In 2012 and 2013, City of Newcastle engaged with the community about their usage of, and expectations for, Newcastle Harbour Foreshore ("the Foreshore").

We consulted with the community through:

- Community survey
- Intercept surveys
- Community workshop
- Focus groups with business

This Community Survey Snapshot Report highlights the feedback received from the 989 completed community survey responses – you can read the full findings in the Foreshore Survey Report.

Community input was also collected in 2013 by Gondwana Consulting Company through intercept surveys, workshops and focus groups.

All feedback was used to guide the creation of a Plan of Management (PoM) for the Foreshore in 2015.

It outlines six strategies to direct planning, design, and management of the Foreshore.

**Newcastle Harbour Foreshore PoM Strategies**

- Recreation
- Connectivity
- Landscape
- Community use & special events
- Heritage
- Park management
The community survey was open from 5 December 2012 to 8 February 2013. It was available in electronic and hardcopy format.

**Community survey results**

989 surveys completed by a broad mix of people from across the Newcastle local government area.

Foreshore visitation

Almost half of all respondents had visited the Foreshore in the week before the survey. Most respondents said they visit the Foreshore during the day.

- **58%** of respondents stated that they usually visit the Foreshore with 1-2 people.
- **82%** of respondents travel to the Foreshore by car.

Top activities at the Foreshore

Respondents could choose more than one option.

The top three activities respondents said liked to do were:

- **59%** Went for a walk
- **35%** Met with friends
- **34%** Went on a family outing
What people like about the Foreshore

673 respondents commented on what they liked about the Foreshore.

“The ease of use by pedestrians, who, due to the wide promenades, can share with cyclists, dog walkers etc. without any trouble.”

“Clear open space between harbour and facilities.”

“I like the grass area where you can sit and enjoy the water and it would be good to maintain that open space.”

The top three things respondents said they liked were:

- 30% Open space/open feel
- 12% Grassy areas/green space
- 11% Paths/open promenade

Areas for focus

Respondents were asked to rate the level of importance and their satisfaction on a number of elements and amenities at the Foreshore. Items rated as important, but with lower levels of satisfaction, are areas for focus. These include:

- Toilet facilities
- Shade and shelter
- Traffic management and parking in the area*
- Number and comfort of places to sit

* a number of traffic calming measures and parking improvements have been made since the 2012 survey.
Opportunities for improvement

697 respondents gave suggestions for improvements at the Foreshore.

“More parking.”

“Wider footpaths, as most people tend to walk around the area and to allow children on their bikes more room.”

“A little more seating scattered throughout the area. More toilet facilities.”

Respondents said the main opportunities for improvement were:

- Parking: 15%
- Cycling access/provisions: 14%
- Toilets: 12%
- Trees/gardens/parklands: 11%
- Seating: 10%

Next Steps

We want to hear your big ideas for the future of Newcastle Harbour Foreshore!

Visit our Have Your Say webpage to tell us what you love about the Foreshore and to share your ideas for making this place an area valued and enjoyed by all. Your feedback will help us develop a master plan to guide the future of the Harbour Foreshore.

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