







## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

This edition of Council News has a “smart city” theme, aligning with our exciting new strategy of the same name.

Our Smart City Strategy is poised to further transform Newcastle's economy by ushering in a new wave of innovation.

It outlines a Council-led collaboration to diversify the regional economy, better meet needs for technology and encourage innovation. We're excited about attracting investment in a range of emerging sectors.

The strategy envisages ratepayers transacting digitally with Council, energy-efficient lighting on WiFi-connected streets, parking sensors linked to a smart phone app and other productivity-boosting technology to power economic growth.

From building a tech hub and digital precinct and promoting science-based disciplines through libraries and grants to achieving major energy efficiencies in transport and other services, we're re-inventing the city with our partners.

Our Smart City Strategy is just one element of the broader Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan to create a smart, liveable and sustainable city.

We've recently run a series of workshops and other engagement activities to update this plan and there are more to come over the next six months.

Keep an eye on our website for more ways to get involved to ensure you have your say in the city's future.

**Jeremy Bath**  
Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Newcastle City Council

## COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

We have been engaging with the Newcastle community about our next community strategic plan - **Newcastle 2030**.

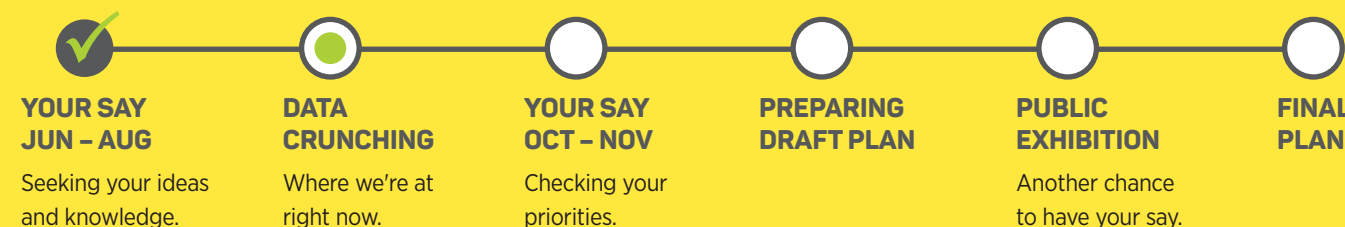
We have attended community events, held workshops, set up engagement hubs at our libraries and Civic Digest café, created an ideas wall, provided a budget simulator, run a survey and created an online engagement platform for the project.

We would like to thank the Newcastle community for their feedback so far. We are now analysing all the data and meeting with specific groups to further discuss issues and opportunities that have been raised. You can, however, still provide your feedback!

The draft community strategic plan will be considered by Council in April 2018 and will be then placed on public exhibition. Keep up to date with the project by visiting [newcastle.nsw.gov.au](http://newcastle.nsw.gov.au).



### TIMELINE



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Our 2030 plan

# OUR SMART CITY STRATEGY

The Newcastle Smart City Strategy is a four-year plan outlining the measures Council is leading to spearhead Newcastle's transition to a smart and innovative city. Innovations and smart tech across Newcastle will include:



#### 1. PUBLIC WIFI

Free public WiFi with high-speed internet access.



#### 2. LIGHTING

Smart street lights with energy efficient lighting, WiFi and more.



#### 3. PARKING

Parking sensors to alert drivers of available parks via a smartphone app.



#### 4. ENERGY

Solar panels on building roofs, connected to battery storage.



#### 5. STREET TECHNOLOGY

Interactive screens with city information, device charging and WiFi hotspots.



#### 6. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINTS

Electric vehicle charge points available and all powered by the smart grid.



#### 7. MOBILITY

Public transport timetables synced and real-time vehicle locations visible on devices.



#### 8. EDUCATION

New ways of teaching and research at the NewSpace campus.



#### 9. INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT)

An IoT platform connecting almost any device in the city to the internet and other devices.



#### 10. UNDERGROUND FIBRE OPTIC CABLING

Fibre optic cables bringing high-speed data and information to businesses, students, visitors and residents.



#### 11. INNOVATION HUB

A new building for entrepreneurs, start ups, researchers and students to experiment and collaborate on ideas.



#### 12. SMART BINS

Bin sensors will detect when bins are full and optimise collection routes.



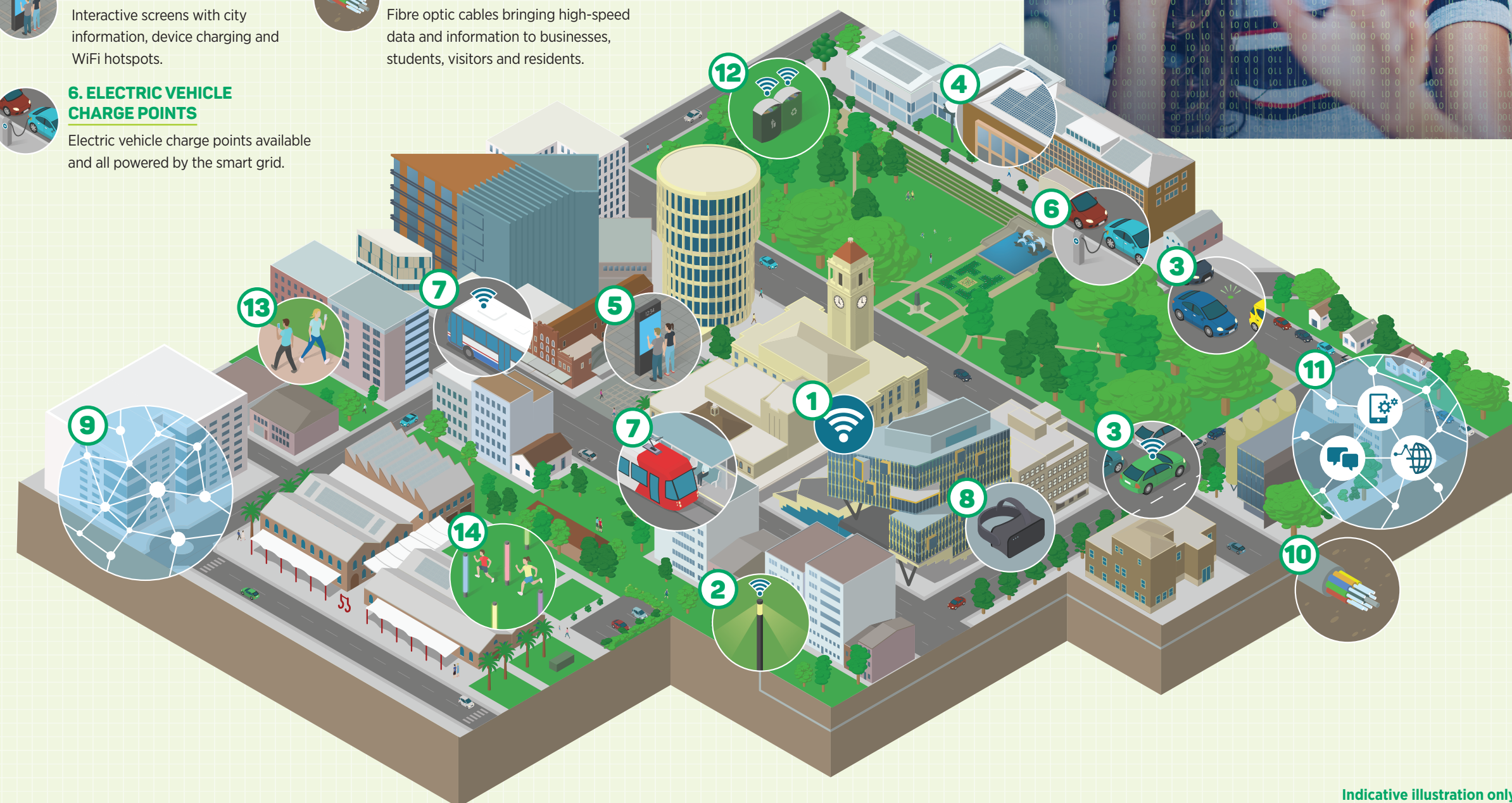
#### 13. SMART CITY APP

A city app to make information on the city easily available.



#### 14. INTERACTIVE PLAY

Sensor-based interactive lighting and water features.



## GET SMART AT THE LIBRARY

### VIRTUAL REALITY PROGRAM

Experience virtual reality and walk through a garden using the latest VR technology.

Wallsend District Library  
Wednesday 20 September, 5-8pm

No booking required.

### THE SPACE

THE SPACE, a digital “makerspace” with multimedia equipment and other creative technology, is coming soon to City Library. All will be revealed when the refurbishment works are complete.

### TECH SAVVY SENIORS

Our workshops introduce seniors to using tablets, computers, social media and other digital technology.

Bookings required. Ph: 4974 5300.



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