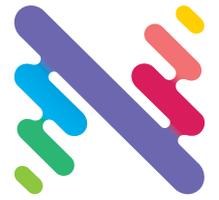


# City News



City of  
Newcastle



**Multimillion-dollar Stockton makeover unveiled**  
**Have your say on Our Sustainable Waste Strategy**  
**Check out upgraded recreational spaces near you**



## Message from the Lord Mayor

With the weather warming up, now is a great time to get out and explore the natural beauty and public facilities on offer across Newcastle.

We've been working hard to deliver even more recreational and open spaces for our community to enjoy and are thrilled to have completed our \$8 million upgrade of No.1 Sportsground and our \$4.9 million Local Centre upgrade in Stockton, with our \$1.5 million Wallsend Active Hub opening soon.

We're pushing forward with another record capital works program in 2022/23, investing more than \$132 million to upgrade local infrastructure including \$16 million on local roads, bridges and footpaths, \$4.4 million to improve Newcastle's cycleway network and more than \$14 million for major waste infrastructure projects.

Enjoying the water is easy in our city with five inland pools, with Wallsend and Mayfield boasting upgraded playgrounds, and a new 120m-long raft slide at Lambton Swimming Centre. Our lifeguards are back on duty seven days a week at all of our patrolled beaches and Merewether Ocean Baths, ready to ensure the community enjoys the warmer weather safely. Meanwhile, the long-awaited upgrade to Newcastle Ocean Baths is progressing well and on track to be opened next summer.

The coming months also offer the perfect time to experience the packed schedule of events being supported by City of Newcastle through our annual sponsorship program. A vibrant calendar of sporting, cultural and community events helps bring visitors to our city, which in turn delivers an economic boost for local businesses and helps to create jobs.

**Nuatali Nelmes**  
Lord Mayor of Newcastle

*Newcastle Art Gallery Foundation Chair Suzie Galwey, Newcastle Art Gallery Director Laretta Morton, City of Newcastle Project Manager Matthew Bennett, Newcastle Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes and Daracon workers.*

## Mine remediation underway at Newcastle Art Gallery

We've kicked off the early construction works that will pave the way for the \$40 million expansion of Newcastle Art Gallery.

We're drilling more than 100 bores into old mine workings underneath the Art Gallery, which will allow around 15,000 cubic metres of grout to be deployed into two coal seams.

This remediation will ensure the safety of the site ahead of the main construction works, which are expected to begin in mid-2023.



*Stockton's Mitchell Street has been revitalised by City of Newcastle.*

## Upgrade creates safer, more vibrant Stockton Local Centre

New footpaths, increased shade and improved pedestrian and cyclist safety are making a visit to Stockton's main street more inviting than ever.

We've invested \$4.9 million to create a safer and more vibrant public space along Mitchell Street, with improved areas to shop, dine and meet with friends.

Extensive landscaping will significantly boost the shade canopy along the main street with almost 40 new trees planted in the area, while sandstone from existing historic kerbs has been retained and reused to frame garden beds and raingardens.

The Stockton project was completed under our Local Centres program, which is currently

also delivering a \$3.7 million upgrade of the popular local centre at Orchardtown Road, New Lambton and has recently seen major upgrades in Beresfield, Carrington, Kotara and Merewether.

A new footpath to better connect Orchardtown Road to Blackbutt Reserve has already been completed, while upgrades to drainage and parking spaces in the western car park are underway to improve access for pedestrians and shoppers.

The project features a range of other works including an off-road shared pedestrian and cycle path, wider footpaths and new plazas to improve outdoor dining. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2024.



## Our Sustainable Waste Strategy

We're committed to increasing our capabilities for the recycling and reuse of products under our new Sustainable Waste Strategy, which focusses on diverting more waste away from landfill and changing the way we return, reuse, repair and recycle resources to minimise waste.

Our draft Strategy will deliver significant benefits to the planet, create new jobs for our people and provide

economic opportunities for local businesses and industry through the circular economy.

As part of this plan, we're investing in the infrastructure needed at the Summerhill Waste Management Centre to maximise the value of material in residents' yellow and green bins and decrease what ends up in landfill via their red bins.

This financial year we've allocated \$5 million towards planning a new material recovery facility, which will allow plastics, paper, cardboard, glass and metals collected from kerbside recycling bins to be

recovered at the Summerhill site. This facility will be scalable to process up to 85,000 tonnes of recyclables per year, creating a regional solution for recyclable materials from across the Hunter.

We're also investing \$9.4 million in this year's Budget to start building a fully-enclosed organics processing facility at Summerhill. Once complete it will be able to receive 50,000 tonnes of food and garden organics per year to be processed into compost for reuse in agriculture, landscaping and home gardens.



## Have your say on our sustainable waste future

Our Sustainable Waste Strategy is a critical component of Newcastle's 2040 shared community vision to be a liveable, sustainable, inclusive global city.

You've told us before you want us to invest in measures to sustainably divert waste from landfill, and have shown your support for both the proposed food and garden organics processing facility and the material recovery facility.

Now we want to hear your thoughts on our overarching Sustainable Waste Strategy, to make sure it delivers maximum value for our community.

Visit [newcastle.nsw.gov.au/your say](https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/your say) to find out more about the Strategy and provide feedback by 9 November 2022.

### City of Newcastle Waste Services fast facts

More than 66,000+ households serviced

7 million bin collections a year

Summerhill Waste Management Centre (SWMC) is the largest public landfill infrastructure in NSW

SWMC only closes two days a year (Christmas Day and Good Friday)

Generates a third of CN's revenue, which is invested back into Newcastle

Employs 88 staff

The proposed organics processing facility and material recovery facility will employ an additional 36 staff



## Works update

### Completed

Demolition of Mall Car Park King Street, Newcastle

No.1 Sportsground upgrade, National Park

Waterslide replacement at Lambton Swimming Centre

### Underway

Wallsend Active Hub Federal Park Wallsend

Road and drainage upgrades at Orchardtown Road, New Lambton local centre

Drainage improvements at Glebe Road, The Junction

Road and drainage upgrades at Buchanan Street, Merewether

Pavement rehabilitation at Allowah Street, Waratah West

### Upcoming

Drainage improvements at Lindsay Oval, Beresfield

Pedestrian improvements at Hawthorn Street, Beresfield

Cycleway and Pedestrian Improvements at Corona Street, Hamilton South

Pedestrian improvements at Tyrrell Street, Wallsend

## Thousands embrace New Annual's return

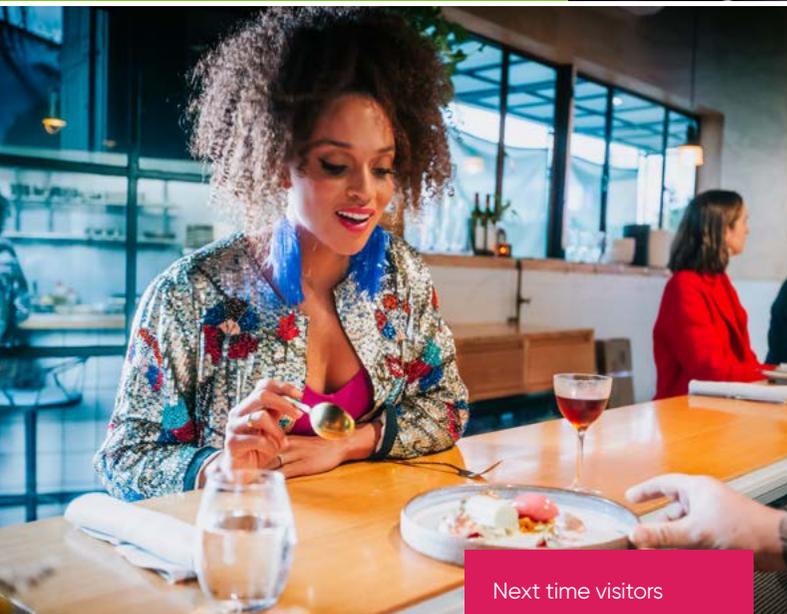
We're thrilled with the success of our second New Annual festival, which returned to the city with 10 days of art, culture and creativity last month.

Thousands of locals and visitors flocked to our flagship cultural event, which kicked off with the opening of Van Gogh Alive on 21 September followed by an immersive festival of dance, music, theatre, visual arts and Indigenous workshops until 2 October.

New Annual provides a fantastic boost for the local creative arts, live music and tourism sectors that have been heavily impacted by COVID-19.



Image by Picture Cabinet



## Seek off beat experiences close to home

Prior to COVID-19, Newcastle's thriving tourism industry contributed more than \$945 million to the local economy each year, supporting almost 5,000 jobs.

But did you know that of the 5.1 million international and domestic visitors that made their way to the city annually, around 42 percent of them were visiting friends and family?

That makes our community among the most important ambassadors for tourism we have!

Our new tourism tagline, 'Seek Off Beat', encourages visitors to discover the city's eclectic and unexpected experiences, as well as its signature offerings.

Next time visitors come to stay, or you feel like being a tourist in your own town, don't forget to check out some of our amazing experiences, or find your perfect itinerary at [visitnewcastle.com.au](https://www.visitnewcastle.com.au)

Explore the city with a walking tour

Discover our vibrant street art

Sample our local breweries and distilleries

Indulge in boutique shopping and cuisine

Say hello to Honeysuckle and the harbour

## What's on in your city

If you're looking for something to do during the next few months we're supporting a packed schedule of events as part of our annual events sponsorship program, and our new partnership with Venues NSW, which are designed to increase visitation and provide an important economic boost for local businesses.

Whether you want to rev up for supercharged Supercross action, dive into Australia's richest ocean swimming event, or journey down the Yellow Brick Road with global superstar Elton John, there's plenty to see and do in Newcastle.

Check out the list or explore more at [whatson.newcastle.nsw.gov.au](https://www.whatson.newcastle.nsw.gov.au)

*Pictured below: Venues NSW Group General Manager - Acquisition Stephen Saunders, Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes, Elton John impersonator and McDonald Jones Stadium Venue Manager Dean Mantle.*

**27-30 October:** Australian Skateboarding Community's Money Bowl, Empire Park, Bar Beach

**28-29 October:** Junior Theatre Festival Australia, Civic Theatre

**26 November:** FOX Australian Supercross Championship, AUSX Triple Crown, McDonald Jones Stadium

**4 December:** Bikers for Kids Newcastle Toy Run, Wickham Park

**26-31 December:** Australian Jazz Convention, Newcastle City Hall

**8 and 10 January 2023:** Farewell Yellow Brick Road: The Final Tour Elton John concert, McDonald Jones Stadium

**26 January 2023:** Cross Harbour Swim, Newcastle Harbour

**26-29 January 2023:** Beach 5s Rugby, Nobbys Beach



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## Newcastle's biggest playground on the way for Foreshore Park

We're reimagining Newcastle's Harbour Foreshore with a collective community vision that will create an activated, attractive and connected public space along Newcastle's celebrated harbour edge, with the city's largest playground and waterplay space as the centrepiece of the precinct.

A draft Masterplan has been developed in consultation with our community to create new connections between the city and the harbour's edge around Foreshore Park and along the Joy Cummings Promenade.

*Concept design for part of the Livvi's Place inclusive regional playground – these concepts may change during the detailed design process.*

It will feature the Livvi's Place inclusive regional playground, developed with our partners, Variety – the Children's Charity, as well as a significant waterplay area, a cultural heritage walk and improvements along Wharf Road and Tug Berth Lane, as well as extensive tree planting, landscaping and upgraded amenities. Construction on the playground is expected to commence in 2023.

Feedback from the recent public exhibition will inform the final Harbour Foreshore Masterplan, which will be presented to councillors for adoption by the end of this year.

## New hub for active recreation in Wallsend

Wallsend will become Newcastle's newest recreation hot spot, with our \$1.5 million Active Hub soon to open in Federal Park.

The versatile play space includes an expanded playground suited to all ages and abilities, a pump track for bikes, scooters and skateboards, multi-sports courts allowing for basketball and futsal, a rebound wall, a climbing wall and fitness stations.

Shade shelters, connecting pathways and tree planting add to the appeal of the site, which is located next to the existing cricket practice nets, Federal Park sporting fields and the nearby Wallsend Swimming Centre, making it a recreational magnet for families from across the city.

A barbecue area and toilet facilities will be added to the site during the second stage of the project.



*Councillor Peta Winney-Baartz and City of Newcastle Acting Executive Director Creative and Community Services Lynn Duffy at No.1 Sportsground.*

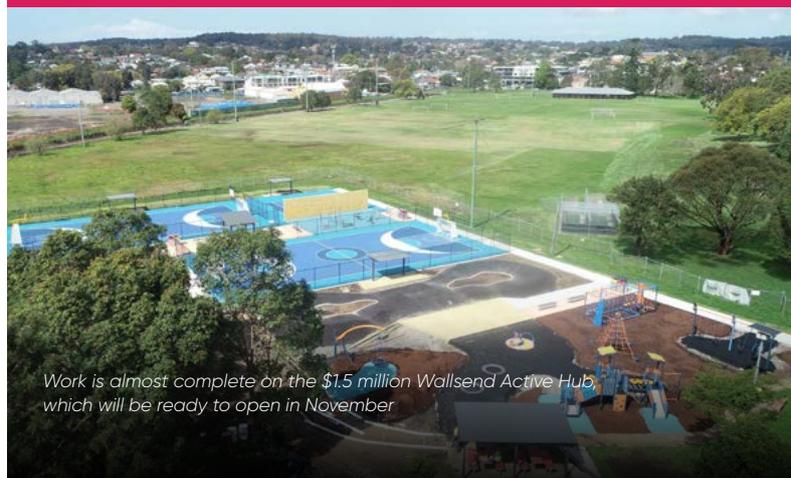
## Action back at the revamped No.1 Sportsground

Local sporting teams are back in action at No.1 Sportsground following the completion of our \$8 million stage one upgrade works.

The premier sporting facility was reopened for the start of the summer cricket season with players experiencing the benefits of the project, which included a rebuilt playing surface with new sub-soil irrigation and drainage, as well as the construction of seven new cricket wickets.

New sight screens, player dug-out benches and oval fencing are also improving the playing experience while additional bleacher seating has doubled the seated capacity to 800 spectators.

The playing field also increased in size to achieve the minimum standard required for first grade AFL and elite cricket matches while the installation of six new 40-metre light poles caters for night-time fixtures. The upgrade will position the region to attract sporting fixtures such as trial Big Bash League and trial AFL fixtures.



*Work is almost complete on the \$1.5 million Wallsend Active Hub, which will be ready to open in November*



TICKETED EVENT

## Sea Monsters Halloween Kids Dance Party!

31 October 2022, 6pm – 8pm  
Newcastle Museum

Dress up in your best Halloween costume and come and party with our Sea Monsters by night! We are opening late on this special night as a safe and fun alternative to trick or treating. Check out the Sea Monsters exhibition then break out your moves at the disco dance party. Costumes encouraged for kids and adults alike – we will be dressing up too!



FREE EVENT SERIES

## Your Summer Stories

28 October 2022 – 28 February 2023  
Online and in-branch at Newcastle Library

Newcastle Libraries' annual summer reading program returns with a curated selection of must-read titles, conversational podcast series and two live author events, kicking off with leading Australian Crime writer, Chris Hammer.



FREE

## Civic Bar Beats

Every Friday in November, 5:30pm  
Newcastle Civic Theatre

Join us on Friday afternoons throughout November as Civic Bar spills out onto Wheeler Place with live music from 5.30pm. Kick back and relax with a cold drink as you enjoy tunes from a different local emerging artist each week. Stick around for a bite to eat with tempting bar snack options or pizza from our very own pizza oven.



FREE EVENT

## Repair Café

5 November & 10 December 2022  
Lambton Library, Elder St, Lambton

Bring your much-loved broken items back to life at the Newcastle Libraries Repair Café! Repairs include small furniture, small hand tools, clothing, and bikes. There will also be upcycling and tool skills demonstrations.



FREE

## Civic Christmas

December 2022  
Wheeler Place

Newcastle's Wheeler Place will play host to festive fun as the Civic precinct is transformed with a magnificent 11-metre-high Christmas tree covered in baubles and twinkling lights. A range of family-friendly activities will bring the site to life throughout December including an opportunity to snap a free DIY photo with Santa and his elves.



TICKETED

## Come from Away

From 16 February 2023  
Civic Theatre

COME FROM AWAY shares the real story of 7,000 air passengers from all over the world grounded in Canada during the wake of 9/11, and the small Newfoundland community that invited these 'come from aways' into their lives. Awarded the Tony for Best Direction of a Musical, enjoy Broadway's feel-good musical sensation at the beautiful Civic Theatre, with tickets on sale now.

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