



# Your Port

Autumn 2025

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## Mayor's Message: Leah Anderson



Despite only being a third of the way through 2025, we've already seen a surge of vibrant activity and impactful initiatives.

From the sun-drenched success of the inaugural Shoal Bay Food & Wine Festival in March, showcasing the region's culinary excellence, to the exciting anticipation building for the upcoming Illuminate Raymond Terrace, this year is shaping up to be truly memorable.

Beyond the festivities, I'm proud to have launched the Roads Acceleration Program, or RAP, which is our 3 year commitment to invest over \$20 million in road repairs and rehabilitation. The program is funded by our annual road budgets, the Special Rate Variation, and State and Federal grants, but we're continuing

to explore other funding opportunities to increase this investment and further improve roads across our community.

I'm committed to staying connected with our community. In May, I'm launching Monthly Mayor Meetups, providing a casual space to chat, ask questions, and share your ideas for Port Stephens. Keep an eye out for more information – I encourage you to come along!

Your Councillors are also keen to hear from you. Don't miss our 3 Community Catch Ups planned for the year, or reach out to them directly to share your ideas, concerns or questions.

With so many exciting projects underway in 2025, I encourage you to stay informed by visiting our website for updates on projects, services, and how we're working to support you.



**Leah Anderson, Mayor of Port Stephens**

### Chat to your Mayor or local Councillors

Visit [pscouncil.info/community-catch-ups](https://pscouncil.info/community-catch-ups) or scan the QR code to find your local drop in session with the Mayor or Councillors.



## Major projects – [pscouncil.info/major-projects-works](https://pscouncil.info/major-projects-works)



### ✓ COMPLETE

#### Foreshore upgrades, Fingal Bay

New accessible and inclusive amenities, furniture upgrades and a new playground shade sail. Learn more at [pscouncil.info/fingal-bay-foreshore-upgrade](https://pscouncil.info/fingal-bay-foreshore-upgrade)



### ⊖ IN PROGRESS

#### Fairlands Road, Medowie

A full road reconstruction between Lisadell and Ferodale Rds to improve road safety and reduce travel times. Learn more at [pscouncil.info/fairlands-road-medowie](https://pscouncil.info/fairlands-road-medowie)



### ⌚ SCHEDULED

#### Carpark upgrades, Shoal Bay

Upgrades to modernise the Government Road car park, formalising and increasing parking spaces. Learn more at [pscouncil.info/shoal-bay-car-park](https://pscouncil.info/shoal-bay-car-park)

## Have your say



### Help shape the Salamander Bay Town Centre Place Plan

We're developing a plan to shape the future of the Salamander Bay Town Centre, and we need your input. We want to ensure the centre meets the needs of our community, in areas like retail, housing and infrastructure, all while protecting the surrounding environment.

Have your say and share your vision for the future of Salamander Bay Town Centre at [pscouncil.info/salamander-bay-town-centre](https://pscouncil.info/salamander-bay-town-centre)



### Comment on our draft integrated plans

We're seeking your input on our draft integrated plans, which outline how we'll deliver services, manage resources, and work towards our shared goals. These plans – including the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan, and Resourcing Strategy – ensure our actions are transparent, financially stable, and responsive to your needs.

Have your say on the draft integrated plans at [pscouncil.info/integratedplans](https://pscouncil.info/integratedplans)



### Help shape our services

We need your input to help shape the services and facilities that make Port Stephens a great place to live. Each year, we ask you what's working and what's not as part of our Community Satisfaction Survey. This feedback helps us improve the wellbeing and liveability of everyone in our community.

Have your say by scanning the QR code or visit [pscouncil.info/CSS](https://pscouncil.info/CSS)





# Delivering for Port Stephens



## Accelerating road repairs

We know safe and reliable roads are a top priority for our community.

We've listened to your concerns, and are taking action. Over the next 3 years, we're investing over \$20 million in road repairs and rehabilitation through our new Roads Acceleration Program (RAP).

We know this isn't enough and we're committed to doing even more!

We're actively seeking additional funding to expand the RAP and improve even more roads across our community.

Stay tuned – we'll be reaching out soon to discuss new funding opportunities.

For weekly road maintenance updates in your area, visit [pscouncil.info/roads-maintenance](https://pscouncil.info/roads-maintenance) or follow us on Facebook.



## Attracting investment in Raymond Terrace

Port Stephens needs 11,000 new homes over the next 20 years to meet the needs of our growing community. Our forecast housing supply shows only 7,000 homes, leaving a shortfall of 4,000. Raymond Terrace is a key location with the potential to support 2,500 new homes, making it a desirable area for growth and development. To meet increasing demand, we've been promoting the development of underutilised or vacant land (infill development) to investors, first-time developers, and local homeowners.

We're also highlighting Raymond Terrace as a regional centre for a new business and encouraging community housing providers to invest in affordable and social housing. These efforts will help create a vibrant, well-connected community with greater housing options for residents.

Learn more at [pscouncil.info/invest-in-port-stephens](https://pscouncil.info/invest-in-port-stephens)



## A significant step forward for Koala conservation

We recently completed a 3-year Federal Koala Conservation Grant, delivering major wins for Port Stephens koalas. Significantly advanced koala protection in Port Stephens. Key outcomes include groundbreaking vegetation mapping showing where koala trees grow, a genetically-backed feed tree list, and vital population insights.

The project was delivered in collaboration with Port Stephens Koala Hospital, University of Newcastle researchers, Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council and the NSW Department of Energy Environment Climate Change and Water. We're committed to ongoing conservation efforts.

Learn more about our Koala protection projects at [pscouncil.info/koalaprotectionprojects](https://pscouncil.info/koalaprotectionprojects)

## Are you emergency prepared?

### Emergencies can strike anytime, anywhere, without warning.

Have you thought about what you'll need in an emergency? You'll need items that will help you whether you're going to leave, or stay and defend your home.

Here's what we recommend you pack in your emergency survival kit.

#### To keep safe and informed

- Portable battery or wind-up radio
- Waterproof torch, head torch
- Spare batteries
- Candles and waterproof matches
- First aid kit with manual
- Device chargers and battery packs
- Pet essentials

#### If you can't return home straight away

- Non-perishable food and bottled water
- Toiletries and prescribed medication
- Important documents, cash and emergency contact numbers
- Books, toys and games for children
- Waterproof bag for valuables
- Woollen blankets

Learn more about being emergency prepared at [nsw.gov.au/emergency/prepare/emergency-survival-kit](https://nsw.gov.au/emergency/prepare/emergency-survival-kit)





## ANZAC Day | Tuesday 25 April 2025

Join us to commemorate all Australians who have served in times of peace and war on Tuesday 25 April 2025, with services throughout Port Stephens. Dawn services, parades, and main services will be held in Karuah, Medowie, Nelson Bay, Raymond Terrace, Seaham, Tilligerry, and Wallalong.

Discover the stories of our local WWII heroes at the free ANZAC Memorial Exhibition at the Port Stephens Visitor Information Centre until mid-May. Learn more about the exhibition at [pscouncil.info/anzac-exhibition](https://pscouncil.info/anzac-exhibition)

Find your local ANZAC Day service at [pscouncil.info/anzac-day](https://pscouncil.info/anzac-day)



## Volunteers Week | Monday 19 to Sunday 25 May 2025

Volunteers are the essence of the Port Stephens community – the time and energy they give makes our beautiful region a better place to live, work and play. Without our volunteers, many of our programs and services could not be provided to our community.

There are over 500+ volunteers making a positive impact across our community, from keeping our parks, reserves and cemeteries pristine to participating in our halls, libraries, koala sanctuary and Visitor Information Centre – we're grateful for the time, skills and service our volunteers provide to our community.

Get involved at [pscouncil.info/volunteers](https://pscouncil.info/volunteers)

## ILLUMiNATE RAYMOND TERRACE

**Saturday 14 June 2025**  
Boomerang Park, Raymond Terrace

[pscouncil.info/illuminate-raymond-terrace](https://pscouncil.info/illuminate-raymond-terrace)

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## April

### ANZAC Day

Tuesday 25 April  
Various locations

## May

### Sail Port Stephens Locals Lounge

Saturday 3 May  
Soldiers Point

### Monthly Mayor Meet Up

Wednesday 7 May  
Fingal Bay and Salamander Bay

### Motorcycle Safety Workshop

Sunday 11 May  
Raymond Terrace

### Community Catch Up

Friday 16 May  
Salamander Bay

### Give a Sheet drop off day

Saturday 17 May  
Raymond Terrace

### Volunteers Week

Monday 19 to Sunday 25 May

### Law Week events

Tuesday 20 May  
Port Stephens Libraries

### Community Catch Up

Saturday 24 May  
Raymond Terrace

## June

### Community Catch Up

Sunday 1 June  
Lemon Tree Passage

### Illuminate Raymond Terrace

Saturday 14 June  
Raymond Terrace

### Monthly Mayor Meet Up

Monday 16 June  
Raymond Terrace

Find out what's on near you at [portstephens.nsw.gov.au/events](https://portstephens.nsw.gov.au/events)

