

**TOP 10 MUST DO’S THIS SUMMER**

**01**
Visit the Newcastle Knights meet indigenous team First Nation Goannas in a pre-season trial at

**02**
The world’s best surf boat rowers battle it out in an adrenalin filled display of teamwork and

8 – 10 February 2014
Navy Australian Surf Rowers Open

**03**
Renowned photographer Ron Morrison has captured the essence of the sixties - the mini-

Those were the days | Now - 8 February 2014
Newcastle Region Library, and Newcastle Art Gallery.

In its second year, this fun program of free drawing and arts offers heaps of fun for families,
Various sites

www.civictheatrenewcastle.com.au

**04**
Surfest 2014 | Merewether Beach | 12-23 February
is now the only theatre in Australia featuring this show in 2014!
This Francis Ford Coppola film is a cult classic about an eccentric Irish family bickering over

www.newcastlemuseum.com.au

Dementia 13 | 28 February - 2 March 2014
Enter a dark and dangerous world of giant sea creatures and bizarre fish as you journey

www.newcastleshow.com.au

Festival Exhibition: Shaun Tan - The Lost Thing
An exhibition of uncut drawings from the beloved picture book and animated film.

**05**
Newcastle Regional Show | Broadmeadow Showground | 30 February - 2 March 2014
A three day festival including entertainment, food, rides, animals and agricultural

**06**
Deep Oceans Blockbuster | Newcastle Museum | Near - 2 March 2014
Enter a side, and dangerous world of great sea creatures and become fast as you journey

www.newcastlemuseum.com.au

**07**
Music of the Guns | Fort Scratchley | 15 March 2014
Fantastic night of classical music featuring the Australian Army Band and guest musicians.
Concert includes Tchaikovsy’s 1812 Overture and ends with the firing of the fort guns. BYO

www.artsprojekt.com.au

**08**
Big Draw Newcastle | Various sites | 12 April 2014
The Big Draw is a massive national and international annual event that celebrates the

www.bigdraw.org.uk

**09**
**10**

Civic Theatre Season 2014 sponsored by Crosbie Wealth Management
Book tickets to four shows & qualify as a season subscriber, with discounts of up to 25%, two for one pre-show drinks and much more!

CIVIC THEATRE GALLERY LIBRARY

**SUMMER 2014**

**CITY NEWS**

Last year saw Council draw a line in the sand and start down the road of financial recovery.
We have reduced staff numbers, reviewed the timing and priority of capital projects, developed revenue generation options (other than rates) and are controlling our expenditure. However, even with these initiatives reducing Council’s expenses and increasing income to $125 million per annum, the nearby closure of 230 retail cap has left Council with limited options to take advantage of an above average cap increase.

Our new structure is starting to take shape and I am confident we are bringing together a strong team with a wealth of knowledge and experience to keep Council focused in the right direction.

At the end of the day, leadership being shown by the elected Council. There are some great developments happening around the city and this year will be one of significant change for Newcastle with many new construction projects bring a boost to our economy.

As always, the city is playing host to an amazing array of shows, festivals and events and I urge you to take advantage of the many opportunities on offer to enjoy a great summer in 2014 promises to be an exciting year as many of the plans discussed for some time move towards implementation.
Ken Gouldthorp
General Manager

CityServe’s success is due to the many people who said ‘yes’ to be part of something bigger than themselves, and build a culture of collaborative spirit.

What a great achievement.
Landcare is for everyone

The City of Newcastle has 25 active Landcare groups across the local government area (LGA) who have a well deserved break over Christmas and are gearing up to pull on their gloves and hoes for another year to help look after Newcastle’s natural resource management.

Everyone is encouraged to join in with activities including bush regeneration, dung pat collection, native species ambassador programs, and recycling only.

BNWGA Belly Bandits planted, and they are great additions to the dawn chorus of eastern spinebills and the risk posed to the community.

As a result of the development, the City of Newcastle has been able to reduce costs, enhance the coastal environment and provide additional space for public recreation.

Time to progress clock repairs

The City Hall, one of Newcastle’s most prestigious and recognizable buildings, is set to burn back with a vengeance as work continues to prepare for the repair to the facade of the magnificent clock tower.

The exterior restoration works to City Hall are part of the City Hall Conservation Management Plan and the stage of works follows a successful trial in 2010, which saw a portion of the exterior being completely restored. Tenants will be notified and expected to Council with a view to starting work by mid-2014.

It will be business as usual in City Hall while the works are completed. Scaffolding will be erected on the exterior of the building. However, minor impact is expected for events booked in the main hall.

The NSW Government has provided funding support via a 4% interest-free loan from the Cultural Collections Fund for the project. The subsidy results in a significant cost saving for The City of Newcastle by reducing the amount of interest paid.

Coastal Revitalisation Update

The Coastal Revitalisation Project at Toowoon Bay is progressing well towards completion.

Work is expected to take up to three months and will involve temporary road closures to ensure the safety of both vehicles and pedestrians as work is being completed. Excavation, stage stabilisation and remediation, rock and nick grousing, rock bolting, retaining wall repairs and storm water drainage will be undertaken.

Coal Mine Creek, Blackbutt Reserve

Coal Mine Creek runs between two ponds in Richley Reserve and its banks were stabilised due to the dry age causing erosion to the site. The old bank controls have now been replaced with stronger box culverts. A new rock rip rap structure which improves the edges aesthetic appeal, addresses the erosion issues and improves water quality.

Cleaning up after Christmas?

Did you know that Council provides free -waste and recycling drop off at Summerhill.

Major loads will not be accepted - household quantities of e-waste and recycling only.

Excess recycling should only include items always put in the yellow-legend recycling bin.

Before you think about it...

BEFORE

Clean up your coastal environments by downloading the MyFirePlan application onto your mobile device. MyFirePlan can be found on the app store or go to www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Be prepared for this bush fire season.


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Arthur Park has since had two Hills Figs and three Liquid Amber planted, and they are great additions to the park.

Gumabi Reserve

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