



# STOCKTON WORKS UPDATE AUGUST 2021

## BEACH ACCESS

This month the Barrie Crescent temporary rock bag structure is expected to be finalised, pending weather. As usual, accessways will continue to be monitored. Visitors to Stockton Beach should only use open accessways.

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**Meredith Street:** OPEN.

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**Hereford Street to Pembroke Street:** OPEN.

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**Lexies:** OPEN. City of Newcastle (CN) recently completed repair works to this accessway.

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**Little Beach:** OPEN.

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**Stockton Beach from King Street:** CLOSED.

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**Stone Street**, at the north end of **Mitchell Street seawall:** CLOSED. Work to install rockbags on the beach will be completed soon and access will be reinstated. The nearest access north off Meredith Street or south at 'The Pines', off Hereford Street.

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**Mitchell Street Seawall stairways:** 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.*

## WORKS UPDATE

### Stockton CMP 2021 Development

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**Feasibility Assessment Stage:** The four potential management schemes which would accompany mass sand nourishment (maintenance nourishment, artificial headland, artificial reef, sand back-passing) have been deemed feasible as part of the draft Feasibility Assessment Report. These schemes now progress to the Viability Assessment component. The Viability Assessment will take the cost of each scheme into account and allow us to carry out a cost-benefit analysis. At the completion of the Viability Assessment, each scheme will have a cost to build and maintain over a nominated timeline. The Viability Assessment will also determine the beneficiaries of each scheme.

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To find out more about the schemes visit [newcastle.nsw.gov.au/stockton](http://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/stockton).

### Mitchell Street Local Centre Upgrade

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The upgrade of Mitchell Street continues, with water main works nearing completion. 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.

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For more information and updates on these works visit [newcastle.nsw.gov.au/localcentres](http://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/localcentres)



*Image: The Stockton Coastal Management Program 2021 will update the Stockton CMP 2020 to include the northern section of Stockton Beach.*



Image: The temporary rock bag structure is taking shape.

## WORKS UPDATE CONTINUED

### Stockton CMP 2020 Delivery

#### **Sand**

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**Sand Scraping:** Beach scraping has been reduced during the cooler months but we are reviewing our strategy and continuing our sand-level monitoring so we can increase our responsiveness to sand scraping opportunities.

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**Mass Nourishment:** NSW Deputy Premier John Barilaro announced on 1 July that the geological survey work commissioned by the Deputy Premier's Stockton Beach Taskforce has confirmed three potentially suitable bodies of sand in Stockton Bight. One is located near the entrance to the harbour and two are further east of the beach foreshore at Stockton. We look forward to reviewing the geological survey and report. Further work will then be required to confirm how the sand is sourced and consideration of environmental, social and cultural impacts of extraction. CN will work with the State on the next steps for the options of an off-shore sand source.

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**Opportunistic Amenity Sand Nourishment:** We are continuing to progress the required beneficial reuse planning pathway for Stockton Beach. This will ensure all approvals are in place to enable us to accept any suitable and cost-effective sand for nourishment at Stockton. We are also collaborating with Port of Newcastle and other relevant State and Federal agencies to ensure we can take advantage of any opportunities for the beneficial reuse of suitable sand for Stockton Beach from the harbour's current operations or other significant projects.

#### **Structures**

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**Barrie Crescent Rock Bag Structure:** Installation of the temporary rock bag structure is expected to be finished by the end of the month, weather permitting. We have installed over 900 rock bags so far and the works have been progressing despite the high swells experienced last month. Please take care near the work site.

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**Status of Seawall Upgrades:** We are continuing to confirm suitable rock sources for the rock nourishment of the Mitchell Street and Stockton Surf Life Saving Club seawall. CN will be evaluating the results of testing with industry experts in the coming months.

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**King Street - Northern Breakwater:** CN and Port of Newcastle have determined a design and funding arrangement for the repairs to the breakwater. It incorporates an 'all users' accessway to south Stockton Beach. Following the final project documentation being signed off, a grant application will be lodged. 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.

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