

Tomaree Lodge Progress Update

October 2025



Introduction

Welcome to our first Tomaree Lodge progress update!

In this update, we'll keep you informed of the range of activities underway at Tomaree Lodge to care for this special place and enhance it for community, now and into the future.



Information Centre

We have established a new on-site office and information centre, with two friendly new staff members who will oversee day-to-day operations across Tomaree Lodge and support visitors.

Locals and visitors are always welcome to pop in and say hello!



Tomaree Lodge Information Centre

**The Tomaree Lodge
Information Centre is open**

**Monday to Friday, from
9:00am to 3:00pm.**



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Historic Torpedo Tube Preservation Works

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), as the government agency responsible for managing Tomaree Lodge, recently partnered with Heritage NSW, NSW Soil Conservation Service, and Crown Lands NSW to restore the historic World War II torpedo emplacement at the Tomaree Headland.

The torpedo emplacement is an important piece of Shoal Bay's local heritage and a powerful visual reminder of Australia's military history. The emplacement had been undercut by significant storm swells, which led to its deterioration. This partnership project ensures that the torpedo emplacement is preserved for future generations.



You can find out more about the torpedo emplacement and other significant military sites in the area at:

National Parks

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/historic-buildings-places/world-war-ii-gun-emplacements>



Torpedo gunning sites

<https://www.tomareeheadlandportstephens.com.au/fort-tomaree-wwll-torpedo-gunning-sites>



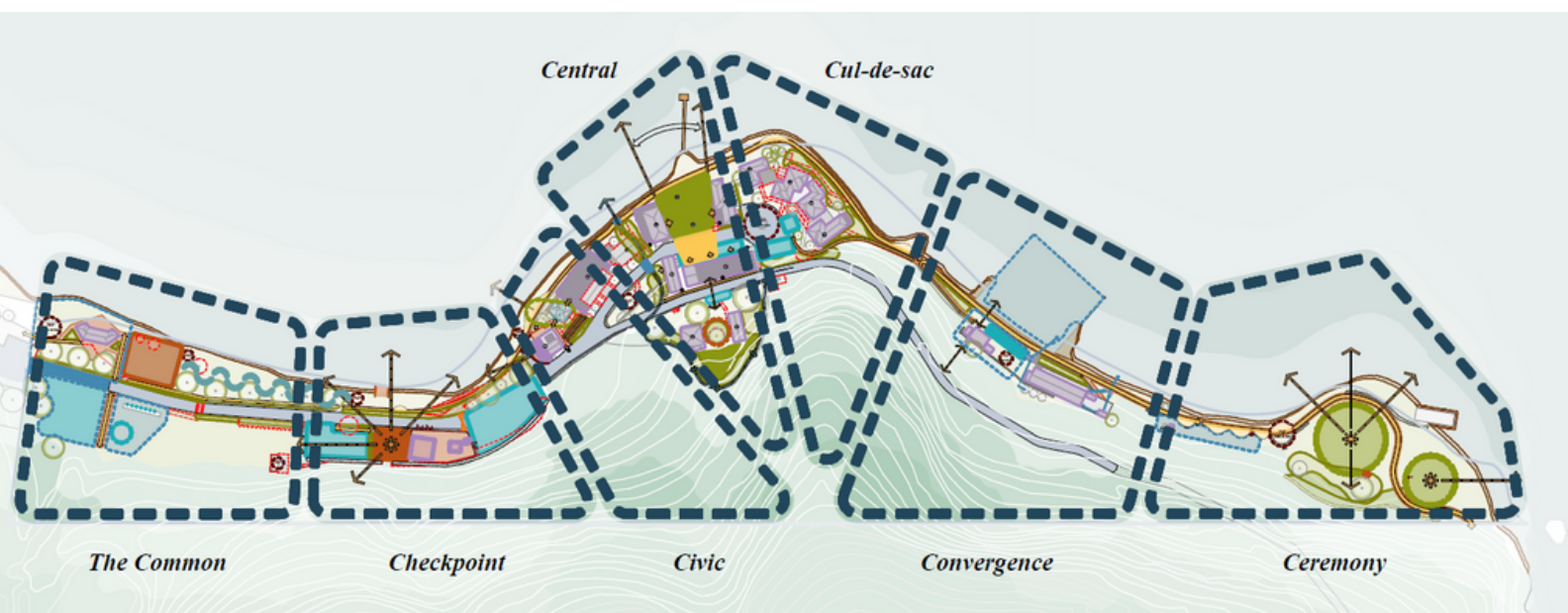
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Planning for the future of Tomaree Lodge

Tomaree Lodge is a very special place, valued highly by the people of Port Stephens. The NSW Government has committed to retaining the site for public use and recreation, while respecting its cultural history and environmental significance.



On 27 August 2025, the NSW Government unveiled preliminary concept designs for Tomaree Lodge, based on the in depth research and analysis undertaken by expert Hunter-based urban design firm, SHAC, who were commissioned to produce a concept masterplan to guide thinking about the future of Tomaree Lodge.

[Tomaree Lodge preliminary concept document](#) and a [snapshot summary](#) can be found online, with printed copies available from the Tomaree Lodge Information Centre.

Members of the community are invited to provide further feedback on the concepts to help shape the final concept masterplan for Tomaree Lodge.



View the full [preliminary concept document](#)



See [what we've done so far](#)



Tell us [what you think](#)

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Improved Safety and Amenity for Community Members and Visitors

We've just completed works on a major security upgrade at Tomaree Lodge, installing 30 new CCTV cameras across the site to enhance security and safety for people visiting the site.

We've also opened up more public seating space outside the Tomaree Lodge information centre and installed a new publicly accessible defibrillator.



Sign up for updates

If you would like to join our mailing list to receive updates about what's happening at Tomaree Lodge, please send an email to:

tomareecommunityengagementcommittee@dcj.nsw.gov.au



Tomaree Lodge Public Seating

For a more comprehensive overview of the works completed and planned please visit: [Site Updates](https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/tomaree-lodge/site-updates.html)

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