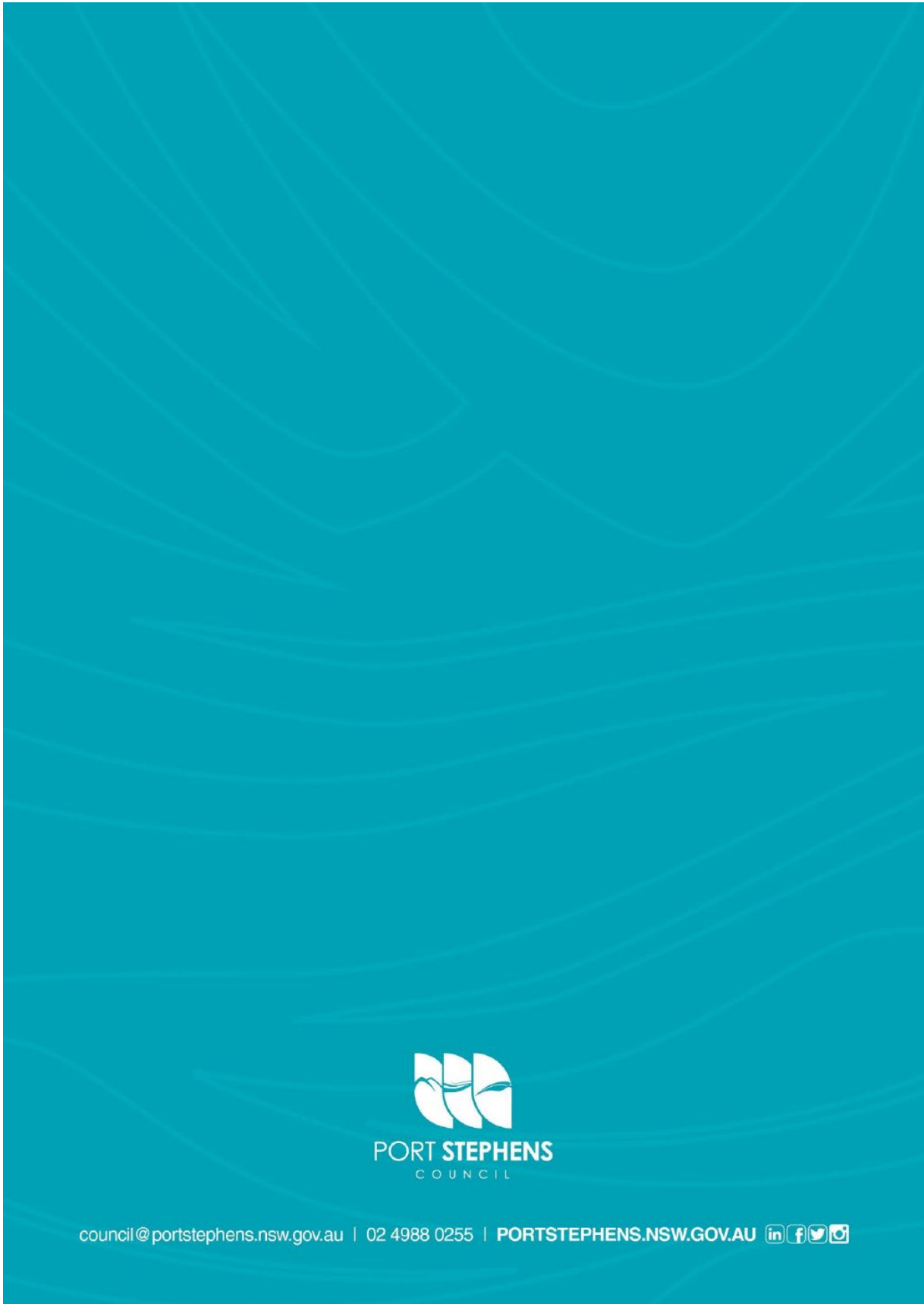
Q13 Contact information – please include at least your name and email (Answered 16; Skipped 3)

Information not included to protect participant's privacy

Q14 After the Tilligerry Place Plan is adopted, we will look at setting up Town Teams for The Tilligerry. A Town Team is a group of people who want to be involved in helping deliver some amazing projects for their place. If you are interested in creating or joining a Town Team or even just learning more about the process, please check the box below and we will keep in touch. (Answered 10; Skipped 9)

10 people interested in learning more about the Tilligerry Town Team

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ITEM 1 - ATTACHMENT 5 TILLIGERRY PLACE PLAN - EXPLANATION OF POST EXHIBITION AMENDMENTS.

Explanation of Post-Exhibition Amendments



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No.	Explanation of Amendments
1	<p>Administrative Amendments</p> <p>A number of minor administrative amendments have been made to the Place Plan including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updates to key community consultation statistics to reflect activities during the public exhibition period 2. Reordered emerging themes to reflect the action order. 3. Updated Development Control Plan statement, noting it is now on public exhibition 4. Fixed minor grammatical errors, spelling mistakes and contextual errors
2	<p>Action 20 Futureproof the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre</p> <p>Action 20 Futureproof the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre, has been amended to provide greater context and confirm that Council is investigating options regarding the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre in response to community submissions.</p> <p>Council heard several submissions concerned that a potential extended winter closure period would have a detrimental impact on the community due to fewer fitness and social connection opportunities.</p> <p>To address these concerns, the action has been amended to provide greater context for the need for the investigation and clarifying that Council is also preparing an Aquatic Facilities Strategy, that will set Council's long-term vision for our aquatic centres. The community will have an opportunity to participate in the preparation of the Strategy, which will likely occur in the last quarter of 2025.</p>
3	<p>New Action - Action 18 Development that benefits everyone</p> <p>A new action has been created for Council to investigate development controls that can protect and preserve the features that the community values in their neighbourhood.</p> <p>Council heard to a number of submissions from the community stating the importance of the existing character of the Tilligerry. Concerns were raised regarding Action 17 Increase Housing Supply and Diversity, which seeks to increase levels of infill development within the Tilligerry.</p>

ITEM 1 - ATTACHMENT 5 TILLIGERRY PLACE PLAN - EXPLANATION OF POST EXHIBITION AMENDMENTS.

	<p>To address these concerns and ensure the character of the Tilligerry is respected, Council has created Action 18 Development that benefits everyone, to provide guidance for infill development and ensure future development is beneficial for the entire community. The action also notes that Council will work with developers to provide additional public benefits.</p>
4	<p>New Action - Action 22 Get together to Get Active!</p> <p>A new action has been created to encourage community members to utilise Council assets for organising social fitness activities to cultivate community wellbeing and connections.</p> <p>Council heard a number of submissions from the community that stress the importance of opportunities to be social whilst achieving their fitness and rehabilitation goals.</p> <p>To facilitate these opportunities, Council has created Action 22 Get Together to Get Active! This action encourages community members to utilise Council facilities such as parks, foreshores and community halls to organise group fitness classes and activities.</p>
5	<p>Action 15 Be prepared for emergencies</p> <p>Action 15 Be prepared for emergencies has been amended to advocate for vulnerable communities through the establishment of the Community Resilience network.</p> <p>In response to recent significant rainfall and flooding events, Council has identified lessons learned from the emergencies and potential amendments that can assist the community in navigating times of adversity.</p> <p>Action 15 has been amended to for Council to establish the Community Resilience Network to build more community resilience against the impact of natural disasters.</p>
6	<p>Action 24 Trek the Tilligerry</p> <p>Action 24 Trek the Tilligerry has been amended for Council to investigate creating a nature trail on the unformed road corridor to Mallabula and Lemon Tree Passage.</p> <p>Council heard from a number of submissions desires for new walking trails that take advantage of the natural beauty of the Tilligerry.</p> <p>Council has taken this feedback into account and amended Action 24 to investigate the potential creation of an additional walking trail.</p>

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7	<p>Planning for the future of Tilligerry map</p> <p>In response to submissions, the Planning for the future of Tilligerry map has been amended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Updated the key names to better reflect potential residential opportunities2. Inserted additional street names into the Lemon Tree Passage Town Centre pop out3. Amended designs for boundary lines, key colours, suburb names and identified land owned by Hunter Water. <p>Exhibited draft map</p>  <p>Final draft map</p> 
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ITEM NO. 2

**FILE NO: 25/182890
EDRMS NO: PSC2024-03159**

REQUEST FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE FUND

REPORT OF: JANELLE GARDNER - COMMUNICATIONS AND CUSTOMER
EXPERIENCE SECTION MANAGER
DIRECTORATE: COMMUNITY FUTURES

RECOMMENDATION IS THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) Approves provision of financial assistance under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 from Mayoral and Ward Funds (Sporting Excellence Fund) to the following:
 - a) Ebony Newton - \$300 for being selected to compete on behalf of Australia at an international level - attendance at the 2025 Oceania Cup in Tonga in October 2025 (Athletics – 100m hurdles).
- 2) Place this funding request on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- 3) Should no submissions be received, the funds will be approved, without a further report to Council.

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 12 AUGUST 2025
MOTION**

186	<p>Councillor Nathan Errington Councillor Rosalyn Armstrong</p> <p>It was resolved that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Approves provision of financial assistance under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 from Mayoral and Ward Funds (Sporting Excellence Fund) to the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Ebony Newton - \$300 for being selected to compete on behalf of Australia at an international level - attendance at the 2025 Oceania Cup in Tonga in October 2025 (Athletics – 100m hurdles).2) Place this funding request on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.3) Should no submissions be received, the funds will be approved, without a further report to Council.
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Those for the Motion: Mayor Leah Anderson, Crs Rosalyn Armstrong, Giacomo Arnott, Chris Doohan, Nathan Errington, Paul Le Mottee, Ben Niland, Mark Watson and Jason Wells.

Those against the Motion: Nil.

The motion was carried.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement prior to public exhibition for the allocation of funding from the Sporting Excellence Fund to an applicant representing Port Stephens at an international competition.

The Sporting Excellence Fund is a new addition to the Community Funding program that is designed to support athletes from the Port Stephens Local Government Area who have been selected to represent their sport at national or international levels.

The grant aims to help alleviate the financial burden associated with high-level competition, enabling athletes to focus on achieving excellence in their sporting endeavours.

Fund amounts allocated in recognition of individual representation and participation at a national or international level are as follows:

- \$300 for individuals selected to compete on behalf of Australia at an international competition or equivalent.
- \$500 for individuals competing at the Commonwealth Games.
- \$800 for individuals competing at the Olympic Games.

A panel made up of the Mayor and relevant Ward Councillors have reviewed the application and are satisfied it meets the funding criteria.

There is a total of \$4,000 available for the financial year. These funds are allocated from Mayoral and Ward Funds.

Council is unable to grant approval of financial assistance to individuals unless it is performed in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. This would mean that the financial assistance would need to be included in the Operational Plan or Council would need to advertise for 28 days of its intent to grant approval.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Direction	Delivery Program 2025-2029
Community Wellbeing	Implement the Community Wellbeing Strategy (CWS) to provide services and support for a diverse community

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There is a total of \$4,000 available for the financial year. These funds are allocated from Mayoral and Ward Funds.

Source of Funds	Yes/No	Funding (\$)	Comment
Existing budget	Yes	300	
Reserve Funds	No		
Developer Contributions (\$7.11)	No		
External Grants	No		
Other	No		

LEGAL, POLICY AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

To qualify for assistance under Section 356(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, the purpose must assist the Council in the exercise of its functions. Functions under the Act include the provision of community, culture, health, sport, and recreational services and facilities.

Risk	<u>Risk Ranking</u>	Proposed Treatments	Within Existing Resources?
There is a risk that Council may set a precedent when allocating funds to the community and an expectation those funds will always be available.	Low	Adopt the recommendations.	Yes

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Includes Social, Economic and Environmental Implications

Nil.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Council’s Communication and Engagement Strategy uses the IAP2 Framework to identify the level of engagement undertaken. An explanation for each level is shown below.

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INFORM	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.
CONSULT	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.
INVOLVE	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.
COLLABORATE	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.
EMPOWER	To place final decision-making and/or developed budgets in the hands of the public.
	No external communications and engagement are required for this report.

The following communication and engagement applies to this report.

External communications and engagement

CONSULT	The proposal will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and will be notified through social media, direct email to stakeholders, print advertising and Council's website.
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Internal communications and engagement

Consultation has been undertaken by the Communications and Customer Experience Section with:

- Governance Section.
- Financial Services Section.
- Integrated Planning and Excellence Section.
- Assets Section.

OPTIONS

- 1) Accept the recommendations.
- 2) Amend the recommendations.
- 3) Reject the recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

COUNCILLORS' ROOM/DASHBOARD

- 1) Community Funding Guide.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

ITEM NO. 3

**FILE NO: 24/314186
EDRMS NO: PSC2017-00180**

BUDGET ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2024-25

REPORT OF: GLEN PETERKIN - FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTION MANAGER
DIRECTORATE: CORPORATE STRATEGY AND SUPPORT

RECOMMENDATION IS THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) Approve the revotes from the 2024-2025 budget as detailed in **(ATTACHMENT 1)** and vote the necessary funds to meet expenditure.

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 12 AUGUST 2025
MOTION**

187	Councillor Chris Doohan Councillor Rosalyn Armstrong It was resolved that Council approve the revotes from the 2024-2025 budget as detailed in (ATTACHMENT 1) and vote the necessary funds to meet expenditure.
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Those for the Motion: Mayor Leah Anderson, Crs Rosalyn Armstrong, Giacomo Arnott, Chris Doohan, Nathan Errington, Paul Le Mottee, Ben Niland, Mark Watson and Jason Wells.

Those against the Motion: Nil.

The motion was carried.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to advise of the budget items from 2024-2025 that were not completed in that financial year and are proposed to be carried forward to 2025-2026 **(ATTACHMENT 1)**.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Direction	Delivery Program 2025-2029
Resources and finance	Implement the Long Term Financial Plan 2025 to 2035.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The works included in this report were partially or wholly unexpended at the end of the 2024-2025 financial year, however, the funds are not automatically carried forward and require Council resolution. The majority of the works are funded from reserves and grants, and have limited impact on Council’s Long Term Financial Plan.

Council has traditionally had a number of projects that have been required to be transferred into the following financial year. The program is generally in line with this trend (**ATTACHMENT 1**).

The carried forward items have been factored into the new Capital Works Program and a cash flow forecast has been amended to account for the extended program.

Source of Funds	Yes/No	Funding (\$)	Comment
Existing budget	No		
Reserve Funds	Yes		Budget from 2024-2025
Developer Contributions (\$7.11)	Yes		Budget from 2024-2025
External Grants	Yes		Budget from 2024-2025
Other	Yes		Budget from 2024-2025

LEGAL, POLICY AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, all budgets lapse at the end of the financial year and require a Council resolution to be reinstated. Failure to reinstate these budget votes would result in these projects being cancelled. It must be noted that the figures listed in (**ATTACHMENT 1**) are indicative only until the end of financial year reconciliation process is complete. The final figure will be available in the September Quarterly Budget Review.

Risk	Risk Ranking	Proposed Treatments	Within Existing Resources?
There is a risk that unspent grant funds may have to be returned.	Low	Adopt the recommendation.	Yes
There is a risk that should the rollovers not occur then the works cannot be completed.	High	Adopt the recommendation.	Yes

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Includes Social, Economic and Environmental Implications

There are no sustainability implications.

CONSULTATION

Council's Communication and Engagement Strategy uses the IAP2 Framework to identify the level of engagement undertaken. An explanation for each level is shown below.

INFORM	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.
CONSULT	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.
INVOLVE	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.
COLLABORATE	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.
EMPOWER	To place final decision-making and/or developed budgets in the hands of the public.
	No external communications and engagement are required for this report.

The following communication and engagement applies to this report.

External communications and engagement

	No external communications and engagement are required for this report.
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Internal communications and engagement

Consultation with key stakeholders has been undertaken by the Financial Services Section.

- Office of the Director Corporate Strategy and Support.
- Assets Section.
- Community Services Section.
- Holiday Parks Section.
- Organisation Support Section.

External

Nil.

OPTIONS

- 1) Accept the recommendation.
- 2) Amend the recommendation.
- 3) Reject the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Budget Items Carried Forward from 2024-2025.

COUNCILLORS' ROOM/DASHBOARD

Nil.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

ITEM 3 - ATTACHMENT 1 BUDGET ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2024-2025.

CLASSIFICATION	PROJECT*	ROLLOVER	FUNDING SOURCE	
			GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION	RESERVE
AQUATIC STRUCTURES	LONGWORTH PARK SEAWALL	678,279	678,279	-
AQUATIC STRUCTURES	TERAMBY ROAD DIVE SITE	236,721	236,721	-
BUILDINGS	YULONG OVAL AMENITIES	11,970		11,970
BUILDINGS	FINGAL BAY NORTH AMENITIES	29,088		29,088
BUILDINGS	COMMUNITY ASSETS SOLAR ROLLOUT	281,136		281,136
BUILDINGS	ALICETON RESERVE AMENITIES MEMORIAL PARK	146,773	116,773	30,000
BUILDINGS	HENDERSON PARK AMENITIES	44,843		44,843
BUILDINGS	BOWTHORNE OVAL POWER UPGRADES	13,827	13,827	
BUILDINGS	STUART PARK POWER UPGRADES	22,939	22,939	
BUILDINGS	NEIL CARROLL AMENITIES	215,964		215,964
BUILDINGS	ADMINISTRATION BUILDING	1,446,178	959,508	486,670
BUILDINGS	TOMAREE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE AC'S	382,996	111,387	271,609
BUILDINGS	TOMAREE AQUATIC CENTRE WATERSLIDE	12,953		12,953
BUILDINGS	SHOAL BAY EAST AMENITIES	226,802		226,802
BUILDINGS	GUPPA ABORIGINAL MENS SHED RELOCATION	93,110		93,110
BUILDINGS	RAYMOND TERRACE DEPOT RETAINING WALL	130,000		130,000
CARPARK	CARPARK - SHOAL BAY	1,352,762		1,352,762
CARPARK	BRANDON PARK CARPARK	239,124	239,124	
DIGITAL ASSETS	SMART PARKING PROJECT	359,897	107,409	252,488
DRAINAGE	STOCKTON PONDS - STAUNCH PUMP	66,070	66,070	
DRAINAGE	KANGAROO ST - FLOOD PUMP	16,691	16,691	
DRAINAGE	BOYD BLVD MEDOWIE - NEW DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE	304,711	304,711	
DRAINAGE	MARSH RD FLOODGATES	20,000		20,000
DRAINAGE	NELSON BAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	2,051,402		2,051,402
DRAINAGE	LGA WIDE: REHABILITATION / RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE	48,769		48,769
DRAINAGE	TELEMETRY (SCADA) UPGRADES	89,150	89,150	
DRAINAGE	12 INDIGO DRAINAGE	12,825		12,825
HOLIDAY PARKS	HOLIDAY PARK IMPROVEMENTS	590,498		590,498
ICT	ICT CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,843,392		1,843,392
PROPERTY	COMMERCIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT	611,120		611,120
OPEN SPACE	SPENCER PARK SOLDIERS POINT PLAYGROUND AND AMENITIES	195,628		195,628
OPEN SPACE	ALICETON RESERVE PLAYGROUND	53,212	53,212	

ITEM 3 - ATTACHMENT 1 BUDGET ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2024-2025.

CLASSIFICATION	PROJECT*	ROLLOVER	FUNDING SOURCE	
			GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION	RESERVE
OPEN SPACE	HINTON FORESHORE PATHWAY	77,939	77,939	
OPEN SPACE	KARUAH RV PARKING FACILITIES	93,226	93,226	
OPEN SPACE	TOMAREE SPORTS COMPLEX DRAINAGE	801,466	801,466	
OPEN SPACE	FINGAL BAY FORESHORE ACCESS POINTS	30,605	30,605	
OPEN SPACE	KING PARK SPORTS COMPLEX FIELD LIGHTING	218,604	218,604	
OPEN SPACE	MALLABULA SPORTS COMPLEX FIELD LIGHTING	29,200	29,200	
OPEN SPACE	FINGAL BAY OVAL IRRIGATION	5,000		5,000
OPEN SPACE	DUNMORE RESERVE PLAYGROUND	91,470		91,470
OPEN SPACE	DON WARING OVAL EXPANSION	4,943,001	4,943,001	
OPEN SPACE	KORORA OVAL PLAYGROUND	91,219	91,219	
OPEN SPACE	SALAMANDER SPORTS COMPLEX SURFACE RELEVELING	102,038	51,993	50,045
OPEN SPACE	KARUAH WETLANDS BOARDWALK	31,199	31,199	
PATHWAYS	BRANDY HILL DR - PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION	484,466	424,466	60,000
PATHWAYS	SHOAL BAY RD, SHOAL BAY - FOOTHPATH CONTINUATION	25,323	8,823	16,500
PATHWAYS	TERAMBY ROAD - LANDSLIP AND PATHWAY	342,020	342,020	
PATHWAYS	SHARED PATHWAY - SHIRAZ TO SHORE	88,388	88,388	
PATHWAYS	CPTIGS 2023-2024 - CAPITAL WORKS CYCLEWAY, PATHS & BUS SHELTER CONSTR	39,560	39,560	
PATHWAYS	STRATHMORE RD MALLABULA	10,000	10,000	
PATHWAYS	PRESIDENT WILSON WALK TANILBA BAY	10,000	10,000	
PATHWAYS	CAMPBELL AVE ANNA BAY	10,000	10,000	
PLANT	FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	2,054,935		2,054,935
ROADS	SWAN BAY ROAD- CAPITAL - SWAN BAY RD SEG 590-160	201,743		201,743
ROADS	FUTURE WORKS - ROADS - DESIGN AND INVESTIGATION	286,215		286,215
ROADS	ROAD UPGRADE – MUSTONS ROAD, KARUAH	2,105,965		2,105,965
ROADS	ROAD CLOSED SIGNAGE	26,697	26,697	
ROADS	BUCKETTS WAY, TWELVE MILE CREEK	707,727	559,383	148,344
ROADS	EAST SEAHAM RD, EAST SEAHAM	4,846,645	4,231,758	614,887
ROADS	FERODALE ROAD MEDOWIE (38)	425,000	425,000	
ROADS	FAIRLANDS RD, MEDOWIE	1,129,804	1,129,804	
ROADS	SEAHAM ROAD / RALSTONS ROAD	100,260		100,260
ROADS	TAREAN ROAD, KARUAH - SEG 60 - 70	275,962	149,019	126,943
ROADS	SOLDIERS POINT ROAD SOUTH OF DIEMARS ROAD	163,777		163,777

ITEM 3 - ATTACHMENT 1 BUDGET ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2024-2025.

CLASSIFICATION	PROJECT*	ROLLOVER	FUNDING SOURCE	
			GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION	RESERVE
ROADS	ITALIA ROAD, EAST SEAHAM - SEG 140	230,894	230,894	
ROADS	LEWIS DRIVE, MEDOWIE. SEG 10	277,147		277,147
ROADS	MEDOWIE ROAD, CAMPVALE. SEG 100 + 110	668,924		668,924
ROADS	PHILLIP STREET, RAYMOND TERRACE. SEG 20	165,715		165,715
ROADS	ITALIA RD, EAST SEAHAM - CAPITAL	26,000		26,000
ROADS	RALSTONS ROAD CULVERT	75,745	75,745	
ROADS	HIGH PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY AREA - FINGAL BAY (TOWARDS ZERO)	895,000	895,000	
ROADS	ITALIA ROAD AT BALICKERA (TOWARDS ZERO)	797,626	797,626	
ROADS	PORT STEPHENS DR TAYLORS BEACH SEG 40-50	881,862	881,862	
ROADS	CLARENCETOWN RD GLEN OAK SEG 200 & 290	1,294,486	1,294,486	
ROADS	TUNA CRESCENT AND MARKET STREET FINGAL BAY PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION	8,911		8,911
ROADS	GAN GAN RD AND BLANCH ST BOAT HARBOUR ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE (SEG110, 120, 130)	10,000		10,000
ROADS	SALAMANDER WAY AND PORT STEPHENS DR ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE (SEG 10)	10,000		10,000
ROADS	STILL ST SEAHAM (RSP - SCHOOL ZONE INFRASTRUCTURE)	511,000	311,000	200,000
ROADS	ADELAIDE STREET AT ELKIN AVE, HEATHERBRAE (RSP - SCHOOL ZONE INFRASTRUCTURE)	432,580	282,580	150,000
ROADS	TERMINUS PDE, SALAMANDER BAY (RSP - SCHOOL ZONE INFRASTRUCTURE)	78,000	78,000	
ROADS	SHORT ST, FINGAL BAY	149,740		149,740
WASTE	SALAMANDER WASTE TRANSFER STATION - UPGRADE OF FIRE HYDRANT SYSTEM	285,000		285,000
WARDFUNDS	WARD FUNDS	21,983		21,983
TOTAL		38,498,894	21,686,362	16,812,532

*Figures listed above are indicative only due to end of financial year adjustments not being completed at the time this report was extracted

ITEM NO. 4

**FILE NO: 25/154472
EDRMS NO: PSC2019-00698**

POLICY REVIEW - VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION POLICY

REPORT OF: CAMERON DONALDSON - COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION
MANAGER
DIRECTORATE: FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

RECOMMENDATION IS THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) Place the revised Volunteer Recognition Policy shown at **(ATTACHMENT 1)** on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- 2) Should no submissions be received the policy be adopted without a further report to Council.
- 3) Revoke the Volunteer Recognition Policy dated 28 September 2021, Minute No. 247 should no submissions be received.

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 12 AUGUST 2025
MOTION**

188	<p>Councillor Paul Le Mottee Councillor Chris Doohan</p> <p>It was resolved that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Place the revised Volunteer Recognition Policy shown at (ATTACHMENT 1) on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.2) Should no submissions be received the policy be adopted without a further report to Council.3) Revoke the Volunteer Recognition Policy dated 28 September 2021, Minute No. 247 should no submissions be received.
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Those for the Motion: Mayor Leah Anderson, Crs Rosalyn Armstrong, Giacomo Arnott, Chris Doohan, Nathan Errington, Paul Le Mottee, Ben Niland, Mark Watson and Jason Wells.

Those against the Motion: Nil.

The motion was carried.

BACKGROUND

MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL - 12 AUGUST 2025

The purpose of this report is to provide the revised Volunteer Recognition Policy (the 'policy') at **(ATTACHMENT 1)** to Council for consideration prior to public exhibition.

The recognition of volunteers is important to ensure that Council continues to provide support to the many people who undertake volunteer roles for Council. This is a scheduled review of the policy which was implemented to ensure the policy aligns with organisational requirements.

This review of the policy results in no fundamental changes to the intent of the policy. All changes made are administrative.

Please note that yellow highlighting in the attached policy indicates an amendment has been made and strikethrough text is to be deleted.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Direction	Delivery Program 2025-2029
Community Wellbeing	Deliver and manage community recreational, leisure and community facilities

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial/resource implications, as the implementation of the policy will continue as part of ongoing operations.

Source of Funds	Yes/No	Funding (\$)	Comment
Existing budget	Yes		
Reserve Funds	No		
Developer Contributions (\$7.11)	No		
External Grants	No		
Other	No		

LEGAL, POLICY AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are positive legal, policy and risk implications in endorsing the revised policy as they show that Council is committed to recognising volunteers and maximising engagement in activities.

Risk	<u>Risk Ranking</u>	Proposed Treatments	Within Existing Resources?
There is a risk that not following the policy may increase the risk of poor decision making or a failure to follow process as a result of an outdated policy.	Low	Adopt the recommendations.	Yes
There is a risk that not providing recognition to Council Volunteers may result in a reduction in number of people volunteering with Council.	Low	Adopt the recommendations.	Yes

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Includes Social, Economic and Environmental Implications

The policy addresses the above implications and provides Council with an effective framework for the delivery of recognition to Council volunteers to maximise volunteer motivation and satisfaction.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Council’s Communication and Engagement Strategy uses the IAP2 Framework to identify the level of engagement undertaken. An explanation for each level is shown below.

INFORM	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.
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COLLABORATE	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.
EMPOWER	To place final decision-making and/or developed budgets in the hands of the public.
	No external communications and engagement are required for this report.

The following communication and engagement applies to this report.

External communications and engagement

CONSULT	The policy will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and will be notified through Council's website.
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Internal communications and engagement

- Organisation Support Section.
- Assets Section.
- Public Domain and Services Section.
- Strategy and Environment Section.
- Holiday Parks Section.

OPTIONS

- 1) Accept the recommendations.
- 2) Amend the recommendations.
- 3) Reject the recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Volunteer Recognition Policy.

COUNCILLORS' ROOM/DASHBOARD

- 1) Volunteer Recognition Guidelines.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

Policy



FILE NO: PSC2019-00698
TITLE: VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION
OWNER: COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION MANAGER

1. PURPOSE:

1.1 The purpose of this Policy and related guidelines is to provide Council with a framework for the delivery of recognition to Council volunteers to maximise volunteer motivation and satisfaction. The purpose of the Volunteer Recognition Scheme Framework is to identify and acknowledge Council volunteers who contribute significant time or service to Council programs and to ensure there are appropriate mechanisms in place to provide this recognition. This is in line with Council's Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028, C1.5 to support volunteers to deliver appropriate community services.

2. CONTEXT/BACKGROUND:

2.1 Volunteer recognition is essential for volunteer motivation, satisfaction, retention and recruitment. Council has a recognition scheme for staff, however recognition for volunteers is currently completed on an ad-hoc basis. This policy highlights Council's commitment to our volunteers.

2.2 A consistent approach to the identification of volunteers and mechanisms for delivery of recognition will be of benefit to both staff and volunteers as it will provide equitable access and a framework in line with staff recognition. It will assist to raise the profile of volunteers within Council and promote the importance of volunteering to the wider community.

3. SCOPE:

3.1 This policy relates to all of Council's volunteers and the sections of Council under which they volunteer. The sections of Council that manage volunteers will be responsible for the identification of volunteers and delivery of recognition in line with this policy and guidelines. Support and tools will be provided by the Volunteers Support Project Program Officer.

3.2 Volunteer Recognition includes thank you cards, letters and certificates of recognition, media promotion, recognition of years of service, recognition upon retirement, National Volunteers Week, annual thank you event and Port Stephens Annual Awards.

Policy

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Policy



4. DEFINITIONS:

4.1 An outline of the key definitions of terms included in the policy.

Council Registered Volunteer	A volunteer registered on Council's Volunteer Database (through application and approval) completing activities on behalf of Council without remuneration.
Letter and Certificates	Letters of recognition on Mayoral letterhead signed by Mayor, Certificates of recognition, generally framed.
Media promotion	Print and social media advertising and promotional avenues.
Years of Service	Refers to length of time a volunteer and/or committee has been a Registered volunteer with Port Stephens Council.
Retirement	Refers to a person who has been a Registered and active Council volunteer continuously for at least 5 years and they are retiring as a Council volunteer.
National Volunteer Week	An annual celebration to acknowledge the contribution of our nation's volunteers, led by Volunteering Australia.
Volunteer Thank You	An annual event where volunteers, Councillors and staff are invited to a function to recognise and thank our volunteers.
Port Stephens Annual Awards	Event used by Council to formally recognise the efforts of exceptional people within our community.
Volunteer Recognition Nomination Form	Form used to provide sufficient information on a volunteer, committee or activity worthy of special recognition.

5. STATEMENT:

- 5.1 Council recognises that volunteers are the lifeblood of the community, delivering services on behalf of Council. A Volunteer Recognition Scheme will formally reward volunteers through a series of initiatives appropriate to Council's budget and the contribution of the volunteer, and be in keeping with staff recognition.
- 5.2 It is expected that the implementation of this policy and guidelines will lead to:
- a) improved volunteer motivation and satisfaction
 - b) increased volunteer recruitment and retention

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- c) heightened awareness and understanding, both internally and externally, of the roles undertaken by Council's volunteers
- d) increased promotion of the importance of volunteering to the wider community.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 6.1 The Volunteers Support Project Program Officer is responsible for implementing, complying with, monitoring, evaluating, reviewing and providing advice on the policy.
- 6.2 Council staff who manage volunteers are responsible for implementing and complying with the policy.
- 6.3 Managers are responsible for complying with this policy.

7. RELATED DOCUMENTS:

- 7.1 Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).
- 7.2 Port Stephens Council Code of Conduct.
- 7.3 Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW).
- 7.4 Port Stephens Council Community Strategic Plan. 2018—2028.
- 7.5 Port Stephens Council 355c Committee Terms of Reference.
- 7.6 National Standards for Volunteer Involvement.
- 7.7 Port Stephens Council Volunteer Recognition Guidelines.
- 7.7 Volunteer management guidelines—various.

CONTROLLED DOCUMENT INFORMATION:

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EDRMS container No.	PSC2019-00698	EDRMS record No.	TBC
Audience	Councillors, Council Staff, Council volunteers, general Community		
Process owner	Community Services Section Manager		
Author	Volunteers Support Project Program Officer		
Review timeframe	3 4 years	Next review date	TBC
Adoption date	13 August 2019		

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VERSION HISTORY:

Version	Date	Author	Details	Minute No.
1	13/8/2019	Organisation Development Section Manager	New Policy	188
2	28 September 2021	Volunteers Support Project Officer	Amend Policy Owner to - Community Services Section Manager 2.1 – Remove - of which there are over 700. 5.1 – Remove - with over 700 volunteers delivering services on behalf of Council. 6.1 Change title to - Volunteers Support Project Officer. Change Process owner to - Community Services Section Manager. Change Process author to – Volunteers Support Project Officer. Review timeframe has increased from 2 years to every 3 years.	247
3	TBC	Volunteer Program Officer	Policy reviewed. 1.1 & 2.1 – Update wording. 4.1 – Added Council Registered Volunteer definition. Change title to Volunteer Program Officer throughout policy. Updated related documents. Added 7.7 Volunteer Recognition Guidelines. Amended review timeframe to 4 years in accordance with Council's policy and management directive review process.	TBC

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ITEM NO. 5

**FILE NO: 24/342621
EDRMS NO: PSC2024-03167**

2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - PENRITH

REPORT OF: TIMOTHY CROSDALE - GENERAL MANAGER
DIRECTORATE: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

RECOMMENDATION IS THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) Nominate Council delegates to attend the 2025 Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be held in Penrith from 23-25 November 2025.
- 2) Nominate Council's 4 voting delegates.

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 12 AUGUST 2025
MOTION**

189	<p>Councillor Rosalyn Armstrong Councillor Giacomo Arnott</p> <p>It was resolved that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Nominate Mayor Anderson, Cr Armstrong, Cr Arnott, Cr Doohan, Cr Errington, Cr Francis and Cr Niland to attend the 2025 Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be held in Penrith from 23-25 November 2025.2) Nominate Mayor Anderson, Cr Armstrong, Cr Arnott and Cr Errington as the 4 voting delegates for Port Stephens Council.
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Those for the Motion: Mayor Leah Anderson, Crs Rosalyn Armstrong, Giacomo Arnott, Chris Doohan, Nathan Errington, Paul Le Mottee, Ben Niland, Mark Watson and Jason Wells.

Those against the Motion: Nil.

The motion was carried.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the 2025 Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be held from 23-25 November 2025 in Penrith.

MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL - 12 AUGUST 2025

Each member Council of LGNSW has a voting entitlement at the conference. The voting entitlement for Port Stephens Council is 4 delegates. Council is requested to nominate its 4 voting delegates who will attend the conference.

This conference is the annual policy making event for NSW general purpose councils and associate members. It is the pre-eminent event of the local government year where local elected members come together to share ideas and debate issues that shape the way local government is governed.

The conference program is included at **(ATTACHMENT 1)**.

The conference is open to all elected members.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Direction	Delivery Program 2025-2029
Resources and finance	Deliver Governance Services and internal audit program

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The registration fee for the conference is \$1,250 per delegate (prior to 1 October 2025).

The costs associated with registration are covered within existing budget – subject to an elected member not exceeding budget limits set out in the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors Policy. Council will also meet the reasonable cost of meals when they are not included in the conference fees.

Source of Funds	Yes/No	Funding (\$)	Comment
Existing budget	Yes		
Reserve Funds	No		
Developer Contributions (\$7.11)	No		
External Grants	No		
Other	No		

LEGAL, POLICY AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

As per the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy, approval to participate in a conference or seminar is subject to approval of a full Council.

MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL - 12 AUGUST 2025

Risk	Risk Ranking	Proposed Treatments	Within Existing Resources?
There is a risk that Council may have its reputation damaged by not participating in the national debate on key Local Government matters in NSW.	Low	Adopt the recommendation.	Yes

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Includes Social, Economic and Environmental Implications

The Port Stephens community would benefit from elected members participating in this conference to ensure the local government area has a voice in the national development of policy and initiatives.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Council's Communication and Engagement Strategy uses the IAP2 Framework to identify the level of engagement undertaken. An explanation for each level is shown below.

INFORM	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.
CONSULT	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.
INVOLVE	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.
COLLABORATE	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.
EMPOWER	To place final decision-making and/or developed budgets in the hands of the public.
	No external communications and engagement are required for this report.

The following communication and engagement applies to this report.

External communications and engagement

	No external communications and engagement are required for this report.
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Internal communications and engagement

Communication was undertaken with Councillors.

OPTIONS

- 1) Accept the recommendations.
- 2) Amend the recommendations.
- 3) Reject the recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) LGNSW Annual Conference 2025 - Program.

COUNCILLORS' ROOM/DASHBOARD

Nil.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

PROGRAM



Conference Program

23 November

9.00am	📄 Registration Opens
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ITEM 5 - ATTACHMENT 1 LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 - PROGRAM.

<p>9.15am- 11.45am</p>	<p> Western Sydney International Airport Site Visit</p>
<p>11.30am- 12.30pm</p>	<p> Professional Development Workshops Location: Western Sydney Conference Centre</p>
	<p> Bus Transfers Delegate Transfers: From selected hotels to Panthers Penrith</p>
<p>1.00pm</p>	<p> Exhibition Opens Location: Panthers Penrith Event Centre</p>
<p>1.30pm-5pm</p>	<p> Plenary Sessions Location: Panthers Penrith Evan Theatre</p> <p> Afternoon Refreshments in Trade Exhibition area</p> <p> Plenary Sessions</p>
<p>5.15pm- 7.15pm</p>	<p> President's Welcome Reception Location: Western Sydney Conference Centre</p> <p> Bus Transfers Delegate Transfers: From Western Sydney Conference Centre selected hotels</p>

24 November






	 Bus transfers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALGWA Breakfast Delegate Transfers: From selected hotels to Western Sydney Conference Centre • Conference Delegate Transfers: From selected hotels to Panthers Penrith
7.00am	 Registration Opens Location: Panthers Penrith Reception Satellite Location: Western Sydney Conference Centre (Breakfast Delegates Only)
7.30am- 8.45am	 ALGWA NSW Breakfast Location: Western Sydney Conference Centre
8.00am- 2.15pm	 LGNSW Voting Open Location: Western Sydney Conference Centre
8.00am	 Trade Exhibition Opens Location: Panthers Penrith Event Centre  Light refreshments available

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<p>9.00am- 5.00pm</p>	<p> Conference Location: Panthers Penrith Evan Theatre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference Welcome and Introduction, David Reynolds, Chief Executive LGNSW • Opening Address, Cr Phyllis Miller OAM, President LGNSW • Voting on motions procedure and housekeeping, David Reynolds, Chief Executive LGNSW • Opening of the Federal & State Conferences adoption of standing orders, business sessions and consideration of motions and conference business • Presentation of financial reports, Cr Julie Griffiths, LGNSW Treasurer • Commencement of consideration of motions and conference business <p> Morning refreshments Location: Trade Exhibition, Panthers Penrith Event Centre</p> <p> LGNSW Voting Location: Western Sydney Conference Centre</p> <p> Address by Elite Partner</p> <p> Consideration of Conference Business continued</p> <p> Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegates Location: Trade Exhibition, Panthers Penrith Event Centre • GM Lunch – partnered by StateCover Mutal Location: Western Sydney Conference Centre <p> LGNSW Voting Location: Western Sydney Conference Centre</p> <p> Consideration of Conference Business continued Location: Panthers Penrith Evan Theatre</p> <p> Afternoon refreshments Location: Trade Exhibition, Panthers Penrith Event Centre</p>
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**ITEM 5 - ATTACHMENT 1
PROGRAM.**





LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 -

	<p> Consideration of Conference Business continued Location: Panthers Penrith Evan Theatre</p>
<p>5.00pm- 6.30pm</p>	<p> Networking Drinks Location: Trade Exhibition, Panthers Penrith Event Centre</p> <p> Bus Transfers Delegate Transfers: Panthers Penrith to selected hotels to Western Sydney Conference Centre</p>
<p>6.30pm- 10.30pm</p>	<p> LGNSW Conference Dinner Location: Western Sydney Conference Centre</p> <p> Bus Transfers Delegate Transfers: From Western Sydney Conference Centre to selected hotels</p>

25 November

	<p> Bus Transfers Delegate Transfers: From selected hotels to Panthers Penrith</p>
<p>7.30am</p>	<p> Registration Opens Location: Panthers Penrith Reception</p> <p> Cloak Room Opens Location: Panthers Penrith</p>
<p>8.00am</p>	<p> Trade Exhibition Opens Location: Panthers Penrith Event Centre</p> <p> Light refreshments available</p>

ITEM 5 - ATTACHMENT 1 LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 - PROGRAM.

<p>9.00am- 12.45pm</p>	<p> Plenary Sessions Location: Panthers Penrith Evan Theatre</p> <p> Introduction, Housekeeping and Speaker Introductions</p> <p> Plenary Sessions</p> <p> Morning Tea Location: Panthers Penrith Event Centre</p> <p> Plenary Sessions</p> <p> Keynote speaker</p> <p> Annual Conference 2026 Host Council</p> <p> Final Remarks, President LGNSW</p>
<p>12.45pm- 1.45pm</p>	<p> Lunch Location: Panthers Penrith Event Centre</p>
<p>2.00pm</p>	<p> Conference Concludes</p>

ITEM NO. 6

**FILE NO: 25/182250
EDRMS NO: PSC024-03232**

INFORMATION PAPERS

REPORT OF: TIMOTHY CROSDALE - GENERAL MANAGER
DIRECTORATE: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

RECOMMENDATION IS THAT COUNCIL:

Receives and notes the Information Papers listed below being presented to Council on 12 August 2025.

No:	Report Title	Page:
1	Designated Persons' Return	232
2	Delegations Report	233
3	Council Resolutions	235

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 12 AUGUST 2025
MOTION**

190	Councillor Ben Niland Councillor Paul Le Mottee It was resolved that Council receives and notes the Information Papers listed below being presented to Council on 12 August 2025. <hr/> <table><thead><tr><th>No:</th><th>Report Title</th><th></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Designated Persons' Return</td><td>232</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Delegations Report</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Council Resolutions</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>	No:	Report Title		1	Designated Persons' Return	232	2	Delegations Report		3	Council Resolutions	
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3	Council Resolutions												

Those for the Motion: Mayor Leah Anderson, Crs Rosalyn Armstrong, Giacomo Arnott, Chris Doohan, Nathan Errington, Paul Le Mottee, Ben Niland, Mark Watson and Jason Wells.

Those against the Motion: Nil.

The motion was carried.

INFORMATION PAPERS

ITEM NO. 1

**FILE NO: 25/125826
EDRMS NO: PSC2024-01273**

DESIGNATED PERSONS' RETURN

REPORT OF: TONY WICKHAM - GOVERNANCE SECTION MANAGER
DIRECTORATE: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to table Councillor and Designated Persons' Return/s (return) submitted.

In accordance with Part 4 – Pecuniary Interest of the Code of Conduct, all designated persons are required to submit a return. Returns are to be tabled at the first Council meeting after the lodgement date.

The following is a list of position/s who have submitted return/s:

- Strategic Planner PSC638.

In addition to the above item, a further position will be included in the annual returns for 2025 to 2026:

- Strategic Project Coordinator PSC1246.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

COUNCILLORS' ROOM/DASHBOARD

Nil.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

- 1) Designated Persons' Return.

ITEM NO. 2

**FILE NO: 25/193779
EDRMS NO: PSC2009-00965**

DELEGATIONS REPORT

REPORT OF: TONY WICKHAM - GOVERNANCE SECTION MANAGER
DIRECTORATE: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of each occasion the Mayor and/or General Manager have exercised their delegations, other than under section 226 and 335 of the Local Government Act 1993, which are conferred on each role.

The report at **(ATTACHMENT 1)** provides details of the delegation exercised, such as the delegated authority, the date and the reason for exercising the delegation.

ATTACHMENTS

1) Delegations Report.

COUNCILLORS' ROOM/DASHBOARD

Nil.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

ITEM 2 - ATTACHMENT 1 DELEGATIONS REPORT.

MAYOR AND GENERAL MANAGER DELEGATION REPORT

Date exercised	Delegations exercised	Purpose	Role exercising delegation	Reported to Council
15-Jul-25	Roads and Maritime Services delegations	Authorises the installation, display, removal or alteration of the traffic control devices for the listed items identified in the minutes of the Port Stephens Local Traffic Committee report dated 3 June 2025.	Acting General Manager	12 August 2025
15-Jul-25	Code of Meeting Practice	Approval of Public Access application on Notice of Motion 2 - Review and Strategic Planning for Dog Recreation Areas in Port Stephens.	Mayor	12 August 2025
18-Jul-25	Code of Meeting Practice	Approval of Public Access application on Rescission Motion 1 - Emission Reduction Action Plan - Annual Program Report	Mayor	12 August 2025
22-Jul-25	Clause 178 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021	Approval of T111-2025 - Supply of Quarry Materials.	Acting General Manager	12 August 2025
22-Jul-25	Clause 178 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021	Approval of RFQ155-2025 - Supply and delivery of 1 x 4wd Wheeled Loader.	Acting General Manager	12 August 2025

ITEM NO. 3

**FILE NO: 25/182247
EDRMS NO: PSC2017-00106**

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

REPORT OF: TIMOTHY CROSDALE - GENERAL MANAGER
DIRECTORATE: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to inform the Mayor and Councillors of the status of all matters to be dealt with arising out of the proceedings of previous meetings of the Council in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Community Futures resolutions.
- 2) Corporate Strategy and Support resolutions.
- 3) Facilities and Infrastructure
- 4) General Manager's Office resolutions.

COUNCILLORS' ROOM/DASHBOARD

Nil.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

ITEM 3 - ATTACHMENT 1 COMMUNITY FUTURES RESOLUTIONS.



Division: Community Futures
Committee:
Officer:
Date From: 25/02/2025
Date To: 22/07/2025
Printed: Wednesday, 23 July 2025
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Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 25/02/2025	Lamont, Brock	Tree Vandalism Policy	19/09/2025	26/02/2025	
1		Pearl, Steven				25/43931
021						
23 Jul 2025						
Draft reviewed policy completed following EAG consultation. A report back to Council is anticipated on 9 September 2025.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 25/02/2025	Gardner, Janelle	Revised Communication and Engagement Strategy	2/09/2025	26/02/2025	
1		Pearl, Steven				25/43931
025						
23 Jul 2025						
The Strategy will be presented to the 26 August 2025 Council Meeting for endorsement of changes following the public exhibition.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 10/06/2025	Lamont, Brock	Draft Development Control Plan 2025	23/09/2025		
4		Pearl, Steven				25/148178
119						
23 Jul 2025						
Submissions were received during public exhibition. A report back to Council is scheduled for 23 September 2025.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 10/06/2025	Lamont, Brock	Draft Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2020 - Comprehensive Amendment	9/09/2025		
5		Pearl, Steven				25/148178
120						
23 Jul 2025						
A submission was received during public exhibition. A report back to Council is scheduled for 9 September 2025.						

ITEM 3 - ATTACHMENT 1 COMMUNITY FUTURES RESOLUTIONS.



Division: Community Futures
Committee:
Officer:
Date From: 25/02/2025
Date To: 22/07/2025
Printed: Wednesday, 23 July 2025
Action Sheets Report

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
	Ordinary Council 10/06/2025	Lamont, Brock Peart, Steven	MATTER ARISING - Min No. 121 - Item 5 - Draft Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2020 - Comprehensive amendment.	28/11/2025		
23 Jul 2025						
A report will be prepared proposing an amendment to the Plan to allow a 50% discount on infrastructure contributions for manufactured home developments that include at least 5% affordable housing. A two way is to be held prior to finalising the Council report. A report will be prepared exploring options for a new rating category for manufactured home estates, with rates scaled to the number of dwellings, to ensure fair revenue for service provision. A two way is to be held on 18 November 2025 prior to finalising the Council report.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 24/06/2025	Gardner, Janelle Peart, Steven	Policy Review: Sponsorship Policy	10/08/2025	25/06/2025	25/159107
3 140						
23 Jul 2025						
The Sponsorship Policy is currently on public exhibition for a period of 28 days until 27 July 2025.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 22/07/2025	Lamont, Brock Peart, Steven	Draft Salamander Bay Town Centre Place Plan	28/10/2025	23/07/2025	25/191415
2						
23 Jul 2025						
The draft Salamander Bay Town Centre Place Plan is on exhibition from 23 July 2025 until 19 August 2025. A report back to Council is tentatively scheduled for 28 October 2025.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 22/07/2025	Lamont, Brock Peart, Steven	Request to Revoke Remaining Declared Offshore Wind Zone and Restore to Community and Environment	5/08/2025		25/191415
1						
23 Jul 2025						
Staff are working to organise a two way with the Mayor and Councillors.						

ITEM 3 - ATTACHMENT 1 COMMUNITY FUTURES RESOLUTIONS.



Action Sheets Report	Division: Community Futures	Date From: 25/02/2025
	Committee:	Date To: 22/07/2025
	Officer:	Printed: Wednesday, 23 July 2025

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 22/07/2025	Gardner, Janelle	25th Anniversary of the Sydney Olympic Torch Relay in Port Stephens	5/08/2025	23/07/2025	
1		Peart, Steven				25/191415

23 Jul 2025
 27 August 2025 marks the 25th anniversary of the Sydney Olympic Torch Relay passing through Port Stephens. Options will be reviewed for Council and our community to recognise this important event and investigate whether Council still holds the Sydney Olympic Flag and, if so, arrange for it to be flown on the day in recognition of the anniversary.

ITEM 3 - ATTACHMENT 2 CORPORATE STRATEGY AND SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS.



Division: Corporate Strategy and Support
Date From: 11/04/2023
Date To: 22/07/2025
Committee:
Officer:
Action Sheets Report
Printed: Wednesday, 23 July 2025

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 11/04/2023	Pattison, Zoe	22 Homestead Street, Salamander Bay	30/12/2025	12/04/2023	
5 088		Pattison, Zoe				23/92450
23 Jul 2025						
Council is investigating options for the rezoning of 22 Homestead Street, Salamander Bay, and the development of a Vegetation Management Plan, to provide the best opportunity to enable a successful long-term rehabilitation of the site.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 22/08/2023	Pattison, Zoe	Raymond Terrace Gateway Site Masterplan	31/03/2026		
1 193		Pattison, Zoe				23/214729
23 Jul 2025						
Options for the future of the Gateway site will be considered as part of the broader Raymond Terrace Town Centre Strategy.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 24/06/2025	Pattison, Zoe	112 Adelaide Street and 18A Sturgeon Street, Raymond Terrace	31/12/2025	25/06/2025	
1		Pattison, Zoe				25/159107
23 Jul 2025						
It was resolved that Council progresses with Option 2 outlined in the confidential business paper.						

ITEM 3 - ATTACHMENT 3 FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Division: Facilities and Infrastructure **Date From:** 27/08/2013
Committee: **Date To:** 22/07/2025
Officer:
Printed: Thursday, 24 July 2025

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Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
243	Ordinary Council 27/08/2013	Maretich, John Kable, Gregory	Campvale Drain	31/12/2025		
23 Jul 2025						
Awaiting final execution of easement documentation for 2 properties. All other properties (with exception of these 2) have been finalised.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
2085	Ordinary Council 11/04/2023	Maretich, John Kable, Gregory	Naming Recreation Precinct at Medowie after Geoff Dingle	31/12/2025	12/04/2023	23/92450
23 Jul 2025						
Once the reserve has been subdivided as per the Medowie Place Plan, an application will be submitted to the Geographical Naming Board to name the recreation precinct after Geoff Dingle.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
1	Ordinary Council 28/11/2023	Maretich, John Kable, Gregory	Sale of closed roads in Raymond Terrace	31/12/2025	29/11/2023	23/324875
23 Jul 2025						
1 road sold and in settlement stage. 1 road moved to closed road reserve. An Expression of Interest (EOI) for the remaining road is near completion.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
1	Ordinary Council 28/05/2024	Maretich, John Kable, Gregory	Bus Stop Infrastructure Plan	31/10/2025	29/05/2024	24/131056
23 Jul 2025						
With the recent successful application of the 24-25 Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme (CPTIGS), Council Engineers will continue development of the Bus Shelter Infrastructure Plan. Future CPTIGS funding is expected to aid in the plan's completion within the next financial year.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
6	Ordinary Council 23/07/2024	Maretich, John Kable, Gregory	Raymond Terrace Boat Ramp	31/12/2025	24/07/2024	24/189773
23 Jul 2025						
A two way conversation and a report will be provided to Council once funding opportunities are available that will help determine the scope of works.						

ITEM 3 - ATTACHMENT 3 FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Division: Facilities and Infrastructure **Date From:** 27/08/2013
Committee: **Date To:** 22/07/2025
Officer:
Printed: Thursday, 24 July 2025

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Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 12/11/2024	Donaldson, Cameron	Renewal of Lease - 49 William Street, Raymond Terrace	31/08/2025	13/11/2024	
1		Kable, Gregory				24/307858
128						
23 Jul 2025						
Lease negotiations are ongoing.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 10/12/2024	Maretich, John	Bus Shelters in Port Stephens	31/10/2025	11/12/2024	
1		Kable, Gregory				24/333356
23 Jul 2025						
Bus Shelter Policy has been endorsed and staff will review further actions for EOI.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 10/06/2025	Kable, Gregory	Port Stephens Roads Acceleration Program Expanded Funding Strategy	31/12/2026	11/06/2025	
4		Kable, Gregory				25/148178
115						
23 Jul 2025						
As resolved, strategy for funding of the RAP program will be pursued over the next 18 months.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 10/06/2025	Maretich, John	Trial of Tomaree Shuttle Bus	31/10/2025		
1		Kable, Gregory				25/148178
130						
23 Jul 2025						
Staff will prepare a report and review shuttle bus service trial as per Council resolution.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 10/06/2025	Maretich, John	Tomaree Sports Complex Masterplan	31/10/2025	11/06/2025	
2		Kable, Gregory				25/148178
132						
23 Jul 2025						
Staff shall review and consider means to expedite request.						

ITEM 3 - ATTACHMENT 3 FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Division: Facilities and Infrastructure **Date From:** 27/08/2013
Committee: **Date To:** 22/07/2025
Officer:
Printed: Thursday, 24 July 2025

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Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Ordinary Council	10/06/2025	Maretich, John Kable, Gregory	MATTER ARISING - Min No. 131 - NOM 1 - Trial of Tomaree Shuttle Bus	31/10/2025		
23 Jul 2025 Staff to prepare a report as per Council resolution.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 24/06/2025	Maretich, John Kable, Gregory	Policy Review - Provision and Management of Cemeteries	31/10/2025	25/06/2025	
7						25/159107
23 Jul 2025 The public exhibition period has been completed. A report will be prepared for Council.						

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Report	Ordinary Council 24/06/2025	Maretich, John Kable, Gregory	Medowie Drainage	31/03/2026	25/06/2025	
1						25/159107
23 Jul 2025 Council staff have commenced discussions with Hunter Water Corporation to address the items within this Notice of Motion.						

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 24/06/2025	Maretich, John Kable, Gregory	Drainage on Sports Fields	31/12/2025	25/06/2025	
2						25/159107
23 Jul 2025 Council staff will report back to Council on all sporting fields within the LGA that require drainage upgrades and investigate a funding strategy to commence drainage upgrades on identified sporting fields.						

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Report	Ordinary Council 24/06/2025	Donaldson, Cameron Kable, Gregory	Proposed Sale or Lease of 36a Ferodale Road, Medowie	31/10/2025	25/06/2025	
2						25/159107
23 Jul 2025 Following the two way conversation held on 15 July 2025, a report will be prepared with a decision to be made at a future Council meeting.						

ITEM 3 - ATTACHMENT 3 FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Division: Facilities and Infrastructure **Date From:** 27/08/2013
Committee: **Date To:** 22/07/2025
Officer:
Printed: Thursday, 24 July 2025
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Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 22/07/2025	Maretich, John	Review and Strategic Planning for Dog Recreation Areas in Port Stephens	31/08/2026		
2		Kable, Gregory				25/191415
23 Jul 2025 Staff will review the existing dog parks and off-leash areas in accordance with the resolution. This review will be finalised in 2026 and a report will be prepared for Council. The next revision of the Strategic Assets Management Plan (SAMP) will be modified to incorporate dog parks.						

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	Committee:	Date To: 23/07/2025
	Officer:	Printed: Wednesday, 23 July 2025

Type	Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject	Est. Compl.	Emailed	Completed
Report	Ordinary Council 10/06/2025	Wickham, Tony	Revised Code of Meeting Practice	25/07/2025		
10 126		Crosdale, Timothy				25/148178
23 Jul 2025 On public exhibition until 25 July 2025.						

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:04pm.