Tomaree Coastal Walk



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Official launch of the Tomaree Coastal Walk

We are pleased to announce that the Tomaree Coastal Walk was officially opened today by NSW Premier Chris Minns, Minister for the Environment Penny Sharpe, and Port Stephens MP Kate Washington.

The spectacular 27 kilometre Tomaree Coastal Walk from Tomaree Head to Birubi Point in Tomaree National Park, traverses the traditional land of the Worimi people, an ancient landscape with unique cultural, natural and historic values.

Walkers can choose their own adventure and undertake the walk as a 2-day or 3-day experience. Shorter half-day and part-day experiences are also available capturing the park's iconic vantage points.

Starting at Tomaree Head, with unparalleled views of idyllic Port Stephens and its coastline, the multi-day walk hugs the coastline of the national park, guiding visitors across rock ledges, along secluded beaches and through angophora forests via boardwalks and easy-to-navigate walking tracks.

Upgraded visitor precincts at the northern and southern trailheads include improved parking, seating, stairs and walkways, as well as signage and artwork celebrating the cultural heritage of Worimi Country.



Photo: Opening of Tomaree Coastal Walk by NSW Premier Chris Minns, Minister for the Environment Penny Sharpe, Port Stephens MP Kate Washington, NPWS Hunter Central Coast Branch Director Kylie Yeend, Worimi Elder Uncle Neville Lilley and Port Stephens Deputy Mayor Giacomo Arnott. DPE.



Photo: New lookout at Birubi Point Aboriginal Place, Tomaree Coastal Walk. D.Parsons/DPE.

Tomaree Coastal Walk webpage

A spectacular new webpage has been developed for the Tomaree Coastal Walk, showcasing Worimi culture and the natural features of the walk, and providing visitor information. Check out the new webpage at nswparks.info/tcw.



Image: Screenshot of new Tomaree Coastal Walk webpage. DPE

Green Hill track

There is still some work to be completed on the Green Hill track adjacent to Fingal Bay, but the Tomaree Coastal Walk will remain open while the work is completed. We are finalising the design for this low-key track, including investigating a new alignment south of Green Hill, to provide a forested walk to Fingal Bay Beach.

This will improve the visitor experience and showcase spectacular views of Fingal Bay. The Green Hill track is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

Thank you for your support

Thank you for your ongoing interest in the Tomaree Coastal Walk project. We really appreciate the time and effort everyone made to provide feedback on the draft plans, attend community meetings, provide input and support the project over the past 4 years. Your involvement has been instrumental in helping to shape the new walk and provide an outstanding new visitor experience in Port Stephens, of which the community can be proud.

Now that the walk is completed, this will be the last of our project newsletters and we'll soon be retiring our <u>project webpage</u>.

Spring is a great time to explore the new walk. For more information visit **nswparks.info/tcw**.

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