



## BEACH ACCESS

Meredith Street: OPEN.

Hereford Street to Pembroke Street: OPEN.

Lexies: OPEN.

Little Beach: OPEN.

Stockton Beach from King Street: 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.*

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.

## WORKS UPDATE

### Extended Stockton CMP Development

City of Newcastle and key agency stakeholders are currently reviewing the preliminary results of the viability assessment into the four potential coastal management schemes to determine a potential funding structure.

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

### Mitchell Street Local Centre Upgrade

The upgrade of Mitchell Street continues, with civil works to footpaths and kerb and guttering being delivered in stages. Residents and businesses along Mitchell Street receive updates from City of Newcastle work crews before work starts in their area.

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



*Image: The sandstone blocks that were along Mitchell Street were removed for cleaning and have now been returned to frame the intersection*



## WORKS UPDATE CONTINUED

### Stockton CMP 2020 Delivery Sand

*City of Newcastle (CN) is undertaking a significant amount of work to manage the coastal hazards that continue to impact Stockton Beach.*

**Dune Protection:** Following large swells in recent weeks, wave overtopping along the dunes at Meredith Street and Corroba Oval has caused considerable damage to the local dune system and vegetation in the area. We are currently trialing the use of straw bales and coir logs to both trap sand and provide additional protection from wave overtopping to help minimise further inundation. We ask that the community please be respectful of these works and don't step on or over the straw bales to give them the best chance of providing additional resilience to our coastline.

**Sand Scraping:** Sand scraping aims to manage the existing sand along Stockton Beach in the most effective way possible. It assists natural processes by moving sand from the bottom to the top of the beach profile to buffer coastal vegetation. We are continuing to monitor weather conditions and opportunities for sand scraping along parts of Stockton Beach.

Weather Permitting, the first week of October will provide good conditions to commence the first of our Spring sand scraping activities and will help to restore some of the sand along the dunes in front of the Stockton Holiday Caravan Park and Dalby Oval, north of the Surf Life Saving Club. Please pay attention to relevant safety signage and directions provided while our staff and contractors complete this important work.

**Mass Sand Nourishment:** The NSW Government has provided CN with a draft copy of the *Stockton Offshore Sand Exploration Project - Sand Assessment Report* for review. This report provides details of the physical properties of the sand deposits offshore of Stockton Bight and identified three potential sand sources. Further work will be required to compare the feasibility and viability of each of these sources; this includes consideration of the extraction methodology and the environmental, social and cultural impacts of sand extraction.

**Amenity Sand Nourishment:** We 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 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.*



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

### Structures

**Barrie Crescent Rock Bag Structure:** Construction of the 210 metre long temporary protection structure made up of 1260 'Kyowa Rock Bags' is complete and 'make good' work at the site is underway.

**Status of Seawall Upgrades:** CN is continuing to investigate 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:** Access to Stockton Beach from King Street remains closed. CN has lodged a grant application 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.

**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.

