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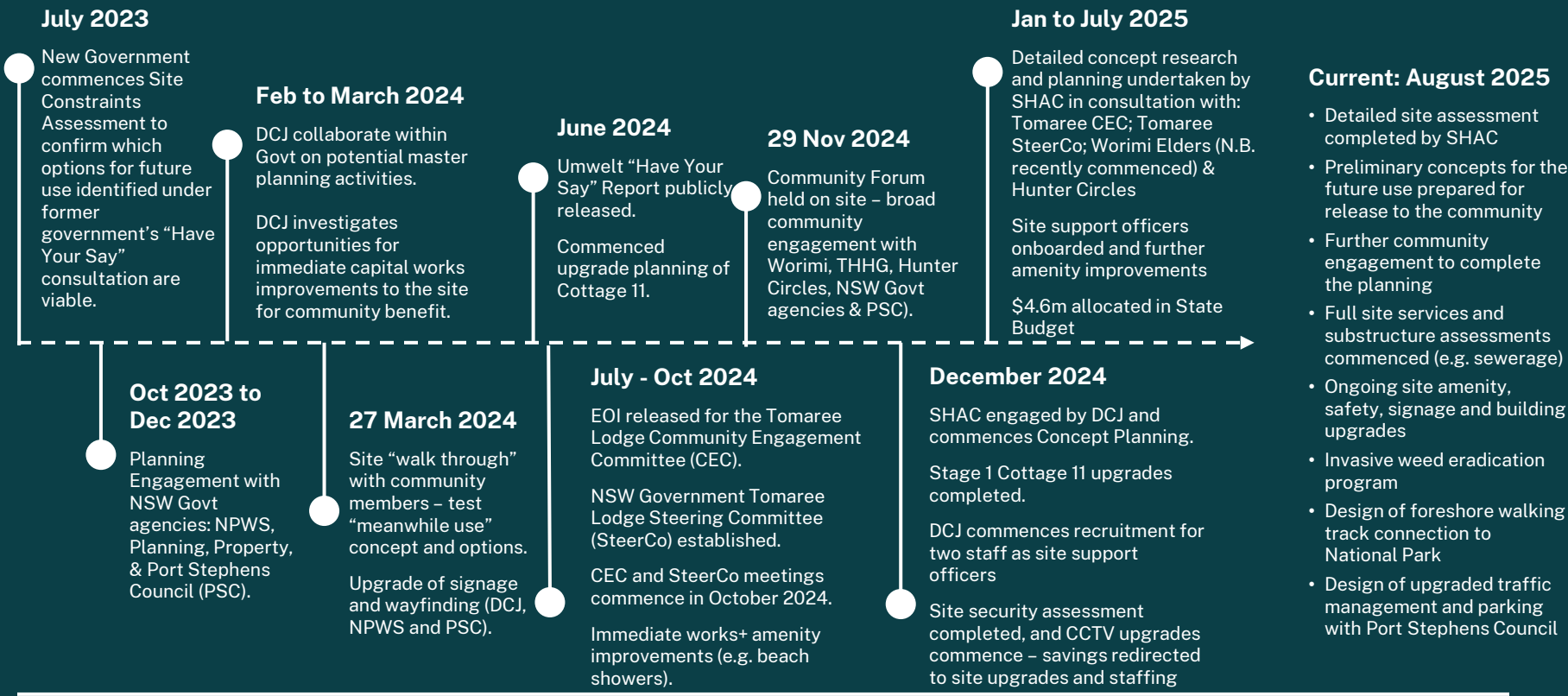
Upgrades & Improvements at Tomaree Lodge

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NSW Government focus on Tomaree: 2023-2025



Completed Works

Alongside the SHAC assessment and engagement process:

- Information Centre upgrade, staff recruitment and opening
- Amenity and safety upgrades across the site, including creating more public open space
- Defibrillator installed outside Information Centre for public access
- Historic torpedo tube restoration (with Heritage NSW, NSW Soil Conservation Service and Crown Lands NSW)
- Full site security upgrade (including over 30 additional CCTV cameras)

NSW Government Investment



*\$4.6m over two years to fund
essential maintenance and
upgrades to improve
Tomaree Lodge for public
benefit and enjoyment*

Works In Progress

- Full site services and substructure assessments, including sewerage, stormwater, electrical, building condition and heritage assessments
- Ongoing site amenity, safety, signage and building upgrades
- Invasive weed eradication program
- Wall mural and photographic heritage displays at Information Centre
- Design of foreshore walking track connection to National Park track network at Tomaree Headland (in collaboration with NPWS)
- Design of upgraded traffic management and parking solution at Shoal Bay Road entry (in collaboration with Port Stephens Council)

Place Activation Framework

Alongside maintenance and upgrade works, we're taking a Place Planning approach to enable greater community use of the spaces we're creating, ensuring:

- Equitable access for everyone in the community
- Safety for everyone who comes to Tomaree Lodge
- Environmental, historical, cultural, financial and recreational sustainability
- Activity on site aligns with the core goal of public benefit

Planned & Future Works

Over 20 more identified sub-projects in planning phase, including:

- Interpretation planning and wayfinding upgrades
- Foreshore walk upgrade
- Public amenities upgrades
- Site services and sustainability upgrades
- Landscaping upgrades
- Building upgrades, recommissioning and adaptive reuse
- Feasibility assessment for jetty and ocean bath reinstatement

What next?

- Visit the DCJ Tomaree Lodge webpage to view the concepts and tell us what you think
- SHAC will finalise the concept masterplan, which will guide next steps
- DCJ will progress upgrades and maintenance to improve amenity, accessibility and functionality
- Come visit us in person at Tomaree Lodge and subscribe for updates to stay informed



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