

# NEIGHBOURHOODS

## Beach, bay and park guide

Welcome to the neighbourhood! Here you'll be able to explore the unique attractions and experiences of all of beautiful Port Stephens' individual precincts. Whether you only have one day or a whole week - make the most of your time here and take advantage of our local knowledge to discover hidden treasures like secret walking trails, great sunset spots, where to get the best view of the whales or where to find the best fish and chips. Explore, enjoy and embrace... find out more at [www.portstephens.org.au](http://www.portstephens.org.au) or visit a Port Stephens Visitor Information Centre (see page 5 for details).

### Nelson Bay

Map 1 O8

The heart of Port Stephens, Nelson Bay is the CBD of the Tomaree Peninsula and the main tourist precinct with its thriving marina, pretty foreshore, bustling shopping, cafés and restaurants. Many cruises also depart from d'Albora Marinas.

**MUST DO: Get on board a whale or dolphin watching cruise for an experience of a lifetime.**



#### Nelson Bay Foreshore Reserve

56 Victoria Parade, Nelson Bay



Nelson Bay Foreshore is perfect for relaxing after a walk along the foreshore or a dolphin cruise. The grassed area provides a great spot for lunch with views across the Bay. Between Nelson Bay and Little Beach is Fly Point Aquatic Reserve, a haven for diving, snorkelling and spectacular views.

#### Little Beach Reserve

Beach Road, Nelson Bay



The Little Beach foreshore has both a grassed and sandy beach area ideal for families. The jetty and boat ramp are popular spots where you can feed the pelicans. Little Beach features a disabled play area with wheelchair access to the jetty and water. Beach mobility chair available (see page 59).

#### Dutchmans Beach Reserve

1 Burbong Street, Nelson Bay



Dutchmans Beach Reserve or "Dutchies Beach" offers calm water swimming, grassy areas with BBQ's for picnics and a fabulous playground for the children. There is a great walking path that takes you into Nelson Bay with spectacular waterviews.

### Salamander Bay

Map 1 L8

A service hub on the peninsula, Salamander Bay features a major shopping centre with supermarkets, fresh food, boutiques and specialty stores. The area is also a family entertainment hub with ten pin bowling, Toboggan Hill Park and the aquatic centre.

**MUST DO: Take the plunge and zoom down the hill on the toboggan run.**



#### George Reserve

173 Soldiers Point Road, Salamander Bay



George Reserve is a great, family friendly reserve with views out to Tomaree and Yacaaba Headland. This reserve features playground, amenities, beach access and picnic facilities.

# Anna Bay

Map 1 L13

Anna Bay is the entry point to Stockton Bight sand dunes, in the Worimi Conservation Lands - the largest moving coastal dunes in the southern hemisphere. The 32km stretch of beach is a favourite spot for 4WDs, fishing and surfing as well as cultural and adventure tours.

**Must do: Experience the sand dunes by 4WD, sandboard, camel or horseback.**



## Birubi Surf Club

Birubi Beach, Anna Bay



Lifeguard patrol

Beach season - September to April  
Professional lifeguards patrol weekdays from 9am to 5pm in spring and autumn and 9am to 6pm in summer. Volunteer lifesavers operate on weekends from 9am to 5pm for the entire season.

Off season - June to September  
There are no lifeguard services at Birubi Beach during this time.

## Birubi Beach and Reserve

Birubi Beach, Anna Bay



Birubi Beach is a huge expanse of beach which extends from Stockton near Newcastle to Port Stephens and is one of the gateways for 4-wheel drive vehicles to the famous Worimi Conservation Lands. Facilities include picnic area, disabled amenities and Kiosk and Café.

## Robinson Reserve

Corner Robinson and Fitzroy Streets, Anna Bay



Robinson Reserve has a picturesque southern view that overlooks Birubi Beach. This is a great location to have a picnic before having a swim. This is also the location of Anna Bay Skate Park.

## Taylor's Beach Foreshore Reserve

36 Albert Street, Taylor's Beach



Located 10 minutes from Anna Bay, Taylor Beach Foreshore Reserve is a quiet shoreline dotted with tall pine trees and features a public jetty ideal for fishing. The grassed area and sandy beach makes it a perfect picnic setting.

# One Mile & Boat Harbour

Map 1 N15

Where the the bush meets the rugged coastline, known for its natural beauty, secluded beaches, coastline walks, rainforest and koala habitats. Get back to nature, learn to surf or try a spot of fishing.

**MUST DO: Spot the whales off the headland at Boat Harbour (May-November).**



## One Mile Lifeguard Facility

23 Hannah Parade, One Mile



Lifeguard patrol

Beach season - September to April  
Professional lifeguards patrol from 9am to 5pm in spring and autumn and 9am to 6pm in summer, 7 days a week.

Off season - June to September  
Lifeguard services operate at One Mile Beach from 9am to 4pm, 7 days a week.

## One Mile Beach and Reserve

2 Hannah Parade, One Mile



One Mile is a small township located adjacent to the Tomaree National Park between Boat Harbour and Nelson Bay. There is a shady picnic area on the reserve and the beach is a only a minutes walk over the sand dunes.

## Boat Harbour North Headland

1 Ocean Parade, Boat Harbour



Boat Harbour North Headland overlooks the stunning Boat Harbour beach, a popular beach for families and great for whale spotting.

# Fingal Bay

Map 1 R10

A picturesque coastal village surrounded by natural bushland with a sweeping, white sandy beach and rocky coastlines. This family-friendly, patrolled surf beach is perfect to catch a wave, take a walk, or just catch a sunrise.

**MUST DO: Take a cruise to Fingal Island and discover Point Stephens Lighthouse.**



## Fingal Beach Surf Club

3 Marine Drive, Fingal Bay



Lifeguard patrol

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Off season - June to September  
There are no lifeguard services at Fingal Beach during this time.



### FINGAL SPIT WARNING

The Fingal Spit is a beautiful spot for a beach stroll on low tide to Fingal Island, but it is important to realise that it can turn deadly.

- Do not cross in either direction if ANY water is over the Spit due to strong currents.
- Always check the tide chart before crossing.
- On your way back from Fingal Island, if there is water over the sand - stay where you are and call for help.

## Fingal Bay Foreshore Reserve

5 Marine Drive, Fingal Bay



Fingal Bay Foreshore Reserve and Fingal Beach is a protected beach ideal for families. The foreshore reserve has a large children's playground, beach pedestrian access and car parking. The beach has a modern surf club with a restaurant and coffee shop. Beach mobility chair available (see page 59 for details).

## Barry Park

Marine Drive, Fingal Bay



Barry Park is located on the headland at the southern end of Fingal Bay Beach with spectacular sweeping ocean views in a natural setting. The park has some very scenic walking trails with an abundance of native plants as well as a whale watching platform.

# Salt Ash & Bobs Farm

Map 2 L10

The Salt Ash and Bobs Farm precinct is the food bowl of the peninsula with working farms and vineyards providing foodies with farm-gate fresh produce. The area has a unique hands-on animal adventure park, go-karts, paintball, brewery and more.

**MUST DO: Feed the baby animals at Oakvale Wildlife Park.**



# Williamtown & Medowie

Map 2 K9

Williamtown is home to Newcastle Airport, the RAAF base, Fighter World aviation museum and access to the dunes for a quad bike adventure. Medowie boasts a championship golf course and many fresh produce stalls.

**MUST DO: Watch the fighter jets take off from the viewing deck then visit Fighter World.**



# Corlette

Map 1 M9

Corlette is a bayside area featuring relaxing shoreline walks, gorgeous waterfront parks and reserves perfect for picnics and cycle paths where you can ride into Nelson Bay. Take a stroll from Roy Wood Reserve around the headland to The Anchorage resort.

**MUST DO: Take the Bridle Path, spot the koalas and enjoy the waterviews along the way.**



## Bagnalls Beach Reserve

150 Government Road, Corlette



Bagnalls Beach Reserve is a great location to enjoy a summer sunset and water views. There are three areas to the reserve which provide access to the beach and connected by a popular walking/cycling path.

Facilities:

- Reserve east - playground, picnic area, BBQ, toilets, beach
- Reserve middle - picnic area
- Reserve west - playground, picnic area, public amenities with disabled toilets

## Roy Wood Reserve

160 Sandy Point Road, Corlette



An ideal location for families with BBQs and picnic seating metres from the beach. It is a beautiful spot for water activities and to watch the sunset.

## Conroy Park

70 Sandy Point Road, Corlette



A foreshore reserve with family friendly facilities making the perfect picnic destination. There are water views and a popular children's playground.

## Corlette Point Park

28 Corlette Point Road, Corlette



This is a picturesque, foreshore location with easy access to the beach for a swim - a popular choice for both locals and visitors.

# Soldiers Point

Map 1 K6

Located on a peninsula with stunning waterways, featuring a marina, jetties, boat ramps and calm swimming beaches - this is the perfect spot for boating, fishing and enjoying nature.

**MUST DO: Pack a picnic and head to Sunset Beach for a spectacular sunset.**



## Pearson Park

Pearson Park, Soldiers Point



Pearson Park is located at the southern end of Sunset Beach with a grassed area and sandy shoreline ideal for picnicking and playing.

## Kangaroo Point Reserve

123 Soldiers Point Road, Soldiers Point



Kangaroo Point Reserve is a small park with sweeping water views to Tomaree and Yacaaba Headland and has beach access.

## Spencer Park

2 Soldiers Point Road, Soldiers Point



Spencer Park is adjacent to Soldiers Point Tennis Courts and is an accessible park perfect for picnics.

# Raymond Terrace

Map 2 H9

Spend some time in this historic rural town on the edge of the Hunter River... the perfect spot for waterskiing or picnics on the grassy river banks. Discover the rich history when you take the Heritage Walk and, if you're lucky enough to be there in springtime, marvel at the purple avenue of Jacarandas.

**MUST DO: Lunch on the riverbank and stroll down historic King Street.**



## Boomerang Park

Irrawang Street, Raymond Terrace



Boomerang Park is a large expanse of parkland covering over 50 acres. There is a off-leash dog area.

## Bettles Park

1 Sketchley Street, Raymond Terrace



Bettles Park is a popular "Driver Reviver" stop with public amenities and picnic area.

## Riverside Park

4 Hunter Street, Raymond Terrace



Riverside Park is located adjacent to the Hunter River and is ideal for a rest spot when driving or for a picnic with its scenic river views.

## Seaham Park

75 Warren Street, Seaham



Seaham Park is in the traditional lands of the Worimi people and has been a significant focus for community gatherings for several generations.

# Karuah

Map 2 L5

Karuah is a tranquil riverside hamlet renowned for its oysters, house boats and fishing spots. Visit in October and discover some local history at the Timber and Oyster Festival. Grab your fresh fish and chips and picnic on the picturesque riverside.

**MUST DO: Taste the freshly shucked oysters from local oyster farmers.**



## Longworth Park

7 Barclay Street, Karuah



The park is a perfect foreshore location for lunch and is a popular driver rest spot and boating wharf.

## Memorial Park

1 Memorial Drive, Karuah



Memorial Park adjoins Longworth Park via a scenic walk under the bridge and along the foreshore. There is an information plinth on the riverbank in this park that displays historic facts about Karuah.

### Key



## Shoal Bay

Map 1 R8

This heavenly hamlet is just 5 minutes from Nelson Bay CBD and handy to clubs, pubs, restaurants, cafes and water activities. It boasts a postcard perfect beach with a lighthouse at one end and the famous Mount Tomaree at the other.

**MUST DO: Walk to the top of Tomaree Head Summit for unforgettable views.**



### Shoal Bay Foreshore Reserve

70 Shoal Bay Road, Shoal Bay



The Shoal Bay Beach and Foreshore Reserve is one of the most beautiful beaches on the east coast of Australia. The gentle aquamarine waters, white sands and grassed area make it a perfect family friendly beach for picnics and relaxing.

## Tilligerry Peninsula

Map 2 E10

Take a left at Salt Ash for the Tilligerry Peninsula leading to historic Tanilba Bay, Lemon Tree Passage and Mallabula - all relaxed waterfront hamlets in nature's playground. Don't miss the Tilligerry Habitat Reserve - 9 hectares of flora and fauna reserve.

**MUST DO: Take the Tanilba Bay Boardwalk and spot the local koalas.**



### Caswell Reserve

4 Bay Street, Mallabula



Caswell Reserve is a foreshore park. An ideal family spot with ample parking space and a large covered picnic shelter with electric barbeque facilities.

### Tanilba Park

18 Tanilba Avenue, Tanilba Bay



This park is perfect for families with a large, modern playground designed to cater for a range of ages, large BBQ shelter and beach access.

### Peace Park

1 Peace Parade, Tanilba Bay



This park is set in a quiet bushland setting surrounded by native flora and fauna. It is a beautiful foreshore location for picnics.

### Henderson Park

48 Cook Parade, Lemon Tree Passage



This spot is popular for family and social picnics. The tidal baths, grassed area and large playground provide a great place for children to play. The large boat ramp and wharf is a very popular facility. The park is located within walking distance of shops, cafes and the marina.

## Skate and BMX parks

Skateboarding, scooters and BMX riding are popular recreational sports. There are seven skate parks that cater for beginners to skilled riders. All skill levels are equally entitled to use the ramps, however skate parks are not an appropriate place for toddlers using mini-bikes or toy riders. Visit [portstephens.nsw.gov.au/play/recreation-in-port-stephens/skate-parks](http://portstephens.nsw.gov.au/play/recreation-in-port-stephens/skate-parks)

## Boat ramps, public wharves and jetties

Port Stephens Council maintains a number of public boat ramps, wharves and jetties for boat and fishing enthusiasts. Visit [portstephens.nsw.gov.au/play/recreation-in-port-stephens/beaches-and-foreshores](http://portstephens.nsw.gov.au/play/recreation-in-port-stephens/beaches-and-foreshores)