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For the community.

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#LessTalkMoreSand

#SaveStockton2295

#StandWithUs2295

#TellUsTheTimeline

SCG INC. UPDATE

Alison Rigby & Melanie Taggart, Co-Presidents

As we go to print Stockton Beach is a hive of activity - congratulations to the community on the beach campaigns waged over the past 5 years however it is too soon to take our Save Stockton Beach signs down!

While it is good to see the NSW Government moving on the issue of sand renourishment 100,000 cubic metres of sand is not enough. We look forward to a timeline and plan from NSW Dept of Planning & Environment (DPIE) in the coming months. Currently the beach looks amazing courtesy of favourable weather conditions & sand scraping by City of Newcastle (CN). The sand dredging will also contribute to the improvement. The work on the Mitchell Street buried protection structure is also

underway and is expected to take 9 months to complete.

At the October meeting Port of Newcastle provided an update on the proposed Clean Energy Precinct to be located on Kooragang (adjacent to the Tourle Street Bridge). Residents of Stockton are encouraged to engage in the community consultation process and monitor the progress of this project: <https://www.portofnewcastle.com.au/landside/major-projects/>

Over the Summer SCG Inc. will be highlighting the lack of amenities on Stockton please see over for more information.

Wishing you a safe & happy summer in Stockton.

*Best wishes,
Alison and Melanie*



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH SAND DREDGING AT STOCKTON BEACH?

Prof. Ron Boyd

Last October the Commonwealth Government awarded NSW, a Coastal and Estuary Risk Mitigation Grant for \$4.7 M and this was supplemented by City of Newcastle with a further \$1.7 M. The grant was in three parts, funding for a study on the Environmental Impact of future offshore dredging and a second study on the suitability of sand from the North Arm of the Hunter River.

But the most immediate outcome was the funding of a dredge to deliver 100,000 m³ of sand from the entrance of Newcastle Harbour directly to Stockton Beach. The sand to come from the Area E, the outer navigation channel that extends from the Pilot Station out to around 1 km seaward of the breakwaters. The dredge arrived on Saturday 14th October and

worked continuously (weather permitting) to deliver around 700-1000 m³ of sand per load via a rainbowing spray method directly onto the beach and the nearshore bars. The dredge placed the sand between the Mitchell Street seawall and the breakwater.

But 100,000 m³ of sand is only about 70% of the annual long term loss of sand at South Stockton. We need much more. A further \$21 M has been promised by the NSW Government to deliver 2.3 million cubic metres of sand in the next three years. There is still work to do to identify where this will come from, and the best way to deliver it. But we have made the first successful small step to get our beach back, and we are hopeful there will be much more sand soon.

KEY DATES

2024 Meeting Dates

13th March

10th April

8th May

11th September

9th October

13th November

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



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Make sure you are following
Stockton Community Group Inc.





STAND WITH US!



UPGRADE AMENITIES

The \$1.25 million Stockton Active Hub - Skatepark and Playground adjacent to the ferry wharf, is a fantastic asset for our community and visitors... BUT the toilets are terrible!

WE NEED BETTER PUBLIC TOILETS THAT ARE:

- FAMILY FRIENDLY
- ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL
- MEET GROWING DEMAND

SCG Inc has lobbied to improve these facilities, but City of Newcastle has no plan to upgrade the toilets. We need your help! If you are not satisfied with this public amenity let City of Newcastle know by lodging a Customer Request via the [QR code](#) or call them on 02 4974 2000

You can also raise your concerns with your Ward 1 elected representatives:

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SCG Inc will continue to campaign for better public facilities for Stockton, including new and upgraded amenities at:

- Stockton shopping precinct
- The Lions Park
- Stockton Beach
- North Breakwater

Closest toilets to shopping precinct:

- Ferry: 400m
- Punt Road : 500m
- Stockton Beach: 750m