AWARD WINNERS

It’s just four months to go until Newcastle plays host to four games of international football for AFC Asian Cup Australia 2015. This is the biggest football tournament Australia has ever hosted and Newcastle is one of the host cities. We play host to two qualifying games, a semi-final and an Asian Cup Play-off. Make sure you are there to witness history when Newcastle hosts Asia’s biggest football tournament.

Let’s get tickets now from afcasiancup.com/tickets

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Newcastle will be showcased to a global audience this summer as we host four games as part of the 2015 AFC Asian Cup tournament from 9 to 31 January 2015. Newcastle is one of the host cities and the only non-capital. Our first game will see defending champions Japan kicking off their campaign against Challenge Cup winners Palestine. We will then host Oman and Kuwait followed by a semi-final and then the play-off for third and fourth places.

This is a fantastic opportunity for us to welcome our neighbours from across Asia to experience everything our city has to offer and encourage our Novocastrians to support the tournament.

We are working with the Local Organising Committee and Destination NSW to attract international visitors to Newcastle as well as business, industry and education partners to develop an attractive program of events throughout the tournament to ensure the event provides an ongoing legacy for the city. First game in Newcastle is on Monday 12 January.

Ken Goodhrup, General Manager

WHAT’S ON

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Two of our projects received top prizes at the 2014 Lower Hunter Urban Design Awards. Fletcher Community Centre won the GHD Small Building to Council and we are seeking expressions of interest for management of the facility. The jury noted that “returning priority to the pedestrian and providing a place to enjoy Australia’s national surfing reserves are two intended design objectives that are immediately clear when arriving at the site.”

CityGreen Landscape and Public Art won the award for Public Art. The jury noted that “demonstrates sustainable building practices and integrated landscape design... and challenging the way we think about landscape designing in a high density urban setting.”

CityGreen Landscape and Public Art

Step back in time 290 million years when bizarre-looking animals dominated life on land and sea! See an amazing collection of fossils, models of giant insects and bizarre looking, sharks and meet the top predator of the time, the giant saber-toothed gorgonopsid ‘Thesengonius’. Entry fees apply.

For more information visit:
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Progress was made in city works despite severe challenges from ongoing wet weather.

Construction of traffic calming devices in King, Wolfe and Newcomen Streets, Newcastle is complete.

Work are nearing the completion of the intersection of Northcott Drive and Wallsend Street, Ashbury, but work on the roundabout near the pedestrian crossing for one of the city's most contentious intersections, has been delayed due to issues with the local council.

A large number of active swimmers continue to suffer from lack of facilities in the Newcastle LGA.

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All our pools are also open. We are operating Beresfield Swimming Centre, with open entry gates and entry fees available on our website.

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