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City News



City of
Newcastle





Message from the Lord Mayor

With the weather warming up, it's a fantastic time to get out and discover how much our city has to offer.

And there's no better chance to explore our own backyard than during the Supercars Newcastle 500. I know many people are excited to watch global superstars KISS rock No.1 Sportsground on the Saturday night and there'll be family friendly activities including a giant Newcastle Monopoly board in Civic Park.

Outside of the city centre, we're undertaking a raft of upgrades to make for a better way of life.

Our Wallsend community has been one of the hardest hit when it comes to flooding during major storms, which is why we've commenced a \$3.3 million project to rebuild Tyrrell Street Bridge, making it higher and longer. This will allow more water to pass through Hunter Water's Ironbark Creek stormwater channel.

Summer will see thousands of families enjoying our upgraded playgrounds across Newcastle. In Rankin Park there's now a fantastic new playground for families to enjoy. This is the fourth playground we've opened or upgraded this year, and adds to the \$5 million invested in playgrounds over the past five years.

I'm pleased to say we are investing record amounts into infrastructure delivery and renewal, while at the same time achieving our long-term goal of financial sustainability after returning our sixth-straight budget surplus.

Newcastle is also leading the way on environmental initiatives, and we'll be the first NSW local government to move to 100 per cent renewable energy in January 2020. This initiative has been driven by community feedback, so thank you to our passionate residents.



Australia Day Awards

Each year at the Australia Day Awards we announce the Newcastle Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Group of the Year. Nominations are open for our Australia Day Awards through until 8 December. If you know people who are motivated and passionate about improving the lives of others and are role models in our community, nominate them today at newcastle.nsw.gov.au/awards

EVENT

Australia Day Awards

Newcastle City Hall

26 January 2020



Tyrrell St Bridge upgrade begins

We've started the \$3.3 million replacement of Tyrrell Street Bridge in a major step towards combatting flooding in the Wallsend local centre.

The higher and longer bridge will allow more floodwater to pass through Hunter Water's stormwater channel during rain events, while existing road pavements will be raised to match the new bridge level.



Your guide to services this Christmas

Customer Service

Operations will be closed for the festive period from midday Friday 20 December 2019, re-opening 8.30am on Thursday 2 January 2020.

Kerbside collections

There will be no waste or recycling collections on Christmas Day. Collections will take place one day later than usual. Services will resume as usual from Monday 30 December.

Landfill operations

Summerhill Waste Management Centre will be closed on Christmas Day. We'll re-open Thursday 26 December.

'Tis the season to recycle

Recycle your excess wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, bottles and cans this Christmas by using our free Sort & Save service at Summerhill Waste Management Centre. Visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au/sort-and-save for details.

The existing Tyrrell Street Bridge was built in 1930 and is 17.5 metres long and 2.6 metres high. The new bridge will be 26.6 metres long and around 3 metres high.

Replacing Tyrrell Street Bridge forms part of the Ironbark Creek Flood Mitigation Plan, which proposes another two bridges at Boscawen Street and Nelson Street be replaced, increasing the flow capacity at the Cowper Street



New era of resource recovery for City

Newcastle residents can now drop off pre-sorted recyclable materials free of charge to the City's new Resource Recovery Centre.

The \$6 million facility at the Summerhill Waste Management Centre will increase waste diverted from landfill each year by around 5,700 tonnes.

Residents who pre-sort their waste can place scrap metals, yellow bin recyclables, paper/cardboard, clean untreated wood and soft plastics directly into the identified stockpiles at no charge, however mixed waste is subject to the normal fee structure.

Bridge, and planning for how Hunter Water's channel can be widened to allow better water flow during heavy rainfall.

City of Newcastle will continue to work with Hunter Water on long-term flood mitigations solutions in Wallsend.

Future projects in Wallsend will include streetscape improvements, free Wi-Fi in the town centre and safer pedestrian and cycle routes.

Your thoughts on waste services

The results are in from our Community Survey, where we asked questions about waste and recycling. 89% of respondents say they are satisfied with our overall waste services.

You told us:

- You're happy to manage waste at home and contribute towards overall waste reduction.
- You think it's important we reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.
- Our website is an important place for you to locate information on waste and recycling.
- There's room to increase awareness of the Community Recycling Centre at Summerhill.
- Not everyone knows we have services such as free drop-offs for e-waste and problem waste.

Visit our website newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Quarterly-Community-Survey to view the results from the full report, and keep an eye out for future surveys so you can give us your feedback on the City's activities and performance.



Civil Works Update

Completed

Local centre renewal at Beresfield

Swale rehabilitation at Sanctuary Estate, Fletcher

Installation of gross pollutant trap in William Street, Tighes Hill

New amenities block, Lambton Park

Playground replacement and upgrades at Cold Stream Crescent, Rankin Park

Underway

Road and drainage construction in Council Street, Cooks Hill

Road and drainage construction at Railway and Albert Street, Wickham

Tyrrell Street bridge demolitions and reconstruction, Wallsend

Pedestrian improvements at Union and Laman Street, Cooks Hill

Upcoming

Shade structure and sails, additional seating and playground repairs at Wallsend Pool

Ground renovation works at Mitchell Park, Merewether

Footpath improvements at Regent Street, New Lambton

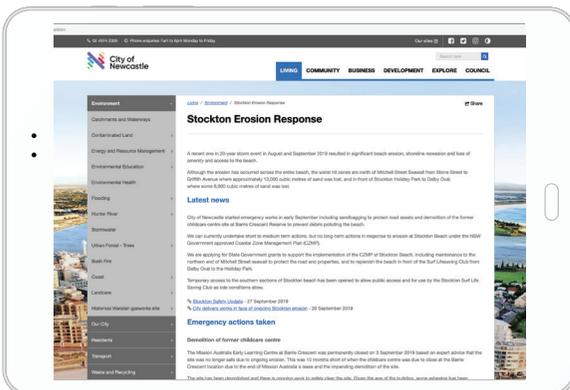


\$5 million in playground fun

A new playground at Rankin Park's Coldstream Reserve is the latest addition in a playground replacement program that has seen the City deliver more than \$5 million in upgrades over the past five years.

Flagship \$1.5 million facilities have been built at Blackbutt's Richley Reserve and Stockton Foreshore in 2018-19, with around 15 upgrades and new builds, valued between \$150,000 and \$200,000, delivered across Newcastle suburbs since 2015.

Two more upgrades are set to be delivered in Wallsend at Carrington Street Reserve and Brickworks Park over the next 12 months.



Stockton erosion response

Repeated large swells have led to unprecedented erosion at Stockton Beach. In response, we've delivered emergency works permitted by the State Government, including sandbagging to protect properties and a temporary beach access near the surf lifesaving club.

We continue to work with the State Government on short to medium-term responses to erosion at Stockton, while exploring long-term options to bring sand back to the beach. Stay up to date at newcastle.nsw.gov.au/stockton

Newcastle 500. More than a race

As Newcastle's biggest sporting event of the year, the Supercars Finale is a high-octane, high profile showcase of our stunning city.

We're encouraging visitors and locals alike to head into the city from Friday 22 to Sunday 24 November to enjoy the activities and festive atmosphere surrounding the Newcastle 500.

The action will kick off with a chance to meet a champion at Civic Park during a free signing session with all 26 Supercars drivers from 4.30pm on Thursday 21 November. Roving entertainment, face painting and more will keep the kids entertained before you pop up to nearby Darby Street for a bite to eat.

The non-stop excitement will move onto the track all weekend as drivers compete for the glory of becoming Newcastle 500 champion, and to secure vital points in this final round of the 2019 Supercars Championship.

Ticket holders can rock and roll all night with KISS at No.1 Sportsground on the Saturday night, proudly supported by hometown heroes The Screaming Jets in an epic, once-in-a-lifetime concert.

You can also soak up the festival atmosphere at cafes, restaurants, and bars in and around Newcastle CBD, with special late liquor trading on Sunday 24 November offering the perfect night to linger even longer after the race.

Enjoy Newcastle Supercars Weekend
22–24 November



FREE!

Super Signing Session

From 4.30pm
Thu 21 Nov
Civic Park

Meet all 26 Newcastle 500 Supercar champions and get your favourite driver's autograph. Plus watch a live broadcast of "Trackside" as it goes to air on Fox Sports.



FREE!

Superkids Pitstop

From 10am – 4pm
Sat 23 & Sun 24 Nov
Civic Park

Play Newcastle's version of Monopoly on an oversized board. Kids can also enjoy a monster truck slide, obstacle course, circus workshops and there's a dedicated under 6 zone.



SUPER-DUPER KARTS
PUSHCART CHALLENGE
@Hunter Street Mall

Sat 23 & Sun 24 Nov

Take a spin down the Mall in the pushcart challenge for a shot at some great prizes. Live entertainment, pop-up shops, and delicious local food.



KISS

From 5.30pm
Sat 23 Nov
No.1 Sportsground

Want to rock and roll all night? Want to party everyday? Global superstars KISS and hometown heroes The Screaming Jets at the Newcastle 500 concert.





EVENT

Queens Wharf/Market Street Precinct
31 December 2019

New Year's Eve

Welcome 2020 with a bang at the City's New Year's Eve celebrations at the Foreshore.

Bring your picnic chairs and a rug to enjoy family-friendly entertainment and a concert before watching the fireworks at 9pm.

EVENT

Newcastle City Hall
26 January 2020

Citizenship Ceremony

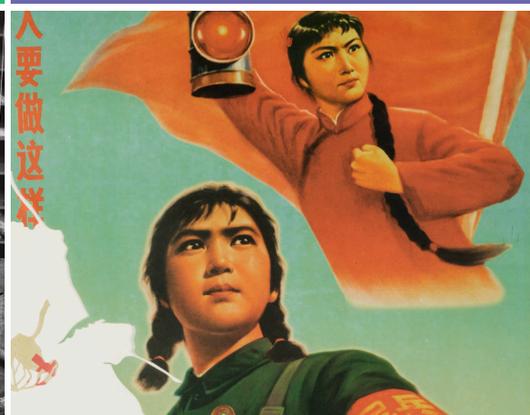
Newcastle is host to the largest citizenship ceremony in NSW on Australia Day, where up to 300 new Novocastrians from countries across the world will be officially recognised as Australian Citizens.

EVENT

Christ Church Cathedral
28 December 2019

Newcastle Earthquake 30th Anniversary Service

A special service will be held at Christ Church Cathedral on 28 December to mark the 30th anniversary of one of Newcastle's most tragic events. The community is invited to attend the service, which will commence at 10am, and stay for a morning tea afterwards.



EXHIBITION

Newcastle Museum

Saturday 9 November 2019 – Monday 9 March 2020

Capturing Nature

Australia's earliest scientific photographs between the 1850s and 1890s from the Australian Museum's collection. Travel back to a time when photography was revolutionising science, art and society.

Free entry

EXHIBITION

Newcastle Art Gallery

Until 27 January 2020

Wish You Were Here: Landscapes from the collection

Features works of art drawn exclusively from the Newcastle Art Gallery collection.

16 November 2019 – 16 February 2020

Between Two Worlds

Promoting the diversity of works of art being produced by Australian artists of Chinese heritage.

SHOW / EVENT

Civic Theatre

15 – 23 November 2019

Dali: Hallucinogenic Toreador by Carl Caulfield

12 December 2019

Civic Theatre Season 2020 launch

From magical dance to drama with a twist, discover what the Civic Theatre has planned for its 90th year.