

Better Together

Our 2030 plan

Community Engagement Overview

Since June 2017 we've heard from more than 2,700 people about what they'd like to see in Newcastle's future as we update the Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan.

The plan is a road map for Newcastle in 2030 and we've talked to all parts of our community to create a shared vision for our future. Read on to find out what we've learnt.

How you had your say

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Approx. **2,700**

people contributed



1,591
Surveys completed



799
Participated in Ideas Wall



Online

On our engagement hub linking our Ideas Wall, Budget Simulator and Surveys



Face-to-face

At community workshops in Merewether, Wallsend, Jesmond and Newcastle

Activities at Council displays at events including NAIDOC week, Hunter Homeless Connect Day, Wallsend Winter Fair, Tarro playground opening and YesFest



On paper

Through hard copy surveys

Competition cards at workshops and library information hubs across the LGA



319
Created a budget



115
Attended Community Workshops



810

Got involved at libraries & events

Next steps

A draft of the new Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan will be presented to Newcastle's elected Council in May 2018.

Following their endorsement it will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and the community will be invited to make submissions.

You can register with us to be directly notified when the public exhibition period opens. Just head to the Better Together page on Council's website, newcastle.nsw.gov.au where you'll also find details on how to make a submission.

Following a review of all the submissions the final plan will be presented to Council for endorsement and then sent to the NSW Office of Local Government by 30 June 2018.

Timeline



Your Say
Jun – Aug 2017

Seeking your ideas and knowledge.



Data Crunching



Your Say
Oct – Nov 2017

Checking we're on track.



Preparing Draft Plan



Public Exhibition
May 2018

Another chance to have your say.



Final Plan

Top 5 strengths

You told us what you love about Newcastle is...



- Resilient people & friendly communities
- Coastal location
- Great lifestyles
- Built environment & public spaces
- Economy & businesses

Top 5 services to improve

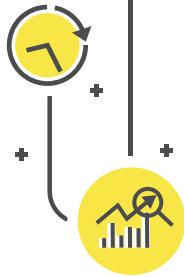
You told us Council needs to focus more on...

- Cycle, shared pathways & footpaths
- Environment
- Parks & playgrounds
- Ocean baths & beaches
- Roads & parking

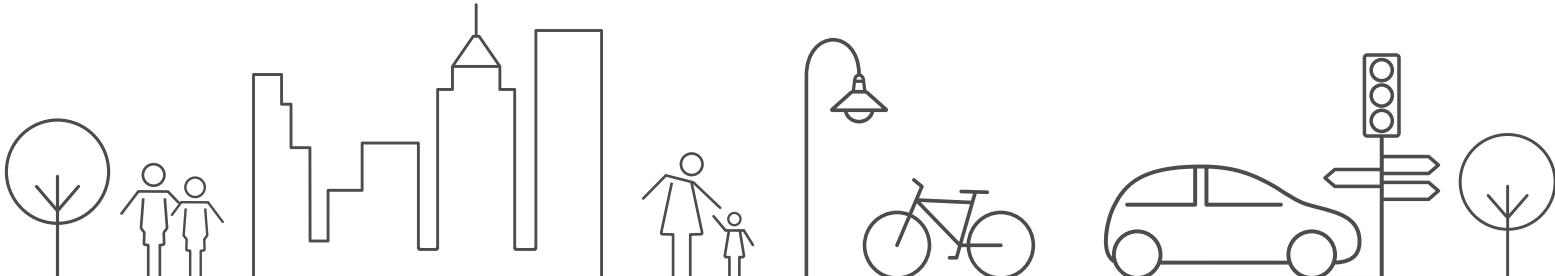


Top 5 challenges

You told us that Newcastle will need to address...



- Transport systems
- Built environment & public spaces
- Economy & jobs
- Governance & leadership
- Population change



Top 8 proposed strategies

Survey participants were asked to rate their level of agreement with 55 proposed strategies (scores out of 5).

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| Conduct Council business in an open transparent and accountable manner | 4.9/5 |
| Provide quality parkland and recreation facilities that are diverse, accessible and responsive to changing needs' | 4.8/5 |
| Ensure long-term financial sustainability through short, medium and long term financial planning | 4.7/5 |
| Provide clear, consistent, accessible and relevant information to the community | 4.7/5 |
| Provide opportunities for genuine engagement with the community to inform Council's decision-making | 4.7/5 |
| Encourage and support long term planning for Newcastle, including implementation, resourcing, monitoring and reporting | 4.7/5 |
| Advocate for public transport improvements | 4.7/5 |
| Maximise water efficiency and recycling | 4.7/5 |

Top rated ideas for Newcastle's future

-  “A superfast (or even ‘kinda fast’) train between Newcastle & Sydney”
-  “A purpose built public park for food trucks to service year-round”
-  “Bike lanes in the CBD”

