

Extended Stockton Coastal Management Program (CMP) 2020

The draft Extended Stockton CMP, which includes an expanded list of management actions to support the long-term strategy of mass sand nourishment, is in the final phase of development ahead of public exhibition in 2024. It will broaden the geographical area covered by the program to include the northern end of Stockton Beach from Meredith Street to the Port Stephens Local Government Area boundary.

We're continuing to deliver a range of risk management actions and works to help manage, maintain and preserve Stockton's coastline.

In the first of many steps as we look toward mass sand nourishment, the NSW Government, in collaboration with City of Newcastle, recently delivered 130,000m³ of amenity sand nourishment, which sourced sand from the outer channel of Newcastle Harbour and placed it into the near shore at Stockton Beach. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with the NSW Government on the delivery of mass sand nourishment.

Meanwhile, work on-ground is continuing in line with the CMP. Planning is underway for repairs to the rock seawall in front of Stockton Surf Lifesaving Club, and a structure to protect The Pines and prevent the further exposure of historical buried material.

Work on a new buried seawall at the southern end of the Mitchell Street rock seawall commenced in September and is scheduled for completion by mid-2024. This buried seawall is being constructed with vertical, overlapping concrete beams and its length has been reduced to 75 metres, from the originally planned 126 metres, to allow for integration into future works to protect The Pines.

Following on from the recent repairs to King Street breakwater, work will commence on revegetation of the site and improved pedestrian access in early 2024.

We will continue to work with Worimi Registered Aboriginal Parties for Stockton to ensure these works respect the significance of the Stockton coastline to the Worimi people, and protects their heritage.

Recognising our local advocates

Congratulations to Stockton Community Liaison Group members **Ron Boyd** and **Barbara Whitcher**, who were recognised for their hard work and dedication to the management of Stockton's coastline at November's **NSW Coastal Management Awards**. Ron was awarded as a 'Local Hero' and Barbara received a Highly Commended within the Community Involvement category. Ron described this recognition as *"community awards that celebrate the fantastic Stockton community spirit and commitment to restoring our beach"*.

The awards took place at the joint National Coast to Coast and NSW Coastal Conference hosted in Newcastle, with conference delegates participating in a field trip to Stockton to view coastal management firsthand.



A picture is worth 1,000 words

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