

WANT TO KEEP BUSY DURING WINTER?

Don't hibernate over the cooler season, stay in touch with news and events during winter by signing up to our weekly Enewsletter. Find out about great activities happening across the city including:

STAY ACTIVE



Newcastle offers a host of walking tours and trails to explore our city and suburbs. Some include Blackbutt Reserve, Lambton Heritage Walk and an Artists' City Walking Tour. Go to: visitnewcastle.com.au for the complete list of walks and maps.

JOIN

LANDCARE



Landcare volunteers undertake activities like planting, bush regeneration and seed collection. Visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au to find out about the important role volunteers play in helping to conserve and enhance our environment.

VOLUNTEER



Make a valuable contribution to your facilities in Newcastle and become a volunteer! Volunteers are welcome at Blackbutt Reserve, Newcastle Museum and Fort Scratchley. For more information on how you can join, visit: www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

CLEANOUT



Conduct a winter clean out and donate unwanted clothing, toys and accessories to your local charity! Each donation should pass the charity quality assurance test: ask 'would someone pay money for this?' and if the answer is yes, then the item is a great donation.

TOP 6 FAQs

These are the questions you ask us!



1. Has your bin been missed?

If your **general waste or green waste bin** has been missed on your collection day please call our team on **4974 6066** or complete the online waste request form at: www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

If your recycling bin has been missed on your collection day please call Solo Resource Recovery on **4947 8511**.

2. Need to report a pothole?

If you see a pothole or some road damage that requires attention, please call our works depot on **4974 6000**.

3. Do you need to report a damaged tree on Council land?

Call our city greening team on **4974 6043**. Note: We do not inspect trees on private land or have the authority to direct a neighbour to remove or prune trees that grow on their own land. Disputes over trees must be resolved between you and your neighbour.

4. Have you encountered a broken parking meter?

To report a faulty ticket machine call **1300 373 077** (the number is displayed on the parking ticket machine) at the time you encounter the problem. The call centre staff member will log your call, give you a reference number and alert a technician.

5. How can I have my say about Council decision-making?

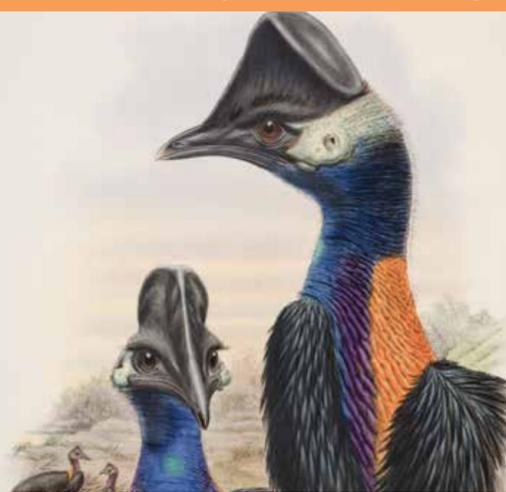
Join Newcastle Voice and you will be invited to participate in a range of engagement activities including workshops, face-to-face meetings, surveys and more. Anyone over 16 years of age who is a resident or ratepayer of Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Cessnock or Port Stephens can join.

6. We lost a street tree during the April storm, when will it be replaced?

We lost around 10,000 street trees during the April storm. For the next six months we will be concentrating on removing any remaining stumps and repairing footways. Our street tree replacement program will start within 12 months.

WHAT'S ON

Exhibition: Roland Pope Donation 70th Anniversary



'Casuariid Westermanni' The birds of New Guinea and the adjacent Papuan islands 1875 by John Gould. Newcastle Region Library collection

A celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Roland Pope donation to the city.

Discover the story behind this generous donation. Explore this unique collection of books and art works. There will be opportunities to view the collection of Gould's Birds books at the Library during this time.

When: 15 August - 1 November 2015

Where: Newcastle Region Library and Newcastle Art Gallery, Laman Street, Newcastle

WHAT'S YOUR SEASON PACKAGE? CHOOSE FOUR OR MORE AND SAVE

2015 SEASON

THE FESTIVAL'S FUNNIEST IN ONE HILARIOUS NIGHT

SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL

ONE SHOW ONLY

SAT 5 SEPT 8PM

BELL SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET
To be, or not to be, that is the question
21-22 AUGUST

SONGS FOR THE FALLEN
Decadent cabaret - good girls don't make history!
THUR 15 OCTOBER 8PM

BEYOND BY CIRCA
Rock stars of the circus world!
18-19 SEPTEMBER

TICKETEK BOX OFFICE (02) 4929 1977 www.civictheatrenewcastle.com.au



War at Sea: Australian Navy in WW1

23 May - 16 August

Learn about life in the Royal Australian Navy 100 years ago through the personal stories of those who sailed aboard Australia's fledgling warships during World War I (1914 - 1918).

The exhibition features many rare World War I artefacts from the collections of the Australian National Maritime Museum, the National Film and Sound Archives and the Australian War Memorial.

BHP closure

From 1 July 2015

Newcastle Museum's Fire and Earth Gallery (the BHP and Coal exhibitions) will be closed for approximately six months from 1 July 2015. This will enable the Museum to make changes to the objects and stories on display and alter the Gallery roof. The rest of the Museum will operate as normal.



EXHIBITION CELEBRATING LOCAL ARTIST:



DISTILLATION

the art of Brett McMahon

13 June - 30 August 2015

NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY

1 LAMAN STREET NEWCASTLE | 4974 5100 | NAG.ORG.AU | OPEN TUE - SUN | 10AM - 5PM
Brett McMahon Network 2006 oil on linen 237.0 x 192.0cm
Gift of the artist through the Australian Government's Cultural Gift Program 2008.
Newcastle Art Gallery collection

Gallery partners: HERALD, PEPPER TREE WOOD, NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY FOUNDATION, NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY SOCIETY



WINTER 2015

Memorial Walk, Bar Beach

Council News

Community Newsletter from The City of Newcastle



Our delivery program outlines our objectives and how we aim to achieve them.

We are committed to a consultative leadership approach, and are refocusing our efforts on delivering on our long-term goals of a financially sound Council and a smart, liveable and sustainable city.

Our focus is on reducing the infrastructure backlog; protecting services while significantly improving our financial prospects; and implementing important revitalisation work across Newcastle.

These key projects include maintaining and improving Blackbutt Reserve; revitalising our iconic coastline; renewing Hunter Street and cycleways across the city and suburbs. There are

also upgrades for Summerhill Waste Management Centre; improvements at local sportsgrounds; playground replacements; footpath and pedestrian facility upgrades from Beresfield to Kotara; and a master plan for Wallsend town centre.

I look forward to working with the community, our local businesses and all levels of government to achieve our objectives. Newcastle is blessed with scenic beauty, natural resources, an ideally situated river and port, and people who love their city. Through the preservation of our major assets Newcastle will continue to build upon its strengths, improving the quality of life for our community.

Nuatali Nelmes
LORD MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE

STAY CONNECTED WITH US



You can find out news, events and have your say:

- **Join Newcastle Voice:** www.mynewcastlevoice.com
- **Like us on Facebook:** Newcastle City Council
- **Follow us on Twitter:** @CityNewcastle
- **Register for Enews:** www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au
- **Follow our RSS feeds:** www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

Our Delivery Program 2013-2017

WHERE DO YOUR RATES GO?

\$27.135 million Buildings and structures

Work includes replacing exhibit wire at Blackbutt Reserve, painting Lambton Library, replacing hand rails at Fort Scratchley, building a new playground at Nesca Park, continued restoration of Newcastle City Hall and renewal of sea walls including major works at South Newcastle Beach.

\$2.728 million Trees and creeks

Work includes weed removal, bushland regeneration and street tree planning.

\$1.671 million Footpaths

We will help people get moving by improving footpaths including the paths in Islington Park and Cathedral Park.

\$795,000 Roadside furniture

Examples include bus seats, bus shelters, fences, sign posts, street lighting and garbage bins across the city.

\$6.767 million Road resurfacing and rehabilitation

We will be working on improving roads, drainage, kerbs and gutters across the city.

\$830,000 Coast and estuary

Projects include wetland rehabilitation, dune preservation, revegetation and sediment control.



\$1.6 billion
Our assets are valued at \$1.6 billion, and include:

BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

68 operational buildings
64 toilet blocks
236 sporting facilities
41 cultural buildings/libraries
23 structures ie wharves
26 community halls and facilities
8 commercial buildings
21 accommodation facilities eg. aged care
20 community facilities
81 bus shelters
1 parking station

STORMWATER DRAINAGE

18,862 pits
423 km of pipes
16 km of culverts
237 stormwater quality improvement devices

LIBRARY COLLECTION

369,300 general collection items
46,438 local studies collection items

ART GALLERY COLLECTION

6,100 objects in the permanent collection
94 objects in the study collection

MUSEUM COLLECTION

10,124 accessioned collection items
8,123 non-accessioned collection items
38 inward loan objects
526 intangible heritage collections items

TRANSPORT

264 bridges
1 tunnel
4 underpasses
3 weighbridges
124 transport shelters
913 km of footpaths (including 59 km of shared path)
1,246 km of kerb and gutter
810 km of roads

COASTAL REVITALISATION



The main construction works for Shortland Esplanade Stage 1, **Nobbys to Newcastle Ocean Baths**, have now been completed with some supplementary works still ongoing including artwork, shade structures, furniture installations and planting of shade trees along the landscaped areas.



Works have started on Stage 2 of the Shortland Esplanade section of Bathers Way, **Newcastle Ocean Baths to Zaara Street**, and is scheduled to be completed in December 2015. In the coming months the area adjacent the baths intersection will be completed allowing improved pedestrian access around the rest of the work site. Piling will be undertaken throughout July to stabilise the embankment and support the work planned for the area.



Stage 2 **Dixon Park to Bar Beach** construction works are progressing well, with most pathways complete, light poles installed and shade shelters under construction. In the coming months ordinance fences, seating and other furniture elements will be installed, and planting works will be underway. This section is expected to be completed by spring 2015.



WORKS UPDATE



City works update

- Drainage work at Lambton Lane between Russell and Bridges Roads **Lambton**, Bailey Street **Adamstown** and William Street **Jesmond**.
- Shared pathway construction at Minmi Road **Wallsend**, Alder Park **New Lambton** to connect to Stage 1 pathway, and Scenic Drive **Merewether Heights** to provide a safer link to City Road.
- Pedestrian access improvements at Harriet and High Streets **Waratah** to enhance pedestrian safety around the local schools.
- Major footpath reconstruction at King Street **Newcastle** which includes replacing deteriorated

footpath, kerb and gutter between Crown and Perkins Streets, along with tree planting.

Major infrastructure work at Glebe Road **Merewether**. Due to the poor accident record, traffic control signals will be installed at the intersection of Glebe Road, Smith Street and Lingard Street. Railway Street will become a cul de sac at this intersection only, no longer allowing traffic to flow east onto Lingard Street from the National Park Street intersection. Work is expected to be complete by the end of 2015.



NEW ARENA!

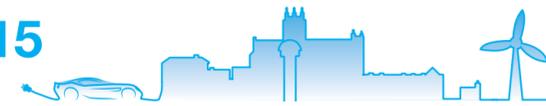
Lord Mayor Cr Nuatali Nelmes and students from New Lambton Public School officially opened the new wildlife arena at Blackbutt Reserve on 20 May during a special ceremony.

This exciting new outdoor classroom is a covered amphitheatre with tiered seating where visitors and school groups can learn about wildlife and the environment from our rangers. Significant sponsorship from Orica Kooragang Island's Community Investment Program has equipped the wildlife arena with state-of-the-art audio visual technology valued at \$10,000.

We are working on another \$550,000 of works at Blackbutt this year including planning for an all-age adventure playground at Richley Reserve, improving pathways and car parking to complement the new facilities.

Smart Future Cities 2015

1 - 3 October 2015



We are co-hosting Newcastle's first **Smart Future Cities conference at Newcastle City Hall in October.**

Participants will hear from the brightest national and international minds about how to grow a smart city, the importance of renewable energy technologies, future transport, innovation and emerging technologies in the built environment, electric vehicles and driverless cars. There will also be a free public event to hear about Newcastle's Smart City Initiative.

A free Electric Vehicle (EV) and Clean Energy Expo will be held in Wheeler Place, showcasing electric vehicles, their associated technologies, as well as clean energy technologies.

Smart Future Cities 2015 is an initiative of the Tom Farrell Institute for the Environment at the University of Newcastle in partnership with The City of Newcastle and the Regional Clean Energy Program of NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

Find out more at:
www.smartfuturecities.com.au



APRIL STORM UPDATE

- **10,000** trees lost in Newcastle
- **9,500** tonnes of waste was received from free tipping at Summerhill Waste Management Centre
- **2,500** kerbside collections of waste including green waste took place
- **7,000** tonnes of green waste received at Summerhill Waste Management Centre

Our storm recovery plan

- **Now - six months:** finish tree safety and remove stumps
- **One year:** Repair pathways damaged by falling trees
- **+One year:** Ongoing tree replacement and infrastructure work (roads, footpaths and drainage)

As part of our ongoing efforts to position Council as an environmental leader in the community we are refurbishing and upgrading our buildings to be more sustainable and energy efficient, and to reduce our electricity bills.

We have installed 222 kilowatts of solar PV capacity at our Works Depot, City Library and Newcastle Art Gallery, with a further 80 kilowatts of solar planned for Wallsend Library.

The installation of solar PV is reducing our exposure to electricity prices, while helping to meet our goal of having 30% of our electricity generated from low-carbon sources by 2020.

We completed lighting upgrades at our City Administration Centre, Works Depot and City Library with state-of-the-art LED lighting and installed a Council-wide system to monitor utility usage.

MAKE YOUR PLACE



Make Your Place Grants Applications open

APPLY NOW!

Do you have a great idea on how to enliven your area?

The Make Your Place community grants can help you create a more vibrant, activated public space. Grants of up to \$2000 (incl. GST) are available.

Next round closes Monday 10 August 2015. For more information email placemaking@ncc.nsw.gov.au or call 4974 2857.

OUR SOLAR SHINES



HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR WASTE CALENDAR?

If not, please contact us on 4974 2000 and we will send you a copy to keep you updated on waste services.

