



STOCKTON WORKS UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2021

BEACH ACCESS

In August a significant milestone was reached with construction finalised on the temporary rock back structure at Barrie Crescent. Works are also continuing on a range of other projects in Stockton.

Meredith Street: OPEN.

Hereford Street to Pembroke Street: OPEN.

Lexies: OPEN.

Little Beach: OPEN.

Stockton Beach from King Street: CLOSED.

Stone Street, at the north end of **Mitchell Street seawall:** CLOSED. Final works at Barrie Crescent Reserve will be delivered in coming months, including a new beach accessway off Griffith Street. Currently, the nearest access is north off Meredith Street, or south at 'The Pines', off Hereford Street.

Mitchell Street Seawall stair ways: CLOSED.

The ongoing use of closed accessways is damaging Stockton's coastline, and vandalism is posing an ongoing challenge and a risk to the community. Please respect works crews and follow the direction of signage.



Image: The Local Centre upgrade along Mitchell Street is progressing well.

WORKS UPDATE

Stockton CMP 2021 Development

Feasibility Assessment Stage: The Viability Assessment of the four potential management schemes identified as feasible is continuing. At the completion of the Viability Assessment, each scheme will have a cost to build and maintain over a nominated timeline, which will be compared to the cost of doing nothing, to determine if it is economically feasible. The Viability Assessment will also determine the beneficiaries of each scheme to assist in the development of a potential funding structure.

To find out more about the schemes visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au/stockton.

Mitchell Street Local Centre Upgrade

The upgrade of Mitchell Street is progressing, with water main works now complete. Civil works to footpaths and kerb and gutter are being delivered in stages, with residents and businesses along Mitchell Street receiving updates from our crews before work starts in their area. We are moving sandstone blocks from the site to safely store at one of our facilities so they can be cleaned, protected, and then brought back to life at Stockton, surrounding the rain gardens planned for key intersections along Mitchell Street.

For more information and updates on these works visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au/localcentres



Image: Construction of the temporary rock bag structure is now finished. Works to finalise the reserve are underway.

WORKS UPDATE CONTINUED

Stockton CMP 2020 Delivery

Sand

Sand Scraping: CN are reviewing our beach scraping strategy and we will continue to monitor sand levels so we can increase our responsiveness to sand scraping opportunities.

Mass Sand Nourishment: There are several streams of work underway to source sand and we are working collaboratively with the NSW Government to investigate processes and funding mechanisms for mass sand nourishment at Stockton Beach. CN are investigating the costs, additional studies and approvals involved to secure a mining licence to source offshore sand, while also continuing to work with stakeholders on opportunities to source sand from within the harbour.

Amenity Sand Nourishment: CN are progressing with the approval work associated with the delivery of a cost-effective amenity nourishment program for Stockton Beach, as identified in the Stockton CMP 2020. Amenity nourishment is placing smaller volumes of sand in high use locations, to improve the appearance of and access to the beach, while we work towards confirming the multiple pathways to mass sand nourishment. To assist with funding this work, a Coast and Estuary Program grant application has been lodged with NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) covering the standing commitment to amenity nourishment in the coming years (\$4 million as per Stockton CMP 2020).

Please be aware of changed conditions and follow signage and the instructions of authorities.

Structures

Barrie Crescent Rock Bag Structure: CN completed the construction of a 210 metre-long temporary protection structure made up of 1260 *Kyowa Rock Bags*. Preparation for the make good works of the site is underway.

Status of Seawall Upgrades: CN are in the process of confirming suitable rock sources for the rock nourishment of the Mitchell Street and Stockton Surf Life Saving Club seawall. We are evaluating the results of testing with industry experts and quarry proprietors in the coming months.

King Street - Northern Breakwater: A grant application has been lodged with DPIE seeking funding to support works to repair the breakwater. Once grant funding is confirmed, work will commence on the next stage of this accessway development. Access to Stockton Beach from King Street will remain closed. Please be aware of changed conditions and follow signage and the instructions of authorities.

Buried Terminal Protection Structures Works at the Southern End of the Mitchell Street Seawall, at the SLSC Seawall at Dalby Oval and Lexies/Stockton Holiday Park: A grant application has been lodged with DPIE covering the three proposed buried terminal protection structures as per the action plan of the Stockton CMP 2020. These structures will provide permanent protection for public and private assets at these high-risk locations, during future erosion events.