Supercars Newcastle 500
Event places Newcastle in pole position
Emblem of a City
Civic Fountain turns 50
The year ahead is going to be full of achievements and major events for our community.

We started the year by celebrating the birthday of great artist John Olsen at Newcastle Art Gallery with his exhibition celebrating Newcastle as his birthplace - *John Olsen: The City’s Son* - as the backdrop.

We will mark another proud Centenary Anzac Day Dawn Service with 40,000 people at Nobbys Beach where later in the year we will co-host the inaugural Supercars Newcastle 500 event.

Event preparations for the race are underway and will mean faster delivery of sections of the Bathers Way project and infrastructure essential to Newcastle’s future as a smart city.

The Hunter Innovation Project is gathering pace and our region’s recent success stories and global trends in innovation and entrepreneurship will be showcased at the *Hunter Innovation Festival 2017* from 18 - 28 May at key locations across our city.

Work continues on our iconic Bathers Way coastal walk at South Newcastle where we have almost finished shoring up the seawall and will soon extend Shortland Esplanade’s bike and pedestrian-friendly traffic arrangements from Zaara Street to Watt Street.

Planning is also underway for public domain improvements for the main streets of Stockton, Beresfield and Wallsend. Improved footpaths, street furniture, trees, cycleway links and traffic-calming measures are some of the improvements planned for several local and neighbourhood centres.

Council has also worked to upgrade playgrounds around the city including Cowie Street Reserve (pictured), provided new exercise equipment at Warabrook and Lambton and improved service delivery through our customer contact centre.

**NUATALI NELMES**
Lord Mayor of Newcastle
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Here is a snapshot of what you told us about our customer service and safety issues in the community. We have lots of exciting projects coming up in 2017. Have your voice heard—sign up today to be kept up to date - visit the website and search for Newcastle Voice.

mynewcastlevoice.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY RESULTS
We asked Newcastle residents to tell us what they thought about their experience with Council. The feedback received will help us provide a better service to you.

63% satisfied
767 survey participants
81% had contact with Council

IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS:

63% of people said that they had not been affected by crime or known anyone affected by crime
28% of people were affected by dangerous or noisy driving
28% of people were affected by anti-social behaviours (including begging, loitering, public nuisance, drinking in public spaces, threatening behaviour)

CONTACT METHOD

75% phone
38% email
28% in-person
26% web
6% mail

TOP 3 REASONS FOR CONTACT

48% request a service or maintenance
21% make complaint
20% obtain information

NEWCASTLE VS AUSTRALIAN CITIES OF A SIMILAR SIZE AND POPULATION

As safe 16%
Less safe 61%
Safer 11%

NEWCASTLE CRIME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS HAS:

Decreased 13%
Stayed about the same 62%
Increased 25%

SAFE CITY SURVEY RESULTS
We asked residents what they thought about crime and safety issues in the Newcastle local government area.

IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS:

36% of people said that they had not been affected by crime or known anyone affected by crime
28% of people were affected by dangerous or noisy driving
28% of people were affected by anti-social behaviours (including begging, loitering, public nuisance, drinking in public spaces, threatening behaviour)

NEWCASTLE SAFE CITY PLAN

WHAT IS COUNCIL’S ROLE?
Community safety is a complex issue and no single agency is able to tackle this issue alone. Council collaborates with a wide range of stakeholders to improve safety in our city and community. NSW Police have a leading role in crime prevention, detection and perceptions of safety within the community. Council works closely with NSW Police to deliver safer outcomes.

Council would like to thank the community groups, agencies and individuals that helped to shape the actions outlined in this strategy.

To view the plan in full visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au, Community tab, Health & Safety then Newcastle Safe City.

COUNCIL’S PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2017-20
The four priority areas were developed through ongoing engagement with partner agencies; themes identified in the Newcastle Safe City Survey 2016 and are aligned with Council’s strategic vision outlined in Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan (CSP).

OBJECTIVE 1: Safety through public domain design and the built environment
OBJECTIVE 2: Developing and facilitating proactive partnerships and collaborations
OBJECTIVE 3: Facilitating community inclusion, empowerment and capacity building
OBJECTIVE 4: Integrated, innovative and evidence-based solutions

WHAT IS COUNCIL ALREADY DOING?

Plan, design & manage public spaces
Remove graffiti and repair damage to public property
Manage Alcohol Free Zones & Alcohol Prohibited Areas
Facilitate public space lighting programs

BACKGROUND IMAGE: Safe City Initiative - Illuminate Mayfield October 2016
The Newcastle 500 Supercars event will be an exciting three-day festival of elite sport and entertainment that will showcase not just our city, but the wider Hunter Region to the nation and the world.

The key drawcard is the race, but there will be a range of cultural activities and entertainment to complement the race to ensure our city is showcased to its maximum potential.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WILL BE VIA:

- direct email and our Supercars enews - subscribe via our website
- the Newcastle City Council website www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/supercars
- letterbox drops and mailings.

SUPERCARS PUTS NEWCASTLE IN POLE POSITION

2016 Gold Coast 600

$40 million into local economy

200,000 spectators

Figures courtesy of Gold Coast City Council

2015 Adelaide 500

$39.7 million into local economy

286,000 spectators

Figures courtesy of Adelaide City Council

2012 Townsville 400

$32.4 million into local economy

152,000 spectators

Figures courtesy of James Cook University

There will be pedestrian access throughout the CBD and to our beaches in the lead up to and during the event. Popular tourist attractions such as Fort Scratchley will operate largely as usual.
EMBLEM OF A CITY:

50 YEARS OF CIVIC FOUNTAIN

In 1961 Newcastle City Council announced the details of an Australia-wide competition to design a fountain for Civic Park. The winner was the renowned sculptor Margel Hinder.

The fountain’s designer Margel Hinder described what she was hoping to achieve with the fountain’s shape and form in a 1961 report to Council: “As a civic fountain the shapes are intended to signify certain qualities that I feel are expressive of Newcastle: energy, vigour and a metallic strength.”

Join us for a trip down memory lane as we celebrate the much-treasured icon in the Emblem of a City: 50 Years of Civic Fountain exhibition.

DISCOVERING THE PAST

Newcastle Region Library collects, preserves and provides access to a range of materials which document the history of Newcastle, the Hunter and its people.

The Local History Library hosts programs that share local stories, showcase items from the city’s history and image collections, and educate the community on how to access historical information through its research tools and resources.

Discover the history of your house at our House Hunt for Beginners workshops every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hear about the fascinating history of our city through the Library’s monthly Newcastle Stories program.

Explore your family history and learn from the experts at a series of talks and workshops in 2017.

Trawl through 20,000 historical images of our region using Hunter Photobank on the Library’s website.

For further details visit our website or call the Local History Library on 4974 5330.

www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Library

Images: One of the main sculptural elements being lowered into place by crane on 13 July 1966 (above) and Australian modernist sculptor Margel Hinder sitting beside the completed Civic Park fountain (top).
Art, culture, family fun - it's all here in Newcastle. For more information visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

10 April – 25 April
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Looking for family fun and kids activities in the April School Holidays? You’ll find a full range of events, workshops and exhibitions to keep everyone busy and happy at Newcastle Art Gallery, Newcastle Museum, Newcastle Region Libraries and Blackbutt Reserve.

Wednesday 12 April
NATURE VENTURE
Blackbutt Reserve
In the next Junior Ranger Fun Day, create a Landcare scene, pot a plant, go dipnetting, get up close to our favourite critters and enjoy the jumping castle.
11am-1pm, Richley Reserve

3 March – 29 April
EMBLEM OF A CITY: 50 YEARS OF CIVIC FOUNTAIN
City Library
Join us for a trip down memory lane as we celebrate the much-treasured icon and emblem of our city.
On display at the Local History Lounge

30 March – 9 April
NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK
Get involved with anime movie marathons, Theatresports and selfie-taking workshops as we celebrate Youth Week.

Tuesday 25 April
ANZAC DAY
Nobbys Beach and Civic Park
Join us for Newcastle’s ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Nobbys Beach or the march and commemoration at Civic Park, as our community remembers those who served and died.

4 March – 28 May
MAGIC MIKE
Newcastle Art Gallery
Artist Michael Zavros explores the body beautiful in art and concepts of male beauty. MAGIC MIKE re-contextualizes Zavros’ earlier art practice alongside new works developed specifically for this exhibition.

6 April – 28 May
NIKON-WALKLEY PRESS PHOTOGRAPHY
Wallsend District Library
See the biggest stories of the past year through the lenses of Australia’s best press photographers.
Launch Thursday 6 April, 6pm

Until 30 April
PERSEVERANCE
Newcastle Museum
This stunning exhibition, with life-sized photography of full-body tattoos, explores the artistry of traditional Japanese tattooing along with its rich history and influence on modern tattoo practices.

Civic Theatre
SEASON 2017
Subscribe today and save
Season 2017 offers a diverse suite of shows offering greater choice and increased performance experiences for Newcastle audiences. Check out the Season shows on the Civic’s website or grab a brochure from the Ticket box office on Hunter Street.

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