



## Delivery of actions from the 2020 CMP

### **Sand**

#### **Sourcing Sand:**

The urgency of addressing erosion at Stockton Beach along State Government owned Crown Land cannot be understated. A Stockton Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting was held in December 2022 to discuss issues around the NSW Government's commitment to project managing the work as outlined in the grant application to the Federal Government, which funds the delivery of sand for initial amenity nourishment at Stockton Beach, as well as the additional investigations and approvals required for mass sand nourishment. City of Newcastle (CN) welcome the recent announcement by the Deputy Premier Paul Toole, that NSW Public Works will be tasked with project managing key activities to enable sand nourishment for Stockton Beach.

#### **Receiving Sand:**

To accommodate the receipt of both amenity and mass sand nourishment volumes, CN have progressed the design work for sand placement and anticipate having the associated environmental approvals finalised in the first half of 2023.

Sand placement plans, based on the most recent sand movement study, ensure that sand is placed in the most effective location. This includes smaller volumes of sand other than mass sand nourishment such as sand sourced from the Port of Newcastle's maintenance dredging activities.

### **Structures**

#### **Status of Seawall Upgrades:**

We have commenced repair works to the King Street breakwater, including repairs to damage from erosion events and construction of a new accessway to South Stockton Beach. Once our repairs are complete, access will be reinstated for the community including recreational users and fisher folk to South Stockton Beach, and also for CN and the Port of Newcastle for necessary operations. We aim to maintain pedestrian access to the breakwater during our works, however there may be short periods of time where we need to temporarily restrict access to allow construction activities to be undertaken safely. Please follow the directions of our crews and safety signage at these times.

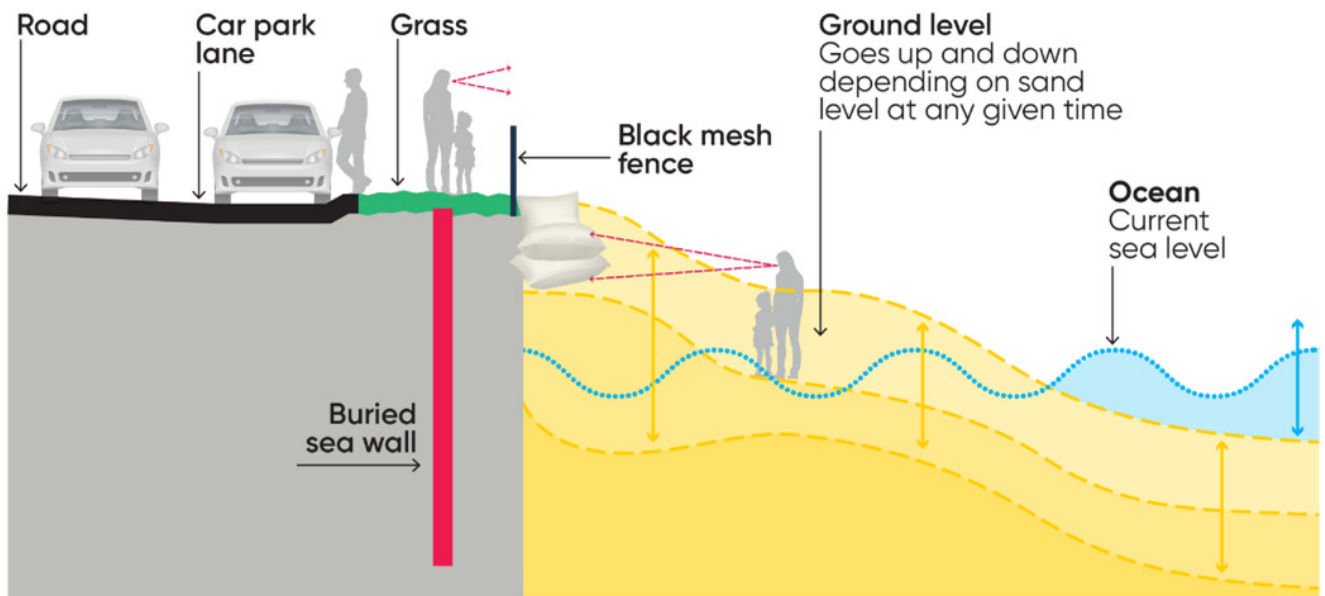
#### **Buried Protection Structures:**

We plan to commence construction of the first buried terminal protection structure at the southern end of the Mitchell Street seawall in the coming months. The new structure is a buried seawall constructed with vertical, overlapping concrete beams. When completed, the top of the wall will be buried as shown in image.



# Stockton Works Update

## February 2023



Artist impression of the new buried seawall, southern end of the Mitchell Street seawall.

We are also working on the design of additional buried protection structures, including one in front of Lexie's Cafe. Consultation will commence with the community later in 2023.

CN will continue to work with Stockton Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Group to ensure that our works are respectful to the significance of the Stockton coastline and protects cultural heritage.

Further information about these projects is on our [website](#).

## Coastal Repair Work

Work was completed last year to repair existing emergency structures along the Dalby Oval frontage including an area south of the Mitchell Street seawall, 'The Pines' area and accessway, and an area north of the Stockton SLSC seawall. The structures were repaired using geofabric, sand and rock bags, as well as new fencing being installed. The accessway from Dalby Oval to Stockton Beach was also rebuilt to provide safe passage for all beach users. The latest information regarding emergency works and beach accessways can be found on our [website](#).

## Extended Stockton CMP Development

In recent weeks, we have issued draft management actions relating to the Extended CMP to agency stakeholders, Stockton Community Liaison Group (SCLG) and Worimi representatives. Feedback will then be considered in the final set of management actions included in the CMP, which we hope to have on Public Exhibition in mid-2023. Given that Stockton's erosion is primarily caused by the NSW Government's breakwater and deep-water navigation channel, the draft implementation actions relating to sand nourishment have been submitted to the the Deputy Premier' Stockton Beach Taskforce, asking for the ownership and funding of actions to be allocated within the NSW Government.