

# Bathers Way – Newcastle Beach

Community consultation 2019

City of Newcastle engaged with the community to provide feedback on the update concept design for Bathers Way – Newcastle Beach including a beachside skate bowl positioned within the existing promenade at South Newcastle Beach.

### **Bathers Way project timeline**

Coastal Revitalisation Masterplan 2010 The Bathers Way – Public Domain Plan 2012 Concept design developed 2017/18

**Revised concept** Finalise detailed Concept design plans developed design for Bathers consultation Following the Way - Newcastle (Drop-in sessions, consultation revised Beach (early 2020) feedback boards, designs underway online survey) 2018 Phase 2 Phase 3 Phase 1 South Newcastle Skatepark **Community Reference Group Analysis and Report** (September to November 2019) to Council 2018 Construction to commence in mid-2020 Online poll July to August 2019

#### What we've heard

We consulted with the community throughout late July and during August 2019.









**Submissions**Over 70 written submissions.



#### Online submission top responses

This is a significant indication that the updated plans have been well received in contrast to the previous plans that were presented in late 2018.

In late 2019 the South Newcastle Beach Skatepark Community Reference Group provided input into the specific design elements and uses of the skate park and surround space.

Following the community consultation and CRG indicative designs have now being prepared.

"Concept looks great, I would ask that more tables and chairs for being able to sit and eat a meal be considered."

> "Love the idea. Great for families and youth. Perfect idea for the space! Great work."

## Communications and media potential reach

	Channel	Reach
f 💿 🏏	Social Media	20,000+
	Printed promotional materials	5,000+
D	Media coverage	100,000+
	Newcastle Voice newsletter	2,300+
	Total Reach	127,000+

"I think it's awesome to get a new skate park, the new design is great and feel strongly about the city being for everyone and that includes the young people getting things as well."

## **Next Steps**

Work is being completed to ensure the design meets requirements for an intermediate to advanced skate facility accessible by wheelchair athletes, incorporating advice from coastal engineers, environment and geotechnical experts.

Our Bathers Way – King Edward Park to Newcastle Beach Community Reference Group meets to provide feedback on designs and project delivery.

Once the design has been reviewed final works will be progressed to complete the design and prepare tenders for construction.

Finalisation of the detailed design for Bathers Way - Newcastle Beach is expected in early 2020 with construction to commence in mid-2020.

