

Six Monthly Report

Snapshot – July to December 2024



Libraries

860 new library members



Thrive Kids

58,500+ childcare places filled



Kids fishing workshops

100 participants



Beach and aquatic centres

511,000+ visits

Our Community

- Community Connect Day with the theme 'Where's Your Head At?' took place in Raymond Terrace.
- Youth Mapping Workshop for Raymond Terrace service providers, with ongoing collaboration to achieve priorities as part of convening the re-establishment of the Youth Interagency.
- We launched a new Mobile Printing Service 'Princh', which enables customers to send print jobs to any library in the world via their phone, tablet, laptop or PC.
- Stage 1 of the Yabang Gumba-Gu engagement report completed, with stage 2 stakeholder engagement now underway.



Transport infrastructure repairs

\$14.7 million



Housing development

Hosted the Developers Forum



DA approvals

Maintained the fastest DA approval timeframe in the region



Capital works projects

28 completed

Our Place

- Business leader's lunch was well attended with focus on business education and awareness around incorporating accessibility and inclusion measures in business, including employment of people with a disability.
- Shop local video developed with local, small business content, used for Christmas promotions.
- RFS bushfire preparedness engagement sessions across Nelson Bay, Salt Ash and Karuah.
- Received a green tick from the NSW Food Authority for Council's Business Inspection Program Annual Surveillance Activity during the 2024 financial year.



Weed treatment

352 hours spent on weed treatments



Coastal Management Plan

Received certification in November 2024



Reduced emissions

40% of ERAP actions in progress

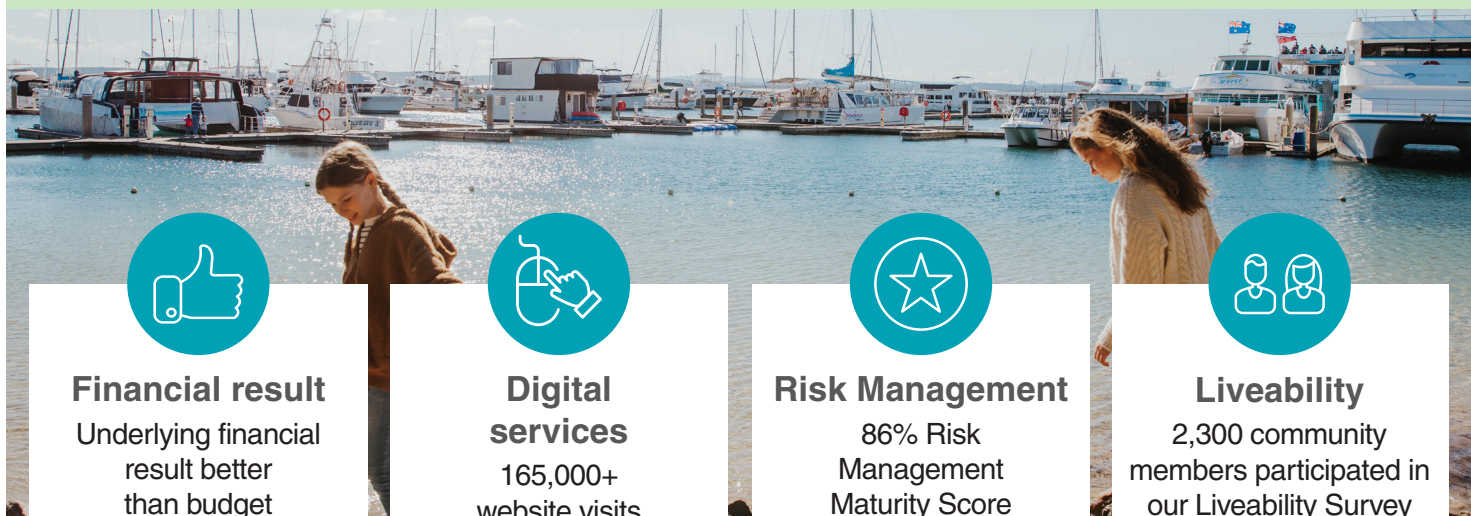


Waste reduction

1 tonne of textiles reused with "Give a Sheet" drop off day

Our Environment

- Consultation for the revised Koala habitat mapping project is underway with key stakeholders, including the Council's Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management (CKPoM) Committee and creation of a Koala Habitat Project Advisory Group.
- We have commenced the implementation phase of the Emissions Reduction Action Plan (ERAP).
- We have seen a high uptake in waste education programs through Council visiting local schools.
- The Final Port Stephens Coastal Management Program received certification from the NSW Minister for Environment.



Financial result

Underlying financial result better than budget



Digital services

165,000+ website visits



Risk Management

86% Risk Management Maturity Score



Liveability

2,300 community members participated in our Liveability Survey

Our Council

- Election of a new mayor and Council.
- Council has continued to advocate for the community around the priorities identified in the Community Advocacy priorities document, tailored to the Federal election.
- The Newcastle Airport Pty Ltd Board has approved a terminal expansion program to undertake significant upgrades of the terminal and other infrastructure including international route expansion along with the current upgrades to the runway.
- The Port Stephens Koala Sanctuary was recognised with a Silver award in the Tourism Attraction category of the NSW Tourism Awards.