



Playground puts fun shine on city gem

Blackbutt Reserve is a must-visit destination for kids following the opening of Richley Reserve's new adventure playground.

Our \$2.5 million upgrade includes accessible footpaths, shelters and barbecues as well as a sprawling

playground facility beautifully blended into the surrounding bush landscape. The playground has everything from a sandpit, ropes course and swings to an adventure tower with a slide, bridges and fireman's poles.

Eternal Flame added to Civic heart

Our civil works team has proudly delivered the City's first Eternal Flame of Remembrance honouring all ex-servicemen and women.

Installed in Civic Park, the monument marks the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. Built using the same granite as the adjacent World War Two monument, the Eternal Flame of Remembrance was a joint project between the City of Newcastle and the Australian Government.



Civil works update

Completed

Pedestrian access and tree planting, Union and Bryant streets, **Tighes Hill**

Stage 1 - Footway and drainage works, Glebe Road and Park Avenue, **Adamstown**

Repair of the northern end of the Mitchell Street seawall, **Stockton**

Open channel naturalisation at Mary Street, **Jesmond**

Demolition of Queens Wharf Tower

Footway works on Hunter and Scott streets, **Newcastle**

Underway

Local Centres renewal **Beresfield** and **Carrington**

Nobbys Beach accessibility improvements - construction of external showers and new accessible toilet, change room and parents' facilities

City Hall west and northern façade repairs and construction of driveway ramp

Construction of pedestrian access at northern end of Mitchell Street seawall, **Stockton**

Restoration of roof, exterior and landscaping at Shepherds Hill Cottage, **The Hill**

Construction of Small Vehicle Reveal Centre, Summerhill Waste Management Centre

Upcoming

Construction of driveway access at Foreshore Park, **Newcastle East**

Minor civil works in association with the Lambton Park time capsule

Road widening works in conjunction with the ARTC gates upgrade at Clyde Street, **Islington**

Your guide to waste services this Christmas

City of Newcastle administrative operations will be closed for the festive period from midday Friday 21 December 2018 to Wednesday 2 January 2019.

Christmas waste collections

No kerbside waste or recycling services will be carried out on Christmas Day but all collections during the shut-down period will take place a day later than usual. Check your waste calendar for full details.

Free festive season recycling drop-off

You can drop off excess household recyclables, such as wine bottles and wrapping paper, free at Summerhill Waste Management Centre from Monday 24 December 2018 to Sunday 6 January 2019 (except for Christmas Day).

Please separate cardboard packaging from other recyclables and ensure your load does not contain non-recyclable packaging such as soft plastics and polystyrene. Normal disposal fees apply for non-residents and commercial customers.

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Beach safety - we're on patrol

All beaches are patrolled during the summer surfing season until 28 April 2019.

Our ocean baths are open all year with cleaning closures at Merewether on Thursdays and every second Monday. Newcastle Ocean Baths are cleaned every Wednesday, with lifeguard patrols operating at both locations.

BEACH SAFETY

- Always swim between the red and yellow flags. No flags = no swim
- **Never swim alone**
- Before entering the water, check the conditions
- If unsure, ask a lifeguard for help
- Look for the safety signs, they will tell you what to look out for
- If you get in to trouble in the water, **stay calm, try to float, put your hand up and yell for help**

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MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR

What a fantastic time for Newcastle with another bumper summer of great events and cultural attractions ahead, and a number of imminent developments on the Smart City front.

The aerial images beamed to the world during last year's inaugural Newcastle 500, which gave the local economy a \$30 million economic boost, made for an unprecedented advertisement for the city.

This year's coverage will reveal a revitalised coastal destination poised for a new tourism era thanks to major drawcards delivered by the City of Newcastle and partners, including the new-look CBD, Bathers Way and Blackbutt Reserve, as well as big events such as the Waratahs game scheduled for March.

With building approvals still heading north to \$1.2 billion annually, we continue to balance infrastructure renewal with revitalisation projects to meet increasing service expectations.

In the last financial year, our capital works spend topped \$91 million,



including \$29.9 million on roads, \$29.4 million on buildings, structures and places, \$14.1 million on non-infrastructure projects (including Smart City and IT), \$7.6 million on the environment and \$4 million on transport (including cycleways).

The 2018/19 budget features a record \$100 million focus on addressing the city's infrastructure backlog and significant financial support for our smart, liveable and sustainable global city brief, which will become increasingly evident via Wi-Fi connectivity, as well as waste collection and transport improvements in coming months.

Nuatali Nelmes
Lord Mayor of Newcastle



Smart poles installed in the city

We're installing smart lighting poles across the city centre and the Beresfield local centre as part of the biggest roll out in Australia.

More than 175 of the high-tech poles now stand in the East End, along Hunter Street, around Newcastle Interchange and elsewhere.

Each fibre-connected pole will serve as a source of free Wi-Fi, with a radius of about 100 metres per pole, providing coverage from the East End through to the Civic Precinct from this summer.

They will also provide the technology for other smart city initiatives, such as dimmable lighting and traffic analysis.

Future installations are scheduled along Hunter Street, King Street, Civic Park and West End as part of ongoing public domain upgrades.

The smart poles and Wi-Fi are part of the Hunter Innovation Project co-funded by the City and the NSW Government.

Even broader appeal for Newcastle 500



The second Newcastle 500 will spread the excitement with a showcase of attractions in a four-day city activation festival from Thursday 22 to Sunday 25 November.

The festivities will begin on the Thursday night with a 'Super Start-Up' in Hamilton's Gregson Park, followed by a convoy of cars down

Beaumont Street. Darby Street will 'Turn It On' Friday evening with great music, food, and entertainment to celebrate the first day of racing. Simple Minds and Birds of Tokyo will rock the Newcastle 500 concert at No.1 Sportsground on Saturday night before a 'Super Sunday Session' party at various venues once the chequered flag has fallen.

The Newcastle Innovation Showcase will highlight our Smart City status with technological displays Friday to Sunday in Hunter Street Mall. Fuel up each morning at the 'Super Breakfast' in nearby Market Street before heading to Civic Park for the Newcastle Now Family Fun Zone, with the Disney The Pixar Cars Truck Tour on site.

ENTERTAIN NEWCASTLE

Hamilton Newcastle Darby St Civic Park

THURSDAY 22 NOV HAMILTON SUPER START-UP

FRIDAY 23 NOV DARBY STREET TURNS IT ON

SATURDAY 24 NOV NEWCASTLE 500 CONCERT

SUNDAY 25 NOV SUNDAY SUPER SESSION

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

NEW SUPER BREAKFAST **NEWCASTLE INNOVATION SHOWCASE** **NEWCASTLE NOW FAMILY FUN ZONE**

Summer celebrations



December

2 - Bikers For Kids Toy Run
Stockton to Wickham

8 - Wallsend Community Carols
Federal Park

8 - King of Concrete Skateboarding
Empire Park

14 - Carols by Candlelight
King Edward Park

31 - New Year's Eve 2018
Newcastle Foreshore

January

8-24 - NCC T20 Summer Bash
Various grounds

26 - Australia Day Family Friendly Celebrations
Various locations

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Community Survey Results

We've recently completed our first Quarterly Community Survey and had a fabulous response. More than 800 people participated in the survey which will be conducted every three months to help inform the City's decision making and service provision. Here is a taste of some of the things you told us were going well and some areas where we need to improve. The full report with detailed results is available on our website.



- # Cleanliness of beaches and beach facilities
- # Beach access ways to beaches and beach facilities
- # Cleanliness of streets and public areas
- # Cleanliness of public parks
- # Maintenance of public parks
- # Bathers Way upgrades



- # Availability of shaded areas, picnic facilities and seating at inland pools
- # Condition of ocean baths and facilities
- # Condition of footpaths
- # Shade provided in parks and playgrounds
- # Connectivity of cycle routes

Keep your eye out for the next round of the survey and take the opportunity to give us your feedback on our initiatives, facilities and services.



Outdoor exercise plan green lighted

Council recently adopted a new Outdoor Exercise Facility Strategy, which will provide six new fresh-air fitness stations to help keep Novocastrians in shape. The locations for the facilities include Camp Shortland, South Newcastle Beach, Nesca Park, National Park, Griffith Park and Fernleigh Track.