

Progress on delivering sand for Stockton

The NSW Government and City of Newcastle are working to restore sand to Stockton Beach and revitalise this much-loved stretch of coastline for the Stockton community.



The NSW Government has a 4-point plan to progress outcomes for Stockton Beach

Point 1: NSW Public Works to lead restoration works and oversee expenditure of the \$6.2 million of funding provided under the Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program (CERMP).

Following NSW Public Works' engagement of RN Dredging, the dredge, Trud R, arrived in Newcastle on 14 October 2023.

Approximately 130,000 cubic metres of sand was delivered through **Part A of the \$6.2 million CERMP grant** to remediate Stockton Beach.

Sand was placed in the surf zone at the southern end of the beach, with the dredging concluding on 4 November 2023.

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The volume of suitable sand dredged and placed over the three weeks of work exceeded the initial 100,000 cubic metres target.

More sand had accumulated in the approved dredging area of Newcastle Harbour than was originally anticipated, meaning the dredging vessel was able to collect this additional sand and place it on Stockton Beach. The required post-sand placement monitoring activities are being undertaken.

A range of options are being explored to source the sand needed for mass sand renourishment.

Parts B and C of the CERMP grant fund detailed feasibility and viability investigations into potential sand sources within the north arm of the Hunter River (Part B) and offshore marine areas (Part C). These investigations will identify possible sand source locations within each area for further environmental assessments and approvals.



Parts B and C of the CERMP works are being progressed by NSW Public Works, and more information will be available in future community updates.

Point 2: The Department of Regional NSW will work with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to develop a blueprint for the long-term management of Stockton Beach.

The Department of Planning and Environment has now released the blueprint, which will guide progress on the NSW Government's \$21 million commitment for longer-term mass sand renourishment at Stockton Beach. The Stockton Beach Repair Blueprint can be viewed on [the Department of Planning and Environment's website](#).

Point 3: The Department of Regional NSW will host regular community information sessions to ensure community input into decisions made by the Taskforce.

The first of the community drop-in sessions was held in Stockton on 24 October 2023.

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Community members attended the event at the Stockton Surf Lifesaving Club and spoke with the representatives from agency partners, including the Department of Regional NSW, Public Works, City of Newcastle, Department of Planning and Environment, and the Port of Newcastle.



Feedback and comments from attendees included appreciation for making progress on addressing the issue, especially the dredging work, and interest in the next stage of works, including commencement of mass sand renourishment.

The next community drop-in session will likely be held during the first quarter of 2024.

Point 4: Quarterly progress reports, issued jointly by the NSW Government and City of Newcastle to be made publicly available, beginning September 2023.

The first quarterly progress report was published in September 2023, and this document is the second quarterly progress report.

Previous editions are available at: newcastle.nsw.gov.au/stockton

Next Steps

- Investigations into sourcing further sand for Stockton Beach under the CERMP.
- Finalisation of the Blueprint for the long-term management of Stockton Beach.

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