

Foreshore Park Community Survey Snapshot Report



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

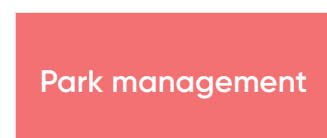
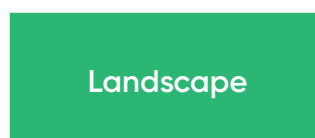
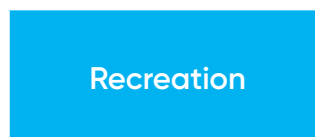
This Community Survey Snapshot Report highlights the feedback received from the **989 completed community survey responses** – you can read the full findings in the **[Foreshore Survey Report](#)**.

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

Newcastle Harbour Foreshore PoM Strategies

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.



Community survey results

989 surveys completed

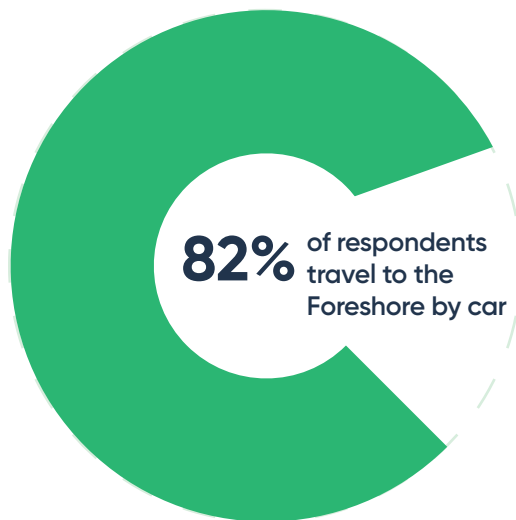
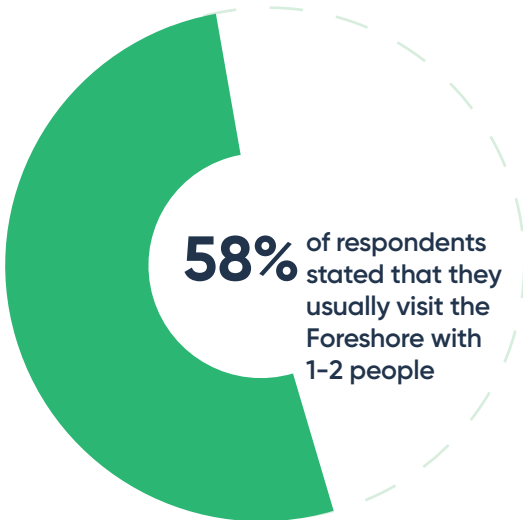
by a broad mix of people from across the Newcastle local government area.



The community survey was open from 5 December 2012 to 8 February 2013. It was available in electronic and hardcopy format.

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.



Top activities at the Foreshore

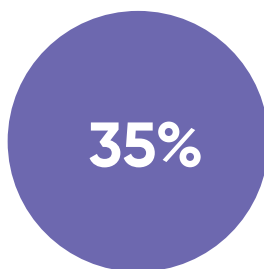
Respondents could choose more than one option.



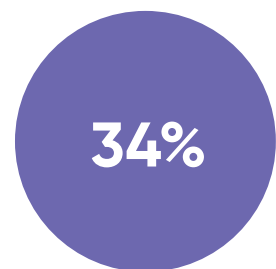
The top three activities respondents said liked to do were:



Went for a walk



Met with friends



Went on a family outing

What people like 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."

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"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."

respondents commented on what they liked about the Foreshore.

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

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respondents gave suggestions for improvements at the Foreshore.

"More parking."

"Better family facilities such as playgrounds, picnic area, toilets and more family friendly events."

"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:



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.