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MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR



The year ahead is going to be full of achievements and major events for our community.

We started the year by celebrating the birthday of great artist John Olsen at Newcastle Art Gallery with his exhibition celebrating Newcastle as his birthplace - *John Olsen: The City's Son* - as the backdrop.

We will mark another proud Centenary Anzac Day Dawn Service with 40,000 people at Nobbys Beach where later in the year we will co-host the inaugural Supercars Newcastle 500 event.

Event preparations for the race are underway and will mean faster delivery of sections of the Bathers Way project and infrastructure essential to Newcastle's future as a smart city.

The Hunter Innovation Project is gathering pace and our region's recent success stories and global trends in innovation and entrepreneurship will be showcased at the *Hunter Innovation Festival 2017* from 18 - 28 May at key locations across our city.

Work continues on our iconic Bathers Way coastal walk at South Newcastle where we have almost finished shoring up the seawall and will soon extend Shortland Esplanade's bike and pedestrian-friendly traffic arrangements from Zaara Street to Watt Street.

Planning is also underway for public domain improvements for the main streets of Stockton, Beresfield and Wallsend. Improved footpaths, street furniture, trees, cycleway links and traffic-calming measures are some of the improvements planned for several local and neighbourhood centres.

Council has also worked to upgrade playgrounds around the city including Cowie Street Reserve (pictured), provided new exercise equipment at Warabrook and Lambton and improved service delivery through our customer contact centre.

NUATALI NELMES

Lord Mayor of Newcastle

COWIE STREET RESERVE, MAYFIELD



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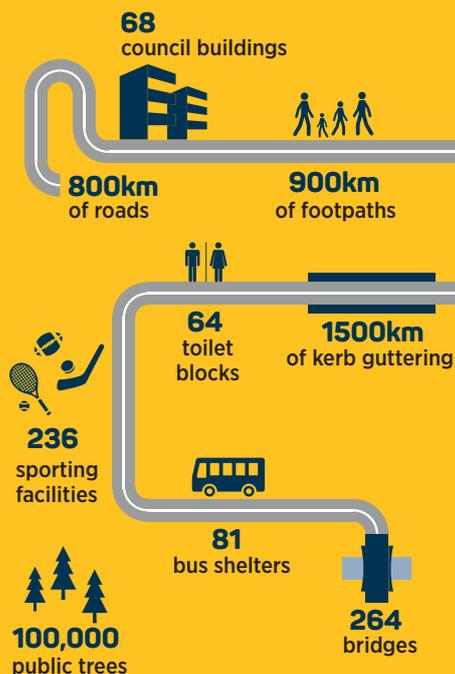
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DID YOU KNOW?

We manage \$1.4 billion in infrastructure assets including:



We have an \$82 million works program including:

- \$4 million coastal revitalisation 
- \$500,000 improvements at Blackbutt Reserve 
- \$4.3 million for cycleways 

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Here is a snapshot of what you told us about our customer service and safety issues in the community. We have lots of exciting projects coming up in 2017. Have your voice heard - sign up today to be kept up to date - visit the website and search for Newcastle Voice.

mynewcastlevoice.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY RESULTS

We asked Newcastle residents to tell us what they thought about their experience with Council. The feedback received will help us provide a better service to you.



In the last 12 months 81% had contact with Council

CONTACT METHOD



TOP 3 REASONS FOR CONTACT



SAFE CITY SURVEY RESULTS

We asked residents what they thought about crime and safety issues in the Newcastle local government area.

IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS:

36% of people said that they had not been affected by crime or known anyone affected by crime

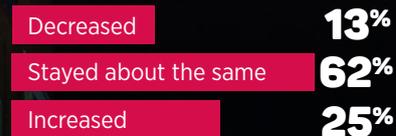
28% of people were affected by dangerous or noisy driving

28% of people were affected by anti-social behaviours (including begging, loitering, public nuisance, drinking in public spaces, threatening behaviour)

NEWCASTLE VS AUSTRALIAN CITIES OF A SIMILAR SIZE AND POPULATION



NEWCASTLE CRIME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS HAS:



NEWCASTLE SAFE CITY PLAN

WHAT IS COUNCIL'S ROLE?

Community safety is a complex issue and no single agency is able to tackle this issue alone. Council collaborates with a wide range of stakeholders to improve safety in our city and community. NSW Police have a leading role in crime prevention, detection and perceptions of safety within the community. Council works closely with NSW Police to deliver safer outcomes.

Council would like to thank the community groups, agencies and individuals that helped to shape the actions outlined in this strategy.

To view the plan in full visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au, **Community tab, Health & Safety** then **Newcastle Safe City**.

COUNCIL'S PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2017-20

The four priority areas were developed through ongoing engagement with partner agencies; themes identified in the Newcastle Safe City Survey 2016 and are aligned with Council's strategic vision outlined in *Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan (CSP)*.

OBJECTIVE 1: Safety through public domain design and the built environment

OBJECTIVE 2: Developing and facilitating proactive partnerships and collaborations

OBJECTIVE 3: Facilitating community inclusion, empowerment and capacity building

OBJECTIVE 4: Integrated, innovative and evidence-based solutions

WHAT IS COUNCIL ALREADY DOING?



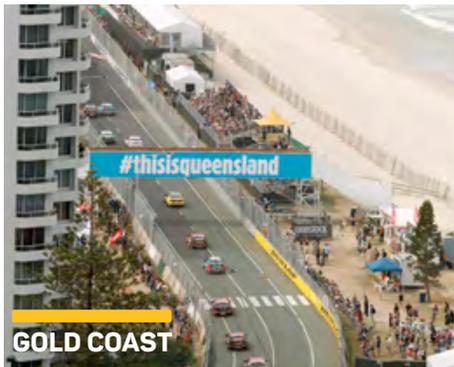
SUPERCARS PUTS NEWCASTLE IN POLE POSITION

The Newcastle 500 Supercars event will be an exciting three-day festival of elite sport and entertainment that will showcase not just our city, but the wider Hunter Region to the nation and the world.

The key drawcard is the race, but there will be a range of cultural activities and entertainment to complement the race to ensure our city is showcased to its maximum potential.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WILL BE VIA:

- direct email and our Supercars enews - subscribe via our website
- the Newcastle City Council website www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/supercars
- letterbox drops and mailings.



GOLD COAST

2016 Gold Coast 600

\$40 million into local economy
200,000 spectators

Figures courtesy of Gold Coast City Council



ADELAIDE

2015 Adelaide 500

\$39.7 million into local economy
286,000 spectators

Figures courtesy of Adelaide City Council



TOWNSVILLE

2012 Townsville 400

\$32.4 million into local economy
152,000 spectators

Figures courtesy of James Cook University



WHAT'S AT THE FINISH LINE FOR NEWCASTLE

\$57 million
boost to the visitor economy over 5 years

81,000 visitors
over five years

Television viewing audience of
220 million households

Expedited future stages of
Bathers Way coastal revitalisation project

Civil works
upgrades



There will be pedestrian access throughout the CBD and to our beaches in the lead up to and during the event. Popular tourist attractions such as Fort Scratchley will operate largely as usual.



EMBLEM OF A CITY: 50 YEARS OF CIVIC FOUNTAIN

In 1961 Newcastle City Council announced the details of an Australia-wide competition to design a fountain for Civic Park. The winner was the renowned sculptor Margel Hinder.

The fountain's designer Margel Hinder described what she was hoping to achieve with the fountain's shape and form in a 1961 report to Council: *"As a civic fountain the shapes are intended to signify certain qualities that I feel are expressive of Newcastle: energy, vigour and a metallic strength."*

Join us for a trip down memory lane as we celebrate the much-treasured icon in the *Emblem of a City: 50 Years of Civic Fountain* exhibition.



DISCOVERING THE PAST

Newcastle Region Library collects, preserves and provides access to a range of materials which document the history of Newcastle, the Hunter and its people.

The Local History Library hosts programs that share local stories, showcase items from the city's history and image collections, and educate the community on how to access historical information through its research tools and resources.

Discover the history of your house at our *House Hunt for Beginners* workshops every Tuesday and Wednesday

Hear about the fascinating history of our city through the Library's monthly *Newcastle Stories* program

Explore your family history and learn from the experts at a series of talks and workshops in 2017

Trawl through 20,000 historical images of our region using Hunter Photobank on the Library's website

For further details visit our website or call the Local History Library on 4974 5330.

www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Library

WHAT'S ON

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Art, culture, family fun - it's all here in Newcastle. For more information visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au



10 April – 25 April

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Looking for family fun and kids activities in the April School Holidays? You'll find a full range of events, workshops and exhibitions to keep everyone busy and happy at Newcastle Art Gallery, Newcastle Museum, Newcastle Region Libraries and Blackbutt Reserve.



30 March – 9 April

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

Get involved with anime movie marathons, Theatresports and selfie-taking workshops as we celebrate Youth Week.



Civic Theatre

SEASON 2017

Subscribe today and save

Season 2017 offers a diverse suite of shows offering greater choice and increased performance experiences for Newcastle audiences. Check out the Season shows on the Civic's website or grab a brochure from the Ticket box office on Hunter Street.



Junior Ranger Fun Day

Wednesday 12 April

NATURE VENTURE

Blackbutt Reserve

In the next Junior Ranger Fun Day, create a Landcare scene, pot a plant, go dipnetting, get up close to our favourite critters and enjoy the jumping castle.

11am-1pm, Richley Reserve



Tuesday 25 April

ANZAC DAY

Nobbys Beach and Civic Park

Join us for Newcastle's ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Nobbys Beach or the march and commemoration at Civic Park, as our community remembers those who served and died.



4 March – 28 May

MAGIC MIKE

Newcastle Art Gallery

Artist Michael Zavros explores the body beautiful in art and concepts of male beauty. *MAGIC MIKE* re-contextualizes Zavros' earlier art practice alongside new works developed specifically for this exhibition.



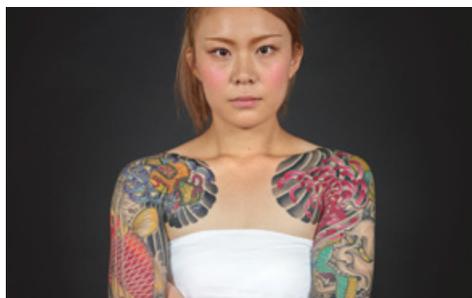
3 March – 29 April

EMBLEM OF A CITY: 50 YEARS OF CIVIC FOUNTAIN

City Library

Join us for a trip down memory lane as we celebrate the much-treasured icon and emblem of our city.

On display at the Local History Lounge



Until 30 April

PERSEVERANCE

Newcastle Museum

This stunning exhibition, with life-sized photography of full-body tattoos, explores the artistry of traditional Japanese tattooing along with its rich history and influence on modern tattoo practices.



6 April – 28 May

NIKON-WALKLEY PRESS PHOTOGRAPHY

Wallsend District Library

See the biggest stories of the past year through the lenses of Australia's best press photographers.

Launch Thursday 6 April, 6pm