

We need your help to make the Harbour Foreshore a place valued and enjoyed by everyone.



**Reimagine Newcastle Harbour Foreshore Survey**

We’d like to find out:

* what you love about this space, and
* what you would like to see here in the future.

As part of the plan we will be creating a new inclusive playspace at Foreshore Park.

This survey will take 5 - 10 minutes.

# What we will do with your feedback

Your feedback will help us:

* Create an inclusive playspace
* plan for better access and inclusion
* remove existing barriers.

# An accessible community is where everyone can use the public facilities including:

* Using the footpaths safely
* Enjoying parks and playgrounds
* Accessing toilets and change rooms An accessible community is also one

where everybody can find information

in a format that is useful to them.

# Privacy.

We will not record any personal information from the survey. All your feedback is anonymous.

# Need help?

If you have any questions or require alternative supports to inform us

or take the survey, please phone 4974 2000 during business hours or email [engage@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:engage@ncc.nsw.gov.au)

# The Masterplan covers Foreshore Park and Joy Cummings Promenade (between Rydge’s and Nobby’s car park).



1 – Foreshore Reserve 2 – Car park

3 – Carriage Shed

4 – Payground 5 – Frog Pond

1. – Shortland Lawn
2. – Ampitheatre
3. – Amenities Building 9 – Community Garden

# When did you last visit Newcastle Harbour Foreshore?

Within the last week

Within the last month

Within the last six months

Within the last 12months

More than 12 months ago.

I have never visited the area

\*If you answered more than 12 months ago or I have never visited the area. Skip to Question 5 in the survey.

# What type of transport do you use to get to or from the Foreshore (Select all that apply):

Car

Bus/coach

Walk Cycle.

Taxi/Uber

Motorcycle

Cruise ship/ferry

Train

Light rail

Other: please comment

# How do you generally use the Foreshore?

Walk, run or cycle

Group exercise.

For a picnic or barbecue

Use the restaurants / bars

Visit the playground

Sit and enjoy the views

Visit the frog pond

Use the open space (play ball games, fishing etc)

Pass through to get to another location

Use for work (e.g. Personal training)

Attend community events or concerts

Attend major special event

Use of the Harbour (e.g. ferry, fishing or boating)

Other: please tell us other ways you use the Foreshore?

# Below are some of the things people have told us they love about Newcastle Harbour Foreshore. Please select those that are most important to you. (Select up to five):

**Natural Elements**

Harbour views

Grassy areas / green space

Wide open space

Trees and gardens

# Pedestrian/Cycling

The paths around the park

Wide paths

Cycling provisions

Links to nearby areas

# Facilities

Carriage shed

Heritage elements / nearby heritage

Nearby restaurants / dining / cafes

Playspace

The frog pond

BBQs / Picnic areas

Community garden

Promenade

Parking by the Harbour

# What would you like to see more of? (Select all that apply)

**Natural Elements and Heritage:**

Trees

Gardens

Shade

Heritage featured in some way

Indigenous elements

Memorials

# Amenities:

Drink fountains Seating

Accessible amenities

Picnic tables

# Variety of spaces:

Event spaces

Gathering spaces

Playspace

Cafes

Picnic areas

Multi-purpose courts

Waterplay

Viewing/lookouts

**Connectivity:**

Signage to help me find my way around

Bike parking

Parking

Disability car parking

Improved bicycle paths

Improved connectivity to surrounding areas for pedestrians

# Recreation:

Recreational water activities

Pop-up activities (food trucks, night-time cinema, etc)

Artworks and sculpture

Youth-oriented activity

Exercise and fitness

Markets and events

# Do you have any other comment?

1. **What best describes how you would like to see the future of Newcastle Harbour Foreshore? (Select all that apply)**

Authentic

Vibrant

Representing the best of Newcastle

Stand-alone waterfront identity

Sustainable premier destination

None of these

Do you have any further comments?

# Plan of Management (PoM) Values ranking

**The community have told us they value the following elements of the Newcastle Harbour Foreshore. Please rate the following: 1 = most important 5 = least important Rank task, 1 to 5.**

**Scenic:** Expansive harbour and ocean views, landscaped gardens, open space and grassed areas and general lack of development.

**Recreation:** The open space and grassed areas for social interaction, picnic, playground visits, relaxation and exercise. The promenade and pathways to walk, ride bicycles, jog, and access surrounding areas.

**Accessibility:** The proximity to the city centre, public transport, connections within and to surrounding areas from the promenade and pathways. All abilities access. Access to services including toilets, water, food and beverage outlets.

**Heritage:** Historical themes include elements of Newcastle’s Aboriginal, convict, maritime, coal, steel and rail history both within the park and nearby sites.

**Community use and special events:** Local community access, occasional markets, and smaller scale community events, and wider community access to large scale special events.

# We want Newcastle Harbour Foreshore to be a place we can all enjoy. Is there anything that takes away from your enjoyment the Foreshore? (E.g parking, lack of facilities, fencing, paths) Please comment:

**Foreshore Park Inclusive Playspace**

The new playspace at Foreshore Park will be a community destination where families and friends of all ages can gather, spend time and play. Everyone will be able to play side by side, feel welcome and included.

# Do you or someone you spend time with live with challenges of a disability? (Select option only)

Yes

No

Don’t know

Please skip Q9, Q10 if you answered No or Don’t know

# Please select the option that best describes you?

I am a person with a disability

I am a carer, family member, friend of a person with a disability

I am a paid worker in the disability sector

# Please give a general indication how disability impacts your daily living or your daily tasks. (Tick all that apply)

Communication (sight, speech, hearing)

Learning or behavioural

Physical, mobility

Prefer not to answer

# What design details make the most difference to you having an enjoyable play experience at a playspace?

1. **What kind of spaces would you like to see in the playspace?(Select all that apply)**

Climbing agility

Reading area

Quiet space

Sensory spaces

Enclosed areas

Zones for age groups  Waterplay

Other please comment

# What do you (or your children) like to DO in a playspace? (Select all that apply)

Play games with others

Meet new friends

Gather for celebrations

Relax

Spend time engaging with nature

Physical play

Other

Please comment



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# Foreshore Park Frog Pond

An action from The Plan of Management 2015 states to “investigate future options for the Frog Pond through the Masterplan and Playground Detailed Concept Plan. Options may include reduce, retain or remove” p.44.

# We would like to hear from the community about the future use of Frog Pond area of Foreshore Park. Please rank your level of agreement with the following options with a tick:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Strongly agree** | **Agree** | **Neither**  **agree or disagree** | **Disagree**. |
| **Retain the existing frog pond**  **as a central water feature to park.** |  |  |  |  |
| **Reduce the size of the size of the frog pond to allow for additional event space adjacent the railway sheds.** |  |  |  |  |
| **Remove the frog pond and provide a water playspace to accompany the inclusive playspace.** |  |  |  |  |

**Do you have any other comments about how you’d like the Frog Pond space be used? (optional)**

**Demographics**



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1. **What is your age?**

Under 12 years old

12 – 17 years

18 – 24 years

25 – 34 years

35 – 44 years

45 – 54 years

55 – 65 years

65 – 74 years

75 years or above

Prefer not to say.

# What is your gender?

Male

Female

Transgender/Intersex/Other

Prefer not to say.

# Do you live inside Newcastle Local Government Area?

Yes  No

Don’t know.

# Which suburb do you live in?