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**For more information visit:**

### Surfest 30th

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**Date:** 7 February 2015 and first Saturday of every month after

**Description:**
Surfer’s Paradise Park is a curated program of events in Newcastle from 1995-2015. Light up Newcastle Lantern Walk on 26 February 2015 and first Saturday of every month after.

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Local Planning Strategy: Visions for Neighbourhoods

We have recently developed a draft Local Planning Strategy to guide land use planning throughout the city but what does this mean for you?

The strategy sets the pattern for development and answers questions such as: how much land is needed to house Newcastle’s growing population to allow people to work close to home and still have enough space for recreation. The Newcastle community set the vision and objectives for our neighbourhoods in 1998 as part of the existing Newcastle Urban Strategy. It is time to hear from everyone again about whether vision and objectives for your neighbourhood are relevant and reflect the current community.

The draft strategy will be on public exhibition for 12 weeks during February, March and April. Don’t miss the opportunity to share how your neighbourhood will look in the future. Visit our website or follow Newcastle Voice on facebook to keep up to date with what is going on.

We’re continuing to improve our parks and recreation facilities across Newcastle by upgrading our sporting facilities and maintaining our parks and reserves.

RECREATION

• Drains work at Cusson Road New Lambton is complete
• Road work at Bridges Road New Lambton was completed for Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) ahead of time and under budget
• Pedestrian access work at the intersection of Northcott Drive and Wade Road was completed for Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)
• Drainage work at Curzon Road is complete • Road rehabilitation at Bibby Street

The New Lambton Maritime Services (RMS) ahead of time and under budget

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is complete

Wallsend, Brickworks Park, Merewether, Brown Street between Crown Street and Newcastle

Blackley Oval amenities buildings will be upgraded to improve overall functionality and accessibility. We’re also working on the design of an upgrade to the amenities building at King Edward Park.

Other upcoming work includes Flood lighting at Turkish Park Shortland, upgrade to Blackcraig Park New Lambton and new fencing at Peasmore Oval Wallsend.

PARK SAFE, STAY SAFE

The park safe, stay safe school program has been designed to partner with schools, principals, parents, students and the broader community to improve road and children’s safety around schools.

Common parking and road safety issues in school zones:
- drivers parking up/approaching on or too close to school pedestrian crossings
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- drivers stopping for long periods of time in no parking zones drivers stopping for long periods of time in no parking zones
- drivers parking for too long in drop-off and pickup zones.

We hope to share this information with everyone on how to park safe, stay safe around schools. For more information visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au or call 4274 2000. Parking officers will be active around schools from February 2015. The emphasis of the park safe, stay safe program is education and safety to ensure our children are safe when arriving and leaving school.

GUTTER TALKS IS COMING TO COOKS HILL

There are simple things we can do in and around our home that reduce stormwater pollution and improve water flowing from our streets to our harbour.

We will be out and about in the Cooks Hill community in the next few months talking about stormwater, drainage and what you can do to help make Newcastle a water sensitive city.

Come along and trade in your old broom for a brand new one and discover how your household can help improve the quality of stormwater that ends up in Cottage Creek, Newcastle Harbour and beaches.

To kick off the new year, National Park No. 4 Sportsground, Waratah Park and Blackley Oval amenities buildings will be upgraded to improve overall functionality and accessibility. We’re also working on the design of an upgrade to the amenities building at Hinton Park.

Future work includes Flood lighting at Turkish Park Shortland, upgrade to Blackcraig Park New Lambton and new fencing at Peasmore Oval Wallsend.