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STOCKTON
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STOCKTON BEACH EROSION UPDATE

In May Tim Crakanthorp (State Member for Newcastle) provided an update on the Stockton Beach Mass Sand Nourishment Project. The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been finalised, marking the completion of the environmental assessments. As a result, the necessary mining licenses can now be obtained allowing work to begin on the next stage of the project.

Barbara Whitcher provided an update at the April SCG Inc meeting, in her capacity as a member of the Stockton Beach Special Advisory Panel. A Principal Project Officer has been appointed who will focus on laying the groundwork for the dredging and licensing phases of the project.

The next major milestone is the completion of the licensing process due in August. SCG Inc has requested key members of the project team attend our September meeting and provide an update on progress.

The restriction on David Allen's to resume dumping suitable sand on Stockton beach continues. The stalemate between the NSW government and the Port of Newcastle drags on. SCG Inc continues to seek clarification on how this issue can be resolved.

As we go to print some positive progress has been made, and there is a general sense of optimism that sand will be placed on Stockton Beach by the end of 2026. For further information go to:

Full report Dredging for Stockton Beach Sand Nourishment Review of Environmental Factors:

Stockton Advisory Panel web address:

key dates 2026

MEETING DATES 2026

Meetings held at Stockton Surf Club 7:30pm

September 16th

November 18th

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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. President: Lindy Nisbett

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Suburb Improvement & Crown Land: Carolyn Bailey

Air & Water Quality: Keith Craig

Beach Group: Alison Rigby

Recycling Group: Ian Taggart

SCG Inc Executive: Garry Cullinane

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON MITCHELL STREET?

The City of Newcastle (CN) is repairing and upgrading the existing rock wall on Mitchell St. The works will continue until early 2027 as part of the ongoing multipronged plan to protect the beach that also includes Sand Scraping.

For more information visit:

https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/living/environment/our-coastline/coastal-projects-works/coastal-erosion-at-stockton/stockton-works-updates/mitchell-street-seawall

Residents impacted by the works should contact the City of Newcastle.



Photo courtesy W Rigby

Help Shape The Future of Stockton

SCG Inc was born from the need to proactively influence issues and decisions that impact our community. Since 2011, we have built a reputation across all levels of government and with our corporate neighbours as respectful, but tenacious advocates for the future of Stockton.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Although much has been achieved, there is unfinished business to restore our beach, protect our environment, and improve public and social amenities. To secure a healthy and vital future for Stockton we need your help!

HOW YOUR CAN GET INVOLVED

SCG Inc membership is open to residents and visitors year-round.

In addition to general membership, we welcome people who can assist us with:

- Letter box delivery of newsletters
- Distributing campaign flyers and posters
- Social media communication
- Community engagement and marketing
- Website, mailing lists and database management
- Grant applications and government correspondence
- General administration tasks
- Attending community advisory groups and panels to represent our community

You can volunteer as little, or as much time as you can spare. Our Executive team are here to support you. Get in touch if you would like to chat about how you can be involved and contribute to the future of Stockton: *stocktoncommunitygroup.com.au/contact-us*

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THE FUTURE OF THE STOCKTON FERRY

Following submission of the E-petition: Fix the Ferry in March, the Minister for Transport issued a statement that did little to address community concerns about the long-term sustainability of our ferries. SCG Inc lobbied the Premier, Minister for Transport and relevant government representatives to voice our disappointment with the lack of future proofing of the service.

Despite the return of MV Hunter to operation, and both vessels being deemed structurally sound by AMSA, there remains significant concerns about the mechanical integrity of the 40-year-old vessels.

In May, the NSW government announced $5 million in funding to upgrade the existing vessels. MV Shortland will undergo a major overhaul in August 2026, MV Hunter will undergo further repairs in August 2027. This work is expected to extend operation of the ferries by 10 years.

Although we welcome this commitment, it falls well short of current plans for the Sydney Ferry Network. The Freshwater and First Fleet vessels will be replaced by 2030, with full replacement and electrification of the Sydney network's 40 vessels by 2035. The Emerald class and other ferries in the Sydney fleet earmarked to be replaced are 10 years old or less.

We continue to advocate for a safe, reliable ferry service for our community into the future.

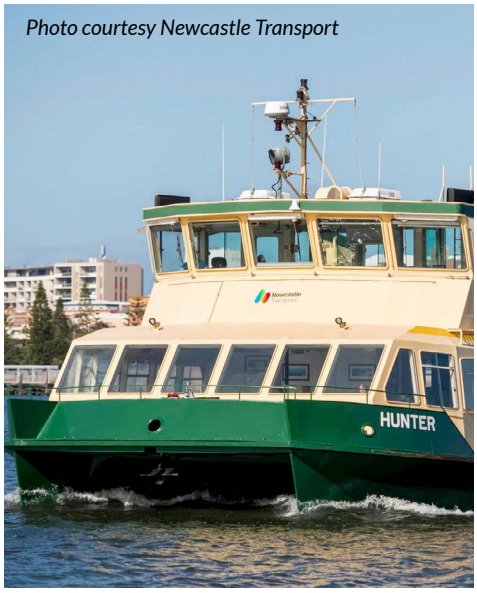


Photo courtesy Newcastle Transport

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATION

SCIG Inc was successful in obtaining a NCIG Community Grant.

The grant allows us to continue our work connecting Stockton residents and local businesses.

The Grant will be utilised to reach members of the Stockton area via the newsletter. Which is delivered in 2 ways: e-version (available via the web site & email list) & print.

HOW TO CONTACT CITY OF NEWCASTLE

Call them on : **02 4974 2000**

https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/about-us/forms-and-publications/forms-and-permits/customer-request-form

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