



City of
Newcastle



Shane Kennedy from Up&Up Inspirations, Cr Peta Winney-Baartz, business owner Sharyn Lance, Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes, business owner Kim Hanson, Claire Jones from Herb Urban and mural artist Olas One with the mural painted in New Lambton as part of the Special Business Rate program.

Investing in your city

Breathing new life into New Lambton

New playgrounds for five suburbs

Wickham grandstand upgrade

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The newly upgraded playground at Vera Wilson Park, Beresfield.

Swing into new playgrounds

Families are celebrating our ongoing investment in recreational spaces, with five new playgrounds upgraded across the city this year as part of our annual playground improvement program.

Work has been completed at Vera Wilson Park at Beresfield, Harold Myers Park in Birmingham Gardens, Avon Street Reserve in Mayfield, Waratah Park and Loch Ness Drive Park in Fletcher, with new playground equipment being enjoyed by the community.

We've invested more than \$9.5 million in playground projects during the past five years.



Boscawen Street Bridge set for replacement

An artist's impression of the new Boscawen Street Bridge.

We're moving forward with the next stage of our \$20.7 million commitment to reduce the risk of flooding in the Wallsend CBD through the Ironbark Creek Flood Mitigation Plan.

Work will begin mid-year on a \$5 million project to replace the Boscawen Street Bridge, which will increase the height of the bridge deck and double its span up to 24 metres to accommodate Hunter Water's future widening of the stormwater channel it owns.



We've just outlined our plans to deliver our biggest ever infrastructure program to improve your local streets, footpaths and public areas as part of our 2023/24 Budget.

It includes more than \$137 million earmarked for capital works projects across the city, with investments in community

infrastructure, facilities and services that will help renew and reinvigorate Newcastle.

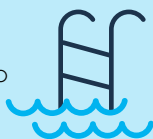
The Budget will come back to our May council meeting once we've reviewed the feedback from the recent public exhibition, but in the meantime we're getting on with delivering the projects set down for the current financial year, as we build an inclusive, liveable, and sustainable city for all Novocastrians.

Work is continuing on our major city-shaping projects including the expansion of the Newcastle Art Gallery and revitalisation of the Newcastle Ocean Baths, while the community will also feel the everyday benefits of our investment into new footpaths, road maintenance, upgraded sporting facilities, new playgrounds and refreshed local centres.

Nuatali Nemes
Lord Mayor of Newcastle

Turning up the heat on pool upgrades

We're investing \$400,000 into water heating upgrades for Wallsend and Mayfield Swimming Centres. Thirty kilowatts of rooftop solar panels and heat pumps will be installed at both pools to regulate water temperatures, with the upgrades due to be completed before the pools reopen in September.



Multimillion-dollar grandstand upgrade at Wickham

Councillor Peta Winney-Baartz, Deputy Lord Mayor Declan Clausen and stakeholder representatives announce the Passmore Oval grandstand upgrade.

Construction has begun on a \$2.35 million redevelopment of the Passmore Oval Wickham grandstand, delivering dedicated female changerooms, improved disability access and new community function areas.

We're collaborating on this project with the Hamilton Hawks Rugby Union Club, which successfully applied for \$1 million from the NSW Government.



Artist Olas One painted this vibrant community mural, which has added a splash of colour to the New Lambton shopping precinct as part of City of Newcastle's SBR program.

Program breathes new life into shopping precincts

There's a new dash of greenery and a splash of colour throughout New Lambton's shopping precinct with the installation of "smart" gardens on nine business shopfronts and a vibrant community mural on the exterior of New Lambton Library.

The projects were delivered through our Special Business Rates program, which is designed to assist with the promotion, beautification and development of business precincts in Newcastle City Centre / Darby Street, Hamilton, Mayfield, New Lambton and Wallsend.