

City News



Fun new facilities for families
Bridging infrastructure gaps
New electric vehicle charging stations



Artist's impression of the new, raised bridge

Work to start on Tyrrell Street Bridge, Wallsend

City of Newcastle is combating flooding in Wallsend by reconstructing the Tyrrell Street Bridge.

The \$3 million project to raise and replace the bridge will begin in August with drainage replacement, followed by footpath and road resurfacing to improve pedestrian and traffic safety.

This is the first step in a larger program of flood mitigation work to benefit residents, businesses, property owners and visitors to Wallsend.

Major drainage improvements have also been made in Carrington as part of its local centre overhaul. The \$3 million Young Street makeover included an upgrade of the low-lying suburb's stormwater system plus widened footpaths and new plantings that have refreshed the streetscape.



Young Street Carrington's new look



Civil Works Update

Completed

Road reconstruction and removal of old rail crossing at Merewether Street, **Newcastle**

Drainage reconstruction in Auckland Street, **Newcastle**, from Hunter to King streets

Pedestrian and drainage improvements in **Maitland Road** at Silsoe Street

Pedestrian improvements in Brunker Road at Mandalong Road, **Adamstown**, and Victoria Street, **Mayfield**

Underway

Local centre renewal at **Beresfield**

Swale rehabilitation at Sanctuary Estate, **Fletcher**

Installation of gross pollutant trap in William Street, **Tighes Hill**

Drainage and road safety improvements at Maud and Prince Street, **Waratah**

Creek rehabilitation in **Kotara Park**

Pedestrian improvements at Section Street, **Mayfield**, Albert Street, **Wickham** and Mandalong Road, **Adamstown**

Upcoming

Drainage and pedestrian improvements at Clyde and Chinchin Street, **Islington**

Pedestrian improvements at Union and Laman Street, **Cooks Hill**

What's On



Newcastle Museum
Until 27 October 2019

30th anniversary of Newcastle earthquake

The *Earthquake Then and Now and Again* Exhibition remembers the 1989 earthquake that rocked the city. Striking images from the photographic exhibition have been shown in national media ever since the Museum first exhibited the works in 2014.



Newcastle Art Gallery
3 August – 13 October 2019

Kilgour Prize 2019

The city's respected art prize for figurative and portrait painting attracts hundreds of entries from artists across Australia vying for the \$50,000 prize. Visit the gallery to vote for your pick in the \$5,000 People's Choice Award. Australian Artist Jack Noel Kilgour (1900-1987) bequeathed money for the annual art prize.



Civic Theatre
Friday 13 September 2019

Circa's Peepshow

Circa's *Peepshow* turns cabaret on its head, literally. Join Circa as they embark on a seductive dance through the hall of mirrors that is your imagination. *Peepshow* leaps from the thrillingly acrobatic to the comically playful. Expect teetering towers of balanced bodies, extreme bending and devilishly precarious aerials.



Civic Theatre
Thursday 3 October 2019

Much Ado About Nothing Bell Shakespeare

Don't miss this saucy and razor-sharp battle of wits between Beatrice and Benedick, who wield words as weapons. Directed by Bell Shakespeare's Associate Director, James Evans, this production is a powerful exploration of the struggle for identity and self-knowledge in a male-dominated world.



Newcastle Art Gallery
Every Saturday and Sunday

Art Cart at the Art Gallery

Visit the Gallery this weekend to join us for Art Cart – a fun and free interactive program for children of all ages. The kids make a new work of art inspired by works on display. Each art activity takes around half an hour and can be tailored to the child's skill level. Available from 10.30am to 12.30pm.



Newcastle Libraries
Local Heats: 5 - 20 September

Australian Poetry Slam

Newcastle Libraries, Hunter Libraries and Cultural Institutions present the Hunter Poetry Slam, a live literary performance where the audience decides the champion. The Hunter Regional Final will be held as part of the This Is Not Art festival (TINA) on Friday 4 October, 7.00pm at City Hall, Newcastle



Message from the Lord Mayor

City of Newcastle's infrastructure delivery and roll out of smart city technology continue at a rapid pace.

A new fenced dog park in North Lambton to let dogs off their leashes is just one project in a large capital works program that will deliver better social, economic and recreational outcomes for the city.

The recently completed Carrington local town centre upgrade has modernised and renewed aged infrastructure, improved traffic flows and increased pedestrian and cyclist safety.

We're knocking down two vacant buildings on Hunter Street to create a space to deliver the first stage of a shared pathway along Cottage Creek.

Not far away, on the corner of Hunter Street and Stewart Avenue, you'll find the new administration centre we're moving to in October. Our new offices will consolidate administration staff under one roof and help us collaborate with the many partners integral to the city's success.

At our Summerhill Waste Management Centre, we're taking big steps to reach ambitious sustainability targets by opening a new resource recovery centre where pre-sorted waste, which can be recycled, can be dropped off at no charge.

Across a range of Council areas of responsibility, we're in the midst of an incredibly exciting time in our city's transformation.

Nuatali Nelmes
Lord Mayor of Newcastle



Business as usual in West End from October

City of Newcastle is moving in early October to a new, highly accessible office at 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West, on the corner of Hunter Street, where it will be business as usual for our customers.

Located just 100m south of the Newcastle Interchange, the new building will offer short-stay visitor parking for customers only - accessible from Stewart Avenue and Wood Street.



Mayfield trumps Mayfair

Newcastle has been chosen to feature on Monopoly's official 2019 game board. The special edition will be available from the Newcastle Shop at Newcastle Museum in October.



New playgrounds and fitness parks

Over the past few months, the City has opened three great new facilities for kids, including the Stockton Active Hub's skatepark and playground in Griffith Park. Students of St Peter's Stockton were included in the official opening of the Stockton Active Hub.

Outdoor exercise stations have been built along the Stockton foreshore, complementing the Active Hub and encouraging healthy lifestyles.

New playgrounds were also opened in Cressington Way, Wallsend, and Fletcher Park, Adamstown.



Tails wagging over dog park

Newcastle's first fully fenced dog park for owners to let fidos run free is now under construction at Acacia Avenue, North Lambton.

Around six football fields in area, the new park will cater to the 44,300 registered dogs in Newcastle and offer separate spaces for pooches of different sizes.



Stockton Active Hub

City building makes way for shared pathway

A long-term project to create a shared pathway along Cottage Creek from the harbour to The Junction has begun in earnest.

The current demolition of a City-owned building on Hunter Street will enable developers

to deliver the first stage of the pedestrian and cycling link between King and Hunter streets next to the Verve Apartments. The pathway will eventually connect with Honeysuckle Drive.



Image courtesy: Binyan Studios, Architects in Collaboration - CKDS Architecture and Hill Thalis Architecture & Urban Projects, Developers - BLOC

SMARTER LIVING

Free Wi-Fi. Surf's up.

Our vision to be a globally connected smart city is another step closer following activation of a free public Wi-Fi network in Newcastle's East End. Our staged roll-out of free Wi-Fi will eventually cover the whole CBD as well as Beresfield and Wallsend local centres.

Connect on smart devices via smart poles along Wharf Road, Watt Street and Shortland Esplanade.



City of Newcastle was recently recognised as one of Australia's leading local governments for smart city initiatives, winning the Metropolitan Smart City of the Year award.



EV charge points

The carpark at No.2 Sportsground has been transformed into an E-Transit Hub. Three electric vehicle charge points, capable of charging five cars simultaneously, have been installed in the 200-bay site.

Enviro-sensing network

A network of enviro-sensors will soon monitor air quality, temperature and humidity, providing real-time data to understand issues such as urban heat island effect. Future applications include flood monitoring and smarter waste management.

City in an app

A smart phone app in development will provide information to help residents and visitors get the most from our city. The app will combine augmented reality technology with geo-location and city information.

Smart screens

New digital touch screens will soon be installed at Market Street Lawn and Museum Place. Promoting the latest news, events and nearby attractions, the smart screens will allow us to share more information with residents, workers and visitors.

Waste management centre sorts out recycling

Residents can now save money by pre-sorting waste prior to drop off at the Summerhill Waste Management Centre.

Its new \$6 million Resource Recovery Centre increases three-fold the City's capacity to recover and recycle dropped-off materials.

Residents can drop off scrap metal, yellow bin recyclables, paper and cardboard, clean untreated timber and soft plastic at no charge, just as long as they're separated first.

Mixed waste is still welcome but is subject to the normal fee structure.

The centre received a \$1 million grant from the NSW Government's Environmental Trust through its Waste Less, Recycle More Initiative.

