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BEACH WORKS

Alison Rigby & Lindy Nisbett, Co-Presidents

In mid-June we attended an update on Stockton Beach presented by City Of Newcastle Staff & representatives of NSW Government departments. Topics covered:

- Finalisation of the terminal protection at the southern end of the Mitchell Street seawall
- The transition from the terminal protection to rock bags that will extend to the central access way in front of the Pines
- Renewal of the Mitchell Street seawall
- Update on CMP action ownership
- Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes announced 2024-25 council budget of \$4.5m for coastal management including Stockton coast protection works.

highlights

Congratulations to Keith Craig a long-standing member of the SCG Inc Executive.

Keith is the SCG Inc representative on the Orica Community Relations Group and is the lead on Air, Water & Kooragang Island working party.

Keith was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Australian Water Awards in May. Keith has dedicated his 45-year career to advancing water treatment technology. He has played a pivotal role in various areas including direct filtration, media filtration and the introduction of ozone B-A-C technology in Australia.

Thank you for all the work you do for the Stockton Community. We are privileged to have such talent & experience available to us.

key dates

**SCG Inc Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday 14th August 2024**

Venue: Stockton Surf Life Saving Club, Pitt St Stockton
Topic Q&A with City Of Newcastle Ward One Candidates.

Information on Candidates can be found below:

<https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/council/about-council/2024-local-government-elections2024>

2024 Future Meeting Dates

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 & Lindy Nisbett

SCG Inc. Secretariat: Vacant

SCG Inc. Treasurer: Lindy Nisbett

Working Parties

Suburb Improvement & Crown Land: Carolyn Bailey

Air & Water Quality: Keith Craig

Beach Group: Alison Rigby

SCG Inc Executive: Jo Bastian, Alan Newbery, Ian Taggart, Vic Turrin

Please see SCG Inc. website for membership details:

www.stocktoncommunitygroup.com.au

Why doesn't the Port of Newcastle (PoN) David Allan dredging vessel place sand at Stockton anymore? A ten-year lease was granted to PoN to deliver sand to Stockton from 2012-2022. That lease has now expired and PoN haven't applied for new permits, because they are now a private entity, and regulations require that a "public authority" holds the permits. That leaves two options - City of Newcastle and the NSW Government.

However, there is a disagreement between them regarding who should hold the permits. As a result, no sand placement by the David Allan has occurred at Stockton since 2022. This isn't as bad as it sounds because

130,000 m³ of sand that had built up in the harbour entrance was extracted in October 2023 and rainbowed onto our beach.

However, all future new sand building up in the harbour entrance will be potentially lost unless one of those public entities agrees to hold the permit. In the meantime, NSW Public Works is investigating the North Arm of the harbour as a second dredging source for Stockton. Initial investigations reveal suitable sand is present at depth, but it is patchy and there is not enough volume to supply the required 2.3 million m³ required for mass sand nourishment.

POWER OF community

Our August meeting shines the spotlight on City Newcastle Council Elections. SCG Inc will be hosting a Q&A session with Ward 1 Candidates. The focus will be on the local Stockton Community :

- Local Amenities & Safety Issues
- Stockton Beach Remediation
- Air & Water Quality
- Kooragang Island Industrial Growth
- Crown Lands
- Port of Newcastle

Please come along to the meeting Wednesday 14th August 7:30pm Stockton Surf Club

Each of us can contribute to positive change by raising relevant concerns and ideas with City of Newcastle.

If you have a concern, request for service or ideas for improving Stockton these can be lodged with City of Newcastle by completing a Customer Request Form online at: <https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/about-us/forms-and-publications/forms-and-permits/customer-request-form>

Or you can call them on: 02 49742000

When you lodge a Customer Request you should receive a Reference Number. This number is important for any ongoing correspondence or if you wish to raise your issue with our elected councillors.

It doesn't matter if your issue or concern has been lodged with City of Newcastle by another community member, the more people contacting council and councillors about an issue helps build momentum. There is power in numbers.

Don't delay or assume someone else has acted on an issue, speak up and help us make Stockton an even better place to live

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