



Stockton Works Update

February 2022



We look forward to working with the Stockton community in 2022 to help improve the streetscape and protect the coastline.

Stockton CMP 2020 Delivery

We are continuing to manage coastal hazards that impact Stockton's coastline.

Structures

- **Barrie Crescent:** Fencing, vegetation, turfing and installation of protective traffic deterrents is complete and temporary road works will start once the Traffic Committee reviews and approves the design.
- **Ballast Ground:** New turfing and removal of the fence is expected to be completed by the end of February.



Turfing at Barrie Crescent is now complete.

Status of Seawall Upgrades

An EOI has been advertised to investigate suitable rock sources for the rock nourishment of the King Street, Mitchell Street and Stockton Surf Life Saving Club seawalls. The EOI period closes on 15 February.

King Street – Northern Breakwater

A legal agreement with the Port of Newcastle is being finalised and work is expected to start in the first half of the year, depending on the availability of suitable rock.

Buried Terminal Protection Structures

Investigation and design work is underway for the three proposed buried terminal protection structures (southern end of the Mitchell Street seawall, at the SLSC seawall at Dalby Oval and at the Stockton Holiday Park) as per the Stockton CMP 2020. These structures will provide permanent protection for public and private assets at these high-risk locations, during future erosion events.

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Sand

Offshore sand

The Stockton Offshore Sand Exploration Project – Sand Assessment Report – Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG) was provided to City of Newcastle in January and is being reviewed.

Ongoing engagement with specialist consultants and authorities continues in relation to identifying legislative approval pathways, responsible proponents and approval requirements associated with offshore sand extraction.

Harbour sand

We are working with the Port of Newcastle to ensure that Stockton is identified as the primary beneficial reuse location in the renewal of the Sea Dumping Permit and Long-Term Monitoring and Management Plan.

Investigation and assessment of several sources of sand within the harbour are continuing and a consolidated report is scheduled within the coming month.

Sand Placement

Proponent responsibilities, approval pathways and statutory compliance requirements continue to be investigated in relation to placement of sand at Stockton Beach. A 'Request for Quotation' for environmental assessment associated with sand placement in state waters at Stockton Beach is currently being prepared.

Sand Scraping

Sand scraping maintenance was successful in December and provided increased resilience of the dunes in recent swell/tide events. It will be scheduled again as soon as conditions are favorable. This will take place the first week of February, pending weather.

Extended Stockton CMP Development

The recently completed Draft Evaluation Report provided a detailed economic and non-economic viability assessment of the four feasible coastal management options to complement mass sand nourishment at Stockton Beach. From the evidence provided, Scheme 1 (mass sand nourishment supported by annual sand nourishment top ups) has been selected as the best solution for Stockton, economically, socially, and environmentally. This level of rigorous assessment is mandated by the Coastal Management Act 2016.

This scheme will restore the natural sand supply equivalent to the long-term loss rate and maintain the northerly flow of sand. It addresses key stakeholder concerns including no increase in erosion rates on any location, and a sand buffer is provided for the landfill and key community assets.

The success of Scheme 1 is reliant on securing sand sources and funding. We are continuing to work within our remit to progress the investigation of both harbour and offshore sand sources as well as extraction and placement approvals.

We are also investigating costs and will initiate discussions with the NSW Government regarding an appropriate funding structure.

The Draft Evaluation Report findings, combined with the causal relationship of the harbour infrastructure, as identified by the Sand Movement Study, provide the justification that the NSW Government has a role to play in financially supporting the solution to the erosion at Stockton.

Mitchell Street Local Centre Upgrade

The upgrade of Mitchell Street continues with improvements to footpaths and kerb and gutter being delivered in stages. Our crews will soon commence construction of the new footpath along Mitchell Street between Crown Street and King Street, with work taking place at night to minimise disruption.

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