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For the community.

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SCG INC. UPDATE

Alison Rigby & Melanie Taggart, Co-Presidents

Welcome to the October Newsletter, the year is flying and sadly the weather forecasts for summer will exacerbate erosion issues on Stockton Beach. Please join us in a series of campaigns that will keep Stockton as a focus to all levels of government.

The SCG Inc. Annual General Meeting was held in September. Melanie Taggart & Alison Rigby continue as Co-Presidents. Looking forward to working with you all over the next twelve months.

Shopping Centre Update

SCG Inc is aware of concerns within the community about maintenance of the local shopping centre. The shopping centre, 51a – 55 Mitchell St, is privately owned property and incorporates the arcade and car park.

Health and safety issues raised by community members include regular flooding of the car park, nesting birds and accumulation of droppings on walkways, access to toilet facilities, and general cleanliness, maintenance and repair of common areas.

The SCG has formally raised these concerns with City of Newcastle (CN) Department of Regulatory, Planning & Assessment, The Lord Mayor's Office and through the three Ward One Councillors. CN have attempted to engage with the

property owners with no response to date. On the recommendation of CN, the SCG will attempt mediation with the property owners through the Community Justice Centre. We will continue to explore other avenues to address these health and safety concerns.

If you are impacted by these or other issues related to the shopping centre we recommend you firstly contact management of the relevant businesses within the centre. You can also lodge your concerns with CN by completing a Customer Request Form <https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/about-us/contact-us> or by phone: 0249742000. Reference code: CN2021/01708.

Cabins Update

CN was asked the following question: **What is the current plan to relocate the cabins that are moth-balled on Pitt Street reserve?**

Response: There is still no timeframe for the removal of the cabins, as CN is in process of developing a Holiday Park masterplan. The Masterplan is contingent on the outcomes of the Stockton Coastal Management Program, its revised hazard lines, and confirmation on the delivery timeframe for mass sand nourishment. Request for further information has been forwarded to Property & Facilities department.

HIGHLIGHTS

Beach Action (See over page)

Lobbying for amenities at the Shopping Centre.

Representations to Council over Crown lands future developments

Met with State Member Tim Crakanthorp to discuss Stockton beach issues.

Increased social media presence

Updated SCG Inc. Website

AGM held in September & office bearers & executive elected.

Presentations from:

- Origin Energy overview on Hydrogen Plant project
- Manager, Corporate Affairs and Strategy, Port of Newcastle
- Mayeta Clark, Investigative Journalist

Thanks to Sharyn Fraser of Beaconworth Digital & Danielle Tiedeman, Prism Design Studio for their support.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 9th November 7.15pm

- SCG Inc. Meetings
Venue: Uniting Church Hall
- Activity: Snail Mail mass letter writing to Shadow NSW Ministers.

WE ARE

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

SCG Inc. Co-Presidents: Alison Rigby, Melanie Taggart

SCG Inc. Secretariat: Vacant

SCG Inc. Treasurer: Lindy Nisbett

WORKING PARTIES

Suburb Improvement: Carolyn Bailey

Air & Water Quality: Keith Craig

Beach Group: Leader vacant

Crown Land: Rainnie Carter

Please see SCG Inc. website for membership details:
www.stocktoncommunitygroup.com.au

Paintings
Drawings
Sculptures
Photos
Poems
etc.

ART 2022 COMPETITION

THEME: I LOVE STOCKTON BEACH

What do you LOVE about Stockton Beach?

OPEN TO ALL AGES!
FREE TO ENTER

WIN
Cash prizes totalling \$500

Help maintain pressure on all levels of government and keep Stockton Beach in the public eye by sharing your reflections on Stockton Beach in a positive, creative way. We invite you to submit a photograph of your original painting, drawing, sculpture or poem etc, and be in the running for some great prizes!

Here is your chance to show Stockton Beach some love!

ENTRIES: Open 1st October 2022
Close 31st December 2022

HOW TO ENTER:
Take a photo of your artwork
Upload the photo at:
www.ticketebo.com.au/stockoart

OR scan the QR code:

FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND PRIZE DETAILS: stocktoncommunitygroup.com.au

STOCKTON BEACH EROSION ACTIONS

- Met with Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) to discuss Stockton Beach Erosion and possible strategies to progress beach remediation
- In September members of SCG Inc. executive participated in a meeting with CN staff from the Assets Environment group and Projects teams working on Stockton beach.
 - Discussions primarily focused on Works from Hereford to Pembroke St. Members expressed concerns with timeframes of works and lack of action on sand nourishment.
 - We were told that CN would do nothing to halt erosion at The Pines recreation area, where Stockton War Memorial is situated.
 - The Stockton War Memorial was dedicated in 1922, and for a century it has provided the community a place to remember those who gave their lives for Australia. The Pines is an area for reflection and recreation. Stockton Beach has the highest rate of beach erosion in NSW placing The Pines & Stockton War Memorial in danger of being lost to beach erosion. See the CMP document (page 58, available from SCG inc website) where the 2025 erosion line is only just seaward of the Stockton War Memorial.
 - Concerns on this issue have been raised with
 - » RSL NSW & Stockton RSL
 - » State member
 - » Newcastle Council
 - » Ward 1 elected council representatives
 - » Federal member & Minister for Veteran Affairs

- Met with State Member Tim Crakanthorp to discuss Stockton beach issues. As a result of the meeting questions were tabled in NSW Parliament on 21/9/22

THE FIGHT GOES ON

EVERYONE CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

WHAT WE'VE LOST

BEACH ACCESS
RECREATIONAL LAND
CHILD CARE CENTRE
TOURIST CABINS

WHAT WE RISK

WAR MEMORIAL
CORROBA OVAL
SURF CLUB
CARAVAN PARK & CAFE
MITCHELL STREET ROAD ACCESS

HOLD LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE
Council, State, Federal

WEAR RED SHIRTS ON SATURDAYS
as an ongoing visual sign of support

WRITE/EMAIL/FACEBOOK POLITICIANS
Ask "what are YOU doing to support the beach and the community"

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION PLEASE SEE WEBSITE OR SCAN QR CODE

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PPS

SAVE STOCKTON TEE \$20

LESS TALK MORE SAND

Contact SCG Inc. directly by email or drop by PPS. Only limited stock available

WE NEED TO KEEP STOCKTON BEACH EROSION AT THE FOREFRONT OF GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS. A UNIFIED IS REQUIRED FOR THE VOICE OF STOCKTON TO BE HEARD COMMUNITY APPROACH