



MoreSandLessTalk
SaveStockton2295
RedLineRally2
TellUsTheTimeline

Planned COMMUNITY RALLY for STOCKTON BEACH

WHAT:

Our strong community VOICE needs to be heard again. Let's remind public agencies exactly what HELP Stockton Beach needs NOW.

WHERE/WHEN:

A weekend day this June or July (stay tuned).

WHY:

In the 2 years since the last RALLY we have had more TALK, more REPORTS, more EROSION photo opportunities, more CRISIS works, but no real ACTION on the SOLUTION.

SOME OF THE LAST 2 YEARS' ACTIVITY:

State has reconfirmed the existence of suitable sand offshore for Mass Sand Nourishment (MSN);

State has funded an investigation into the use of river (harbour) sand;

Council consultants have discounted hard structures such as headlands and offshore reefs; and,

Today, we are left with the option of Mass Sand Nourishment (i.e. lots of sand placed in the beach zone plus annual top off to make sure we have 50+ metres of sand in front of seawalls and scarps).

THE PROBLEM:

It is ASPIRATIONAL – no timeline, no funding, no Environmental Impact Statement for sand dredging, no mining lease issued, no permits for sand placing, no plan to buy or lease a dredge, and no plan to build back the beach dune structure.

ON THE DAY:

Let's make our community VISIBLE at two key points – on the narrow neck of Corroba Oval and its beach area, and on the Break Water.

Let's show our sports teams and community groups as they stand their ground on our important local places AND line the 1km long State government structure that blocks our sand.

RED T-SHIRTS:

To show our unity please wear red shirts to the rally. New red t shirts will be available 2 weeks before rally at PPS shop. As a warm up to the RedLineRally2 please wear red t-shirts every Saturday from now on.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP

All community groups with ideas and stories to tell, contact Willow, Melanie, Ron H, or Peter by email
StocktonComGroup@gmail.com

If you are good at editing videos we need your help – please contact us by email.

WHAT OUR COMMUNITY SEEKS

We want the NSW government to confirm:

- 1) Who is the minister who will Champion, Drive, and Approve mass sand nourishment? (Deputy Premier Toole said at last Task Force meeting HE DID NOT KNOW who this is).
- 2) Where will the funds come from to pay for Mass Sand Nourishment?
- 3) What is the timeline for MSN to be completed?



NEWSLETTER

By the community. For the community.

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Highlights

- Representations to Council over a) Crown lands future developments and ongoing shoreline losses. b) Seeking to understand Councils strategy to address further shoreline loss (at Corroba and Caravan Park)
- Representation to Newcastle Federal member over current \$50M federal funding available to support coastal erosion (available to NSW Govt.)
- We have since written to the Deputy Premier, NSW Planning Minister and NSW Minister for Local government seeking their public endorsement for Federal funding and Sand Nourishment at Stockton Beach (cc Newcastle State member)
- Presentations from Stockton Historical Society, NSW Police and Hunter Water.
- AGM will be held in August. We are seeking new faces to fill executive roles in 2022/2023.

Key Dates

SCG Inc. Meetings

Venue: Uniting Church Hall

Wednesday 11/5/22 7.15pm

Guest Speaker Willow Forsyth

Wednesday 8/6/22 7.15pm

Guest Speaker Orica

Beach Rally (date TBA)

SCG Inc. Update

It is hard to even say the words Stockton Beach without becoming sad, frustrated, confused and at times very angry. Moments of hope are soon replaced by sadness as I think about the many, many, many years that our wonderful community has fought for a return of the sand lost.

The key points of stalemate for me are funding and politics. We, as a community need to make sure that all parties are called to account, talk to each other, stop playing politics and develop a specific plan and timeline

I hope that: the decision makers, the NSW State Government and the City of Newcastle will stop pointing fingers at each other. *I also hope that:* the stakeholders that benefit from the harbour (the Port Authority, Port of Newcastle, and other community stake holders) will step up and offer financial support. We know and have evidence that the harbour wall has caused our issue. These stakeholders benefit as our beach suffers.

A unified community approach is required for the voice of Stockton to be heard. For this reason SCG Inc. needs the support of all Stockton Residents to join us in the upcoming rally (feature article over page). Hope to see you at the rally. Check social media or your letterbox for details closer to the time

Thanks so much ,

Jenny Allen, President

We are

Stockton Community Group Inc. (SCG Inc.) an not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers that seek to act and promote Stockton Community Interests

SCG President: Jennifer Allen

SCG Secretariat: Alison Rigby, Melanie Taggart

SCG Treasurer: Ian Taggart

Working Parties

Suburb Improvement:

Air & Water Quality: Keith Craig

Beach Group: Leader vacant

Crown Land: Rainnie Carter

See SCG Inc. website for membership details.