

Foreword from the Chair

Councillor Dr John Mackenzie



The City of Newcastle continues to work to ensure that urban planning and the delivery of Council services preserves the quality of life that defines Newcastle and is reflected in the aspirations of the Newcastle 2040 plan.

Strategic and participatory urban planning that protects the qualities of life that Newcastle provides for residents, whilst patterning growth and increasing resilience to climate change and global shocks.

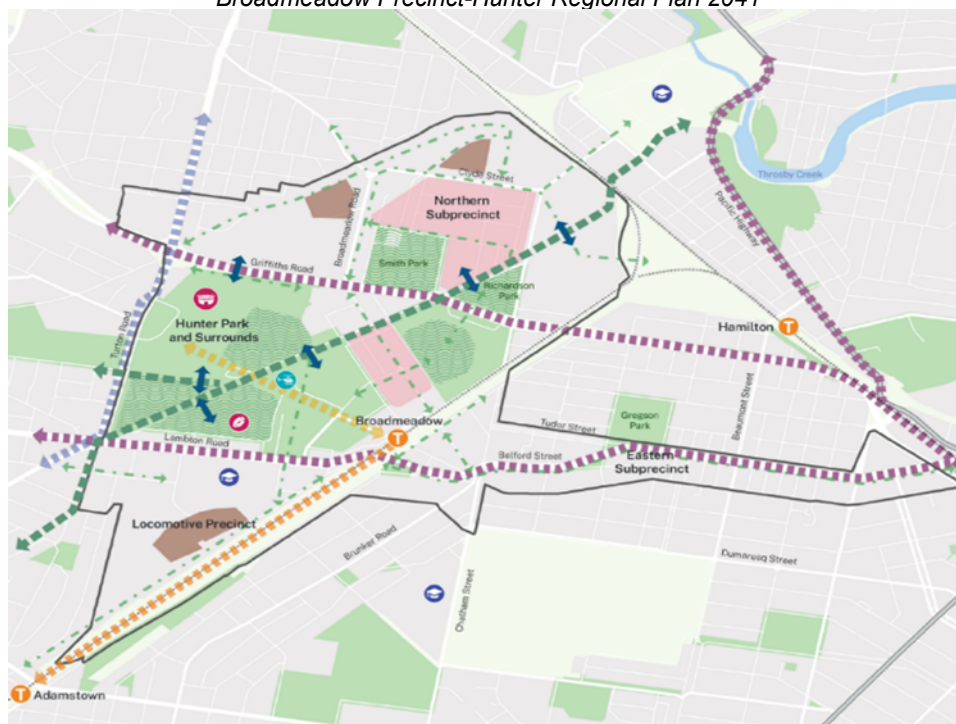
In this regard, the City is indebted to the advice and guidance of the Liveable Cities Advisory Committee, especially in the development of strategies, and identification of trends, challenges and opportunities, about urban planning, heritage, safety, affordable housing, employment, health, transport and environment.

The Committee continues to provide expert, practitioner and community insight into the lived experience of the city's urban renewal and growth as the second largest city in NSW and as a city undergoing significant transformation into a post-industrial city of the 21st century.

In the past 12 months, the Committee has provided insight into the liveability indicators for the Newcastle 2040 Community Strategic Plan. Advice from the committee continues to inform the measures and methodologies for assessment against these indicators, with a view to the development of a publicly accessible liveability dashboard, providing real-time reporting of Council's performance.

The Committee provided further insight and commentary into the draft of the Hunter Regional Plan, and continues to work with the staff to progress the nationally significant urban renewal program - the Broadmeadow Place Strategy.

Broadmeadow Precinct-Hunter Regional Plan 2041



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The Committee provided advice on:

- The design and methods for progressing local character assessments for Tighes Hill and Kotara.
- Council's inaugural social infrastructure and local social strategy plans.
- Early drafts of city-shaping City of Newcastle strategies, including the Newcastle Environment Strategy and the Sustainable Waste Strategy.
- The viability of innovations in work of the Council's planning officers for their award winning Accelerated Development Approval methodology.
- The delivery of other urban renewal innovation including community infrastructure incentives.

Members of the Advisory Committee also contributed to the outcomes of highly functional working groups - the Affordable Housing and Cycleways working groups. These groups continue to work on stated priorities of both the Council and the wider community.

The Committee has actively participated in the Development Control Plan (DCP) Modernisation project. The Council's DCP dates back to 2012, and in the decade since its implementation, no specific project has examined the overall functionality and suitability of the whole DCP document. The Modernisation project is being undertaken to rectify this and ensure that its provisions and controls are consistent with evolving best practice and our Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS). The Committee has provided feedback and direction on key DCP updates including planning controls around bushfire, mine subsidence, for our renewal and growth corridors, changes to parking provision, EV charging and infrastructure, disability access, energy efficiency and management of the urban heat island.

I am grateful to the members of the Liveable Cities Advisory Committee for their contributions, that is reflected in the achievements of the Newcastle Council and in the continuing amenity of our great city.

National Park – Newcastle Cycling Plan 2021-2030



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Membership



**Lord Mayor
Councillor Nuatali Nemes**



**Councillor Dr John Mackenzie
Chair**



**Councillor Dr Elizabeth Adamczyk
Deputy Chair**



Councillor John Church



**Michelle Bisson
City of Newcastle Executive Director
Planning and Environment**



**Kristi Jorgensen
Regional Growth NSW
Development Corporation**



**Steve O'Connor
Planning Institute of Australia (PIA)**



**Sue-Anne Ware
University of Newcastle**



**Michael Nolan
Home in Place**



**David Moir
Community Representative**

- **Sparrow Katekar
Community Representative**
- **Wendy Banisters
Community Representative**



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Objective of the Committee

To provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to safe, healthy and connected urban systems within the Local Government Area (LGA).

1. To provide advice on development of strategies that support urban policy and frameworks to achieve liveability objectives.
2. To provide advice on the planning for integration of affordability, transport, infrastructure, environment, and safety and crime prevention strategies.
3. To provide advice on the planning for integrated public and active transport services and oversee the implementation of City of Newcastle's (CN) traffic, parking and cycling management plans and operations.
4. To consider and advise on environmental and sustainability planning.
5. To provide advice on the protection and enhancement of heritage issues and design character.

Newcastle Aerial – Newcastle Local Housing Strategy



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Summary of key items of business considered

Date of Meeting	Business Item
Standing Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of draft minutes and actions arising • Conflict of Interest Declarations • Development Control Plan (DCP) Review • Local Character Statements • Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) Planning Reforms • Affordable Housing and Homelessness • Broadmeadow Place Strategy • Cycling and Transport • Community Strategic Plan (CSP 2040) • Liveability and Place • Newcastle Environment Strategy (NES) • Local Social Strategy & Social Infrastructure Strategy • General Business
1 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liveable Cities Advisory Committee overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terms of Reference (ToR) - 2021 Annual Report - Newcastle 2040 and Liveable Newcastle • Priorities for 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newcastle DCP Review - Local Character Statements (Tighes Hill/Kotara) - DPE Planning Reforms - Affordable Housing and Homelessness - Broadmeadow Place Strategy - Hunter Regional Plan 2041 - Land and Housing Corporation MoU • Working Parties for 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affordable Housing Working Party - Cycling Working Party - Public Art Advisory Committee - Broadmeadow Place Strategy - DCP Review Working Party • Meeting Schedule for 2022

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1 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newcastle 2040 – Liveability Indicators and Targets • Newcastle Environment Strategy • LCAC – review ToR, EOI community representative(s) • LCAC Forward Agenda • Affordable Housing Working Party and ToR • Planning Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newcastle DCP Review - Local Character Statements - Broadmeadow Place Strategy • Local Social Strategy and Social Infrastructure Strategy
7 June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Community Members - introduction • Former HCCDC Land transfer to CN Classification • Planning Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accelerated DA Project - DCP Review Working Party and Project - Broadmeadow Place Strategy - DPE Employment Zones Reform
6 September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance and Management of Land Parcels • Our Sustainable Waste Strategy • Planning Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accelerated DA Project - DCP Review Project and Working Party - Broadmeadow Catalyst Area and Strategy - Development Contributions Register • Cycling Working Party Report • Greater Cities Commission
29 November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Social Infrastructure Strategy • Planning Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Housing Strategy and Housing Policy - Infrastructure Incentive Policy - Broadmeadow Precinct and DCP review project - Affordable Housing - Working Party Status • Membership – LCAC Representative Newcastle Ocean Baths Community Reference Group • Updated TOR (Terms of Reference)

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Summary of key achievements

The establishment of the Liveable Cities Advisory Committee creates opportunities for City of Newcastle (CN) to work strategically and collaboratively with other agencies and community representatives on key issues and upcoming projects in our beautiful, rapidly developing City.

The Committee has continued to build on strong collaboration and advise on key strategic projects to create a more liveable, sustainable city. The Committee receives regular updates from stakeholder representatives and provide important contribution and assistance on key issues and upcoming projects.

Hunter Regional Plan submission
Affordable Housing and contribution scheme
Land and Housing Corporation MoU
Community Strategic Plan – Newcastle 2040
Working Parties for 2022 – Cycling, DCP and Affordable Housing
Local Character Statements
Accelerated DA Project
DPE Employment Reform Zones submission
DCP Review and Modernisation
Broadmeadow Catalyst Area
Broadmeadow Place Strategy
Greater Cities Commission – City and Region Plans
Sustainable Waste Strategy

Broadmeadow Precinct - Newcastle Cycling Plan 2021-2030



Affordable Housing – Newcastle Local Housing Strategy



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Summary of performance and governance

Date of Meeting	Quorum achieved	Members in attendance	Agenda circulated to members and published on CN's website	Declaration of conflicts of interest listed as agenda item	Minutes circulated to members, adopted by committee and published on CN's website
1 February 2022	Quorate	Councillor Dr John Mackenzie (Chair) Councillor Dr Elizabeth Adamczyk (Deputy Chair) Lord Mayor Councillor Nuatali Nelmes Steve O'Connor (Planning Institute of Australia) Kristi Jorgensen (HCCDC) Sue Anne Ware (University of Newcastle) Michael Nolan (Compass Housing Service now Home in Place) David Moir (Community Representative)	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Newcastle is a liveable, sustainable,
inclusive global city

Our commitments

Inclusion	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and culture	Supporting local
Our planet	Innovation	Social justice principles