With 182 hectares of natural bushland, Blackbutt is an urban oasis providing access to nature trails, wildlife exhibits, children’s playgrounds and picnic space.

Improvements to existing facilities at Blackbutt Reserve as well as new infrastructure have provided more recreational opportunities.

The Carnley Avenue section has experienced several significant changes with the construction of a wildlife arena, a new amenities block, more shade shelters, better pathways, larger grassed areas and an upgraded viewing deck at Black Duck Pond. Improvements have also been made at Richley Reserve with new shade shelters and pathways. Still to come is the transformation of the Richley Reserve playground to a small adventure playground to better cater for older, as well as younger children.

Future plans also include a new amenities building and additional picnic facilities, to make both sides of the Reserve even more appealing to visitors.

A BUSY 2015

- 38 school excursions
- 30 Bringing Blackbutt to you events
- 64 Critter Encounters
- 14 volunteer care programs
- 12 weddings
- 4 Junior Ranger Fun Days

WHAT’S ON

YOU’LL FIND A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

For more information, bookings and costs, visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

Reptile shows* at 11am every weekend in the wildlife arena (every day during school holidays)

2pm Nocturnals feeding time

5 sheltered sites for hire*

*Fees apply. For more information call 4904 3344

Inside

Our Urban Renewal Vision
Upgrades at Blackbutt Reserve
School holiday guide
We recently launched our vision for an integrated transport network to shape Newcastle’s urban renewal, improve connectivity and liveability.

As an integrated transport network is the cornerstone of a thriving global city. Now more than ever before, Newcastle demands a network where walkers, cyclists, cars, skateboarders and scooters co-exist. Our plans for light rail include reinstating the historic tram loop through Pacific Park in the city centre and providing for future links to key locations like Hunter Stadium, the University of Newcastle, Newcastle Airport, John Hunter Hospital, Bathers Way and Glendale Interchange.

We have launched this vision for the region as we await a decision on the NSW Government’s proposal that Newcastle region as we await a decision on the NSW Government’s proposal that Newcastle

As an integrated transport network is the cornerstone of a thriving global city. Now more than ever before, Newcastle demands a network where walkers, cyclists, cars, skateboarders and scooters co-exist. Our plans for light rail include reinstating the historic tram loop through Pacific Park in the city centre and providing for future links to key locations like Hunter Stadium, the University of Newcastle, Newcastle Airport, John Hunter Hospital, Bathers Way and Glendale Interchange.

We have launched this vision for the region as we await a decision on the NSW Government’s proposal that Newcastle region as we await a decision on the NSW Government’s proposal that Newcastle

Our vision is a key part of achieving our goal of being a smart, liveable and sustainable city. Transport networks and services will be well connected and coordinated. Walking, cycling and public transport will be vital options for getting into and around the city.

Newcastle demands an integrated transport network that makes sense and delivers on broader urban renewal goals.

Our vision uses light rail as a catalyst for urban renewal as well as a transport option. Light rail will share west lanes with motor vehicles to leave room for parking, cycleways and wider footpaths allowing for kerb-side dining. Cycleways and footpaths will be extended from traffic by parked cars to keep people safe and help activate Hunter and Scott streets.

REINSTATING THE HISTORIC LOOP

Our preferred route loops back from Hunter and Scott streets via Hunter Street Mall along the original tramline, in a design that truly encompasses Newcastle’s urban renewal goals. The reinstatement of this unique loop will provide optimal urban renewal outcomes and reflect the city’s character and heritage.

FUTURE LINKS

This would mark the start of an integrated public transport network with the potential to link our city centre with our beaches, suburbs, education and medical facilities as well as major transport routes including Newcastle Airport and the Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange.

Connecting Newcastle: Our Urban Renewal Vision

Our vision uses light rail as a catalyst for urban renewal as well as a transport option. Light rail will share west lanes with motor vehicles to leave room for parking, cycleways and wider footpaths allowing for kerb-side dining. Cycleways and footpaths will be extended from traffic by parked cars to keep people safe and help activate Hunter and Scott streets.

REINSTATING THE HISTORIC LOOP

Our preferred route loops back from Hunter and Scott streets via Hunter Street Mall along the original tramline, in a design that truly encompasses Newcastle’s urban renewal goals. The reinstatement of this unique loop will provide optimal urban renewal outcomes and reflect the city’s character and heritage.

FUTURE LINKS

This would mark the start of an integrated public transport network with the potential to link our city centre with our beaches, suburbs, education and medical facilities as well as major transport routes including Newcastle Airport and the Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange.