

Stockton Community Group Inc Meeting Minutes

Date: 10th September 2025

Chair: Alison Rigby

Venue: Stockton Surf Club. Pitt St, Stockton

Minutes: Lindy Nisbett

1. Meeting Opened: by Alison Rigby at 7.35 pm with Acknowledgement of Country

Present: Alison Rigby, Ian Taggart, Melanie Taggart, Lindy Nisbett, Keith Craig, Garry Cullinane, Willow Forsyth, Julie Cook, Lloyd Davies, Brenton Burden, Amanda Plumsted, Ross Simpson, Dianne Oliver, Nadine Oliver.

Present for item 4: Port of Newcastle - Ernesto Calderon Silva, Community Liaison; Lucas Coleman, Executive Manager, Corporate Affairs; Emily Graham, Senior Manager Corporate Affairs

Apologies : Barbara Whitcher, Carolyn Bailey, Scott Brooks, Jo Bastian, Ann Clark, Mike Hocking Gill

2. Declaration of conflict of interest: nil declared

3. Confirmation of previous minutes meeting held: 9th April 2025

Accepted: Keith Craig Seconded: Garry Cullinane

4. Guest Speakers:

Port of Newcastle - Ernesto Calderon Silva, Community Liaison; Lucas Coleman, Executive Manager, Corporate Affairs.

Ernesto provided an overview of the Clean Energy Precinct Project on Kooragang Island. Now in the design phase, with \$100m funding from Federal Govt, they are progressing the project. The Stockton community will be provided with regular updates via our Community representative Lloyd Davies.

For further information visit:

<https://pon.com.au/landside/major-projects/clean-energy-precinct/>

Lucas gave an update on vessel movements which are still 95% coal exports, however PoN are planning for future diversification away from coal. Lucas presented on diversification plans. There has been an increase in grain exports, motor vehicle imports and wind turbine imports. A major project in the pipeline is the expansion of Mayfield berth to accommodate larger container ships, for import & export.

For further information visit:

<https://pon.com.au/landside/major-projects/newcastle-container-terminal/>

The PON took questions without notice on the following topics:

- Clean Energy Precinct- on the design and build; Potential Partners
- Harbour dredging and sand dumping;
The group discussed the current licence restrictions on placement of sand, and how PoN may assist maintain Stockton beach. LC explained that PoN, as a private company are currently unable to obtain a licence to place sand near the beach. A licence can only be granted to a public entity. Possible Advocacy by PON on behalf of SCG Inc & Stockton Beach erosion
- Wind Turbine storage and transport

5. Standing items

5.1 Treasurers Report: (Lindy Nisbett)

Bank Balance: \$8,445.17

Income - \$2,564 Federal Govt Volunteers Grant & \$3,400 Clubs NSW (via Club Stockton)

Expenses: \$1029.60 - September Newsletter

Reminder - annual membership fee is \$5 if you are able to support SCG Inc. Due November.

Visit <https://stocktoncommunitygroup.com.au>

Working party updates

5.2 Stockton Beach Group (Alison Rigby)

- no update

5.3 Air Quality & Environment (Keith Craig)

- The new Orica scrubber system continues to perform well and according to Orica data is showing a very high reduction in PM 2.5 particles. However, the EPA has not published their pollution reports since winter 2024 - Keith is chasing this data as it is important to have comparisons and quarterly updates on all air pollution from the Stockton monitor.

5.4 Community and Crown Land (AR for Carolyn Bailey)

- Ferry Service issues week of September 1st a letter sent to Member for Newcastle Tim Crakanthorp requesting NSW Transport investigate the problems.
- Amenities at the Ferry wharf/play area - issue highlighted in the September newsletter.

6.0 Correspondence: list available upon request

7. General business/Business without notice

- WF advised that the CMP timeline and funding details have not yet been released by NSW Government.
- IT suggested a letter be sent to key State government ministers & State member to request dumping of sand on Stockton Beach by PON and before 2028. Letter will be drafted
action: IT/LN/AR

8. Meeting closed: 8:45 pm.

Next Meeting/AGM: Wednesday 12th November 2025, Stockton Surf Life Saving Club at 7:30 pm