

Port Stephens Council



Council supports open government during Right to Know Week

Friday 26 September 2014

Port Stephens Council is partnering with the NSW Information and Privacy Commission (IPC) on Right to Know Week 2014.

The initiative, which runs from 28 Sept – 5 Oct, aims to promote the rights of individuals in NSW to access government information and the importance of open, transparent government.

As part of the initiative, Port Stephens Council has joined the IPC as an official partner to spread the message of open government.

Executive Officer Tony Wickham says Port Stephens Council has increased its focus on access to information in recent years.

"Council has developed several processes and systems over the past five years to ensure information is available to the community within the objectives and scope of the legislation," he said.

"Plans are in place to further improve the current processes in the future, in particular, accessing information relating to development applications.

"Port Stephens are proud to be supporters of Right to Know Week 2014," Mr Wickham said.

The campaign kicks off on International Right to Know Day on 28 September and to commence Right to Know Week, NSW Information Commissioner Elizabeth Tydd will be speaking at a free Open Government Community of Practice event on Monday, 29 September at Parliament House, along with the Minister for Finance and Services, the Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP and NSW Customer Service Commissioner Mike Pratt.

The community can find more about their information rights here on the [Port Stephens Council website](#), and for more information about **Right to Know Week 2014**, please visit www.ipc.nsw.gov.au.

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