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STOCKTON

COMMUNITY GROUP INC.

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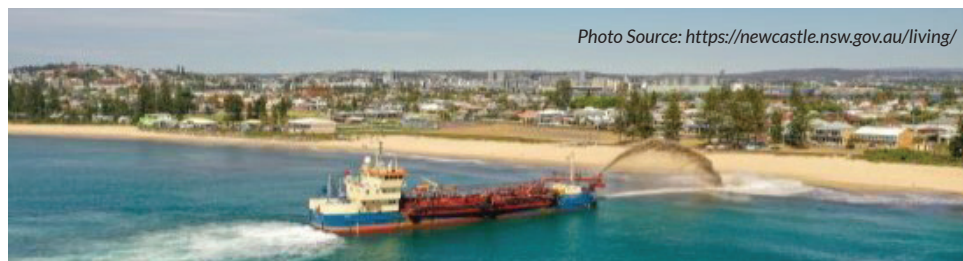


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PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Alison Rigby & Lindy Nisbett,
Co-Presidents

Suggestions and issues raised at our February meeting with Ward 1 Councillors are an ongoing focus and we have seen some progress:

- City of Newcastle (CN) have confirmed upgrade of ferry/activity hub toilets are to be completed by December 2025. CN has advised the new toilet amenity will consist 4 unisex toilets (1 accessible and 3 ambulant) with no baby change facility planned. The new toilet will be located adjacent to the current structure and will be a prefabricated design, similar to the facility at Corroba Oval. The existing toilet will be demolished on completion.

SCG Inc have met with CN to express disappointment with the design. CN were unable to confirm the new facility aligns to

utilisation and demand at the Active Hub. We will continue to work with CN in an attempt to influence panelling aesthetic and advocate for baby change facilities. Residents and visitors are encouraged to contact CN with any concerns about the new amenities.

- NSW Govt have confirmed budget for sand nourishment on Stockton Beach 2025-26

Congratulations and thanks to Barbara Whitcher, Ron Boyd & Willow Forsyth for their advocacy roles on the Stockton Beach Taskforce. The announcement in June of \$21.5 million in the NSW 25-26 budget to repair our beach was very welcome.

Long term we will advocate the need for a master plan to address projected increased housing, traffic and tourism.

key dates

MEETING DATES 2025

Meetings held at Stockton Surf Club
7:30pm

Wednesday September 10th, 2025

Guests: Lucas Coleman and Emily Graham, Corporate Affairs, Port of Newcastle, to update us on future plans for the port.

Wednesday November 12th 2025

Annual general meeting then general meeting & end of year catch up.

working parties

Suburb Improvement & Crown Land: Carolyn Bailey

Air & Water Quality: Keith Craig

Beach Group: Alison Rigby

SCG Inc Executive: Alison Rigby, Lindy Nis, Carolyn Bailey, Jo Bastian, Keith Craig, Gary Cullinane, Mike Hocking-Gill, Ian Taggart

Please see SCG Inc. website for membership details:
www.stocktoncommunitygroup.com.au

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Stockton Community Group Inc. (SCG Inc.) are a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers that seek to act and promote Stockton Community Interests

SCG Inc. Co-Presidents: Alison Rigby & Lindy Nisbett

SCG Inc. Secretariat: Vacant

SCG Inc. Treasurer: Lindy Nisbett

Update

STOCKTON MOBILITY CAMPAIGN

We asked CN for ramps and better access at key intersections in Stockton. See the Council response below. Stockton is not currently included in the draft Walking and Mobility Plan but might be considered in the future - gee thanks :(

Request number: CN2025-0037614 - response:

The City of Newcastle receives numerous requests each year for pedestrian infrastructure upgrades to enhance safety and accessibility. While many streets were built without modern pedestrian facilities, CN is actively working to improve these areas through strategic planning and a Prioritisation Framework outlined in our draft Walking and Mobility Plan.

Your request for kerb ramps at the southern side of intersection has been placed on CN's data base and will be considered for inclusion in future programming.

We thank you for your interest in improving pedestrian infrastructure in Newcastle.

For information on current, completed, and pending Capital Projects, please visit CN's Projects and Works webpage. This resource is updated regularly to provide the community with the latest project updates.



STOCKTON COMMUNITY GARDENS

Is a small group of volunteers who look after the garden on the Stockton Ballast (near the scout hall on Fullerton St). All the trees and plants have been donated by community members in the spirit of caring and education, sharing their local organic gardening knowledge with the broader community. Sustainably reusing organic waste within the compost bays. They process all the waste left (by the community) into rich compost to feed the plants, tend

to the beds and grow chemical free fresh vegetables, herbs, etc.

Volunteers meet up every Friday morning, when it's not wet! We also garden whenever we have time, some members work on different days as we are all busy bees.

New volunteers are very welcome check out our (Stockton Community Gardens) Facebook page or contact Chrissy at: smithchristine6@gmail.com

TRANSPORT FOR NSW NEW FERRY OFFICE RELOCATION PROJECT

In July, CN provided stakeholder engagement on the proposed location of the new facility for ferry staff.

The preferred/identified location for the new facility is on the Stockton Foreshore in Griffith Park (south of the carpark). It will be located close to the ferry terminal and other transport infrastructure including the bus stop, car park and bike parking.



To find out more visit: <https://haveyoursay.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/queens-wharf>

HOW TO CONTACT CITY OF NEWCASTLE

If you have a concern, request for service or ideas for improving Stockton these can be lodged with City of Newcastle by completing a Customer Request Form online at: <https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/about-us/forms-and-publications/forms-and-permits/customer-request-form>

Or you can call them on : **02 4974 2000**

When you lodge a Customer Request you should receive a Reference Number (CRN). This number is important for any ongoing correspondence or if you want to raise your issue with elected councillors.

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MASTERPLAN FOR STOCKTON

As residents of Stockton, we all enjoy & love our suburb, the reserves, beaches, and access to shops and restaurants. However proposed housing developments in North Stockton will increase the population to approx. 10,000 people.

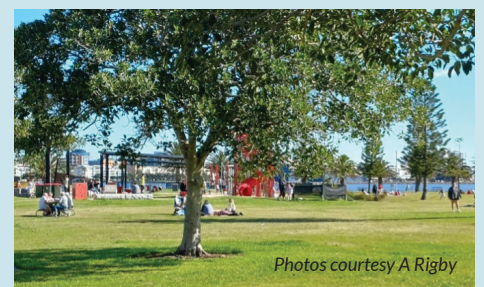
Stockton Community Group Inc (SCG Inc) is concerned that planning for current and future needs of Stockton is piece meal. Currently each upgrade and development is done in isolation. Our recent discussion with CN further highlighted the lack of a coordinated, integrated vision for Stockton.

A masterplan is required to ensure that Stockton can cope with increasing numbers of residents, visitors and commuters. The ferry terminal and

Active Hub form the gateway to the Stockton Peninsula which has become a high-volume tourism destination for Novocastrians and visitors to the Hunter Region. Thousands of people visit or commute through this area annually.

A masterplan for Stockton would help shape the look and feel of the Stockton foreshore. SCG Inc continues to call on CN to develop a plan that:

- Addresses appropriate infrastructure for the volume of residents, visitors and commuters
- Showcases Stockton in a positive manner
- Contributes to future proofing for the northern side of the harbour
- Identifies the best design and location for future amenities



Photos courtesy A Rigby



Pothole Problems?

Report issues with road maintenance, including potholes, mowing, signage, new infrastructure and spills.

<https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/about-us/report-an-issue-or-request-assistance/roads-footpaths>