



# Stockton Works Update

## March 2022



*We are continuing to work with the Stockton community to help protect the coastline and upgrade the town centre.*

### **Stockton CMP Delivery**

#### **Structures**

**Barrie Crescent Rock Bag Structure:** The rock structure is complete and we are putting the finishing touches on the project. Temporary road works will be implemented once approved by Newcastle Traffic Committee. Turfing at the Ballast Ground is nearly finished, and the fencing will be removed soon.

**Status of Seawall Upgrades:** An Expression of Interest (EOI) was 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 is now closed and responses are being assessed.

#### **Sand**

**Offshore Sand:** We have provided advice to the NSW Government regarding the approval pathway for offshore sand extraction and are awaiting feedback.

**Sand Placement:** We have commissioned an external consultant to develop a concept plan for sand placement.

**Beach Scraping:** Beach scraping is again scheduled to take place in the first week of March, pending weather. Scraping in February helped to restore local resilience to the dunes along Eames Avenue before focusing on the dune system along Dalby Oval.

### **Extended Stockton CMP Development**

In December, we announced that the outcome of the evaluation assessment confirmed that Scheme 1, mass sand nourishment supported by annual sand nourishment top ups, is the best solution for Stockton, economically, socially, and environmentally.

The draft Evaluation Report was discussed at the December Stockton CLG meeting and this feedback is currently being reviewed by the consultant. With a new Deputy Premier appointed in October 2021, we participated in a visit by Paul Toole MP to Stockton Beach in January 2022. The Deputy Premier, who is also Minister for Regional NSW, reaffirmed the NSW Government's commitment to the Stockton Beach Taskforce.

### **Mitchell Street Local Centre Upgrade**

The upgrade of Mitchell Street continues with improvements being delivered in stages. Our crews are working on the footpath along Mitchell Street between Crown Street and King Street, with concreting taking place at night to minimise disruption. Access to businesses is being retained.