



Bowel Cancer is one of the major causes of death in Australia each year.

As with all cancers the best chances of cure come with early detection. The easiest way for most people to detect the early signs of bowel cancer is to detect blood passed in the faeces using a bowel scan kit.

For the past 29 years Rotary Clubs and participating pharmacies around Australia have been providing proven low cost kits to the public on an annual basis. In recent times the Federal Government has been sending out kits to all Australians aged 50, 55 and 65. At the same time the Cancer Council has been calling for annual screening of all Australians over 40.

Once again this year most Rotary Clubs of Australia will make bowel scan kits available to ALL AUSTRALIANS during the month of May. All you have to do is go to a local pharmacy displaying the Bowelscan logo on this flyer and purchase a kit for \$10. Go home and use the kit, then drop it back in to the pharmacy. It could be the best \$10 you ever spend.

Rotary District 9670 wishes to thank their public spirited partners in this program: *The participating pharmacies and their staff, The Hunter Area Pathology Service and The City of Newcastle.*

LIBRARY



The Lost Thing: Shaun Tan

An exhibition of original art works from the picture book and film *The Lost Thing*. It tells the story of a boy who befriends an unusual creature who doesn't belong anywhere. The two set out to find where they both belong.

Exhibition open at the Lovett Gallery, Newcastle Region Library, Laman Street Newcastle until Tuesday 3 June 2014.



Innovation continues to be at the top of the agenda for Newcastle's branch libraries with Adamstown now offering self service loans.

Wallsend District Library, our largest library, will follow suit in May. The new technology will allow users to borrow items from one of the self-service kiosks. It also allows our friendly library staff to keep track of books and other items more easily.



AUTUMN 2014

Council News

Community Newsletter from The City of Newcastle



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This activity received funding from the Department of Industry as part of the Energy Efficiency Information Grants Program.



The largest ever LEGO model of Rome's famous Colosseum will be on display at Newcastle Museum from 12 April - 29 June.

The exhibition also includes sculpture and coins of the Emperors, as well as artefacts used in daily life by the ordinary Roman who enjoyed 100 days of holiday and games when the original Colosseum opened in 80 AD.

Ticket prices apply: \$3 child, \$5 adult and \$12 family. Visit www.newcastlemuseum.com.au for information about opening hours.

MUSEUM

CITY NEWS



The focus of the next 12 months is to continue on our journey to financial recovery, to drive and influence Newcastle's much anticipated city centre renewal and to continue to deliver public domain works to support this renewal.

Decisions made over the course of the last year have started to make a significant impact on the bottom line and our year end forecasted deficit will be less than anticipated. Our aim is to return to a budget surplus by the 2016/2017 financial year and we are on target to achieve this.

This can be attributed to a range of measures that are now coming to fruition including reducing staff numbers, prioritising capital works projects and increasing revenue from commercial activities. We have also been working to reduce our infrastructure backlog by selling properties that are no longer required for Council services. Money from the sale of these properties is returned to the land and property reserve and provides a funding source to reduce the infrastructure backlog or for other necessary property transactions.

As a key stakeholder in the NSW Government's Revitalising Newcastle strategy, we will be working closely with them to provide local input throughout the process. We will continue to work with the University of Newcastle on the City Campus. Likewise the application from GPT/Urban Growth for the Hunter Street Mall has now been lodged and

will undergo assessment before being sent to the Joint Regional Planning Panel for determination.

The public domain works being completed via our four prioritised strategic projects will continue to progress with improvements being seen across the city including:

- **Bathers Way:** We will move from Merewether to Nobbys and King Edward Park which will complement the work happening on the Memorial Walk for the ANZAC Day centenary in 2015
- **Blackbutt Reserve:** A new amenities and an outdoor education area is planned and construction will start soon
- **Cycleways:** We are working to better connect our city with projects in Lambton, Birmingham Gardens, Minmi and Kotara.

It will be a significant period of change for Council and over the next year I look forward to seeing how the structural changes made to the way we operate will result in improved customer service and better delivery of projects.

Ken Gouldthorp, General Manager

CIVIC THEATRE

Civic Theatre Season 2014 sponsored by Crosbie Wealth Management



Hunter Laser Vision presents *Lake*

Bold in its vision and deeply evocative, Lisa Wilson's *Lake* literally floods the entire performance area to grapple with our fascination and our fear of water. Serene. Calm. Haunting. Menacing.

Hunter Laser Vision presents *Lake*
8pm, Wednesday 7 May 2014



McCabes Lawyers presents *It's Dark Outside*

This heartfelt adventure looks at the issue of memory loss with innovative and totally compelling mastery, with a 'poetic insight and lightness of touch that makes it moving and uplifting to watch' (The Australian).

McCabes Lawyers presents *It's Dark Outside*
2.30pm and 7.30pm, Saturday 24 May 2014



Newcastle NOW presents *Djuki Mala Chooky Dancers*

The Chooky Dancers fuse traditional and contemporary forms of dance, dressed in traditional costumes and ochre to create a work that is a marvel of timing, comedy and clowning, an important part of the Yolngu Culture.

Newcastle NOW presents *Djuki Mala Chooky Dancers*
7.30pm, Tuesday 27 May 2014

(02) 4929 1977 | www.civictheatrenewcastle.com.au
Book tickets to four shows & qualify as a season subscriber, with discounts of up to 25%, two for one pre-show drinks and much more!



ART GALLERY

NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY

Coming exhibitions

10 May - 13 July 2014:

- Novocastria

24 May - 10 August 2014:

- Paperweight
- New Acquisitions 2012 - 2013: Indigenous works from the collection
- The Tokyo Connection: Shoji Hamada and Kanjiro Kawai

Two FREE musical performances in the Gallery for the exhibition *Novocastria*. Bookings required, call 4974 5100.

3 - 4pm, 22 June 2014: Newcastle Conservatorium Community Strings Senior Orchestra. Conductor, David Banney.

3 - 4pm, 29 June 2014: David Banney accompanied by other Novocastrian performers, play the Gallery's Stuart & Sons piano, accompanied by violin and flute.

Daniel Boyd *Governor no beard* 2008 oil on paper Purchased 2012. Newcastle Art Gallery collection. On display in the exhibition *Novocastria* 10 May - 13 July 2014.



Sustainable living workshops

Home composting and worm farming: 10 - 11.30am, Saturday 10 May Tighes Hill TAFE

Growing food in small spaces: 1- 4pm, Saturday 10 May Mayfield East Public School

Places are limited, book now on 4974 2549. Workshops available to residents of the Newcastle Local Government Area only. These workshops are funded by the NSW Government Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payment Program.



FREE mattress muster

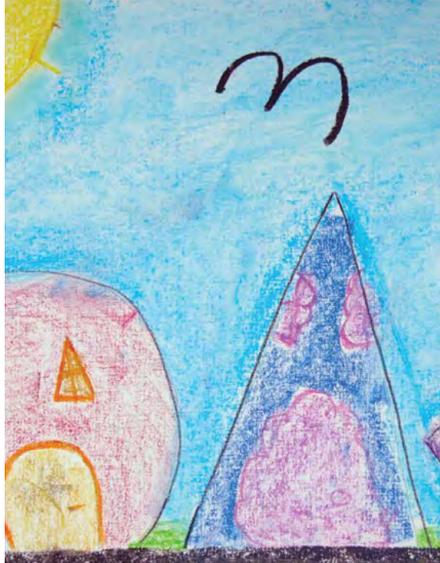
Drop off your old mattresses and ensembles free of charge for re-use and recycling.*

8am - 2pm, Saturday 17 May Tighes Hill TAFE student car park, Maitland Road

*Conditions apply: • Newcastle residents only - proof of address required (e.g. rates notice, driver licence). • Four pieces accepted per household (mattress = 1 piece, base = 1 piece, ensemble = 2 pieces) • No pedestrian access, vehicles only.



- The shared pathway at **Minmi Road** is now complete, providing a much needed link from Bishop Tyrell College to the Maryland West subdivision. In addition, construction of shared pathways are underway at Rowland Park **The Junction**, Nesca Park **Cooks Hill** and Hobart Road **New Lambton**.
- Council is constructing a new roundabout at the intersection of Royal and Victoria Streets, **New Lambton**, to assist in regulating traffic safely through this busy intersection.
- Minor maintenance work and removal of redundant infrastructure is in progress at **Hunter Street Mall** and is scheduled for completion in mid-May. One of the first things visitors will notice is the removal of the concrete balls which will be replaced with flexible bollards.
- Road rehabilitation work is occurring at Liguori Court in **Mayfield** and Bousfield Street in **Wallsend**. These works are of a minor and short term nature and will have little negative impact on the amenity of residents.
- Upcoming work includes a pedestrian refuge and shared pathway on Park Avenue in **Kotara**, a shared pathway through **National Park** between Union Street and the existing bridge over the stormwater channel and along Turton Road in **Waratah**, from Griffiths Road to Bedford Street.



How should your neighbourhood grow?

Comment today

The City of Newcastle is in the process of preparing a renewed Local Planning Strategy which will guide future growth in the city.

To have a say on how your neighbourhood should grow please go to:

<http://newcastle.ourcommunitymap.com/localplanningstrategy>

Your comments will help guide local planning in Newcastle.

For more information on the Local Planning Strategy, visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au and go to **building and planning** and then **land use planning**.



MURAL MAKEOVER



Council's Graffiti Team was involved in a number of **Pride of Place mural projects this quarter**.

Mayfield artist *Bronwyn Greive* completed a 55 metre long mural at Mayfield's Webb Park, in collaboration with Mayfield Business Association. Council's Graffiti Team assisted with the project, along with Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise and numerous Mayfield businesses & community members.

A Landcare shed at Warabrook Wetland Reserve also received a makeover, thanks to artist *Margrete Erling*. Margrete was commissioned to design and paint a mural on the graffitied shed to help it blend in with its surrounds and deter future graffiti vandalism.

Tenders closed this month for the Merewether Beach pedestrian tunnel mural and painting will start soon.

Newcastle's urban forest helps offset 'heat island effect'

The temperature in Newcastle is higher in surrounding rural areas due to the 'urban heat island effect' in which pavement, rooftops and building surfaces absorb and reflect the sun's heat.

The shade of our urban forest helps reduce this effect. Council's City

Greening Services carry out a range of activities to extend the useful life of our trees, such as watering, mulching, fertilising, weeding and pruning. They also remove unhealthy trees and plant new ones.

Healthy well-developed street trees not only provide shade but also purify air, absorb and filter

stormwater, extend the life of road surfaces, reduce building energy costs, increase property values, provide amenity and a sense of well being. Our urban forest is a vital community asset that must be sustained for the benefit of future generations.

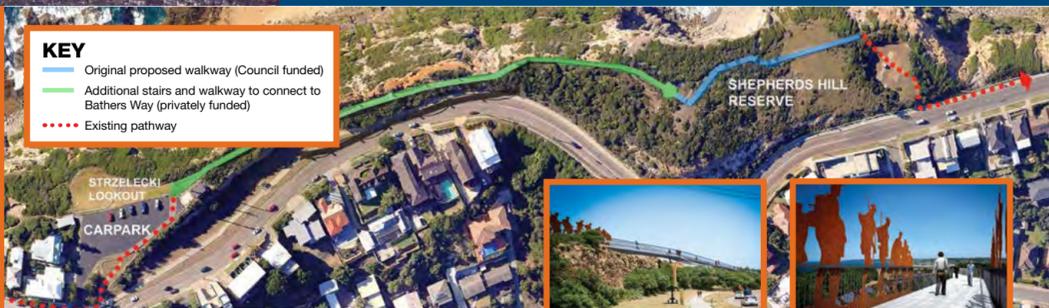


Since 2008 our City Greening Services has planted over 8,800 street trees across the city.

MEMORIAL WALK

KEY

- Original proposed walkway (Council funded)
- Additional stairs and walkway to connect to Bathers Way (privately funded)
- Existing pathway



One of the priority projects for The City of Newcastle is the completion of the Bathers Way, a 5km shared pathway stretching from Nobbys to Merewether.

The Memorial Walk project is also being undertaken by parties external to Council, to commemorate the ANZAC centenary in 2015 and it complements the work we are doing. The initial design for this



project was a walkway from Strzelecki Lookout to 'trig point' further along the cliff, and back. However earlier this year Council committed \$1.5 million for an addition to the path to connect the Memorial Walk to the Bathers Way.

This is a significant piece of infrastructure and is sure to become a fantastic attraction for the city.

COASTAL REVITALISATION UPDATE



- **Work on the Merewether Ocean Baths is on track with much of the demolition work complete, including the central promenade and northern and southern walls of the main pool.** Key work completed or underway includes construction of the concrete works to the western edge of the children's pool and southern wall of the main pool; drilling and installation of rock anchors; and installation of the new pump pipe work.
- **Work has started on the Dixon Park to Bar Beach section of the Bathers Way to provide comfortable pedestrian and cycle access along our coast.** Demolition of the existing pathway from John Parade to Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club and the car park is underway and construction has commenced on the new wider shared pathway and kerb alignment.
- The **Shortland Esplanade cliff stabilisation work** has been completed ahead of schedule.

we love our coast

Newcastle **voice** COMMUNITY REFERENCE PANEL

Want to be more involved in shaping Newcastle's future?

Share your views on a range of topics through surveys and face-to-face sessions.

Your input will help Council better understand community views and provide a basis for decision making.

Get involved - join today! Register at www.mynewcastlevoice.com or call 4974 2000.

Completed consultations Community Survey: Determine current satisfaction levels for the services Council provides and what should be a priority.

Merewether Baths Precinct: Help determine and prioritise public domain improvements at the precinct.

Special Rate Variation: This study was to gain community feedback on a 1.1% rate increase.

UNITE FOR NEWCASTLE UNITE FOR THE Asian Cup

Newcastle will play host to four games of international football as one of the five host cities for AFC Asian Cup Australia 2015.

This is the biggest football tournament Australia has ever hosted. Two qualifying games will be played in Newcastle and we will also play host to a semi final and the 3rd v 4th playoff.

Keep an eye on the countdown clock in Wheeler Place to see how many days until Newcastle welcomes Asia's best football teams.

NEWCASTLE STADIUM

JAPAN VS CHALLENGE CUP WINNER	MON 12 JAN
OMAN VS KUWAIT	SAT 17 JAN
SEMI FINAL	TUE 27 JAN
3 RD /4 TH PLAYOFF	FRI 30 JAN

For more information, visit AFCASIANCUP.COM



DID YOU KNOW?



- **Hunter Street Mall** is about to undergo some maintenance. From 8 April to 14 May the Mall will be tidied of items that leave the area feeling cluttered such as the removal of the concrete balls, trimming of trees and minor repairs to pavers. Minor delays in traffic and activities within the Mall should be expected.
- The **Library website** is currently undergoing testing and analysis to come up with a new look and feel to be more customer focused. Initial focus groups were held in February to gather feedback from users of the website. This data is being used to mould the new vision for the website.
- In a report released by NSW Planning and Infrastructure, The City of Newcastle was positioned within the **top 10% of NSW Councils** in terms of efficient Development Application (DA) processing. It was found that each DA Officer processed 103 DAs over the past fiscal year.
- Council's **Customer Contact Centre (CCC)** will provide a centralised point for the majority of initial enquiries. The customer will be able to interface with the CCC by whichever platform they choose - face to face, telephony or the web. The CCC project is intending to 'go live' in the first quarter of calendar year 2015.