



BLACKBUTT PLAYGROUND

Blackbutt's Richley Reserve now has a new, accessible main entrance path, shade shelters and BBQ areas as part of the stage one work for the adventure playground project. These great new assets will complement the play space when completed, and enhance visitors experience when visiting this side of the reserve.

Stage two commenced in October 2017, and will boast an exciting, district-level adventure playground that caters for all ages and abilities. The playground is scheduled for completion in 2018 and incorporates various play experiences and nature-aspects that are synonymous with Blackbutt Reserve.

BATHERS WAY SUMMER READY

Our iconic Bathers Way shared pathway, with the upgraded Shortland Esplanade and The Hill sections is now open.

Shortland Esplanade has been transformed from Watt Street to Ocean Street, with new roadway, drainage, retaining walls, lighting and fences. Two new pedestrian crossings and a roundabout at the intersection of Zaara Street will help visitors in cars and on foot.

In The Hill, we've delivered significant upgrades to the streetscape and footpaths around Strzelecki Lookout improving pedestrian access, traffic and parking conditions.

A new 4m-wide shared pathway along Cliff Street connects King Edward Park to Memorial Drive.

We've repaired the seawall at South Newcastle Beach in preparation for the next stage of the work. The revamp is expected to include landscaping, an

upgraded skate park, new shelters, amenities and fitness areas. We've installed a temporary fence along this section ahead of a planned



Shortland Esplanade works October 2017

upgrade to the ordnance fencing. A new rock-catch fence has also been installed to keep walkers safe. Showers along the coast are being updated to provide better accessibility, drainage, and greater interaction with the surrounding coastal space.

CIVIL WORKS UPDATE



Completed

Pedestrian upgrades around schools at Marton Street, **Shortland**; Platt Street, **Waratah**; Cardiff Road, **Elmore Vale**; and Croudace Road, **Elmore Vale**.

Retaining wall rehabilitation at Brown Street, **The Hill**.

Road reconstruction at Glebe Road, **The Junction**.

Drainage upgrades and road reconstruction at John T Bell Drive, **Maryland**.

Stage one stormwater rehabilitation at Sanctuary Estate, **Fletcher**.

Creekline rehabilitation at Kotara Park, **Kotara**.

Under way

Watermain replacement, road rehabilitation and footpath construction in Anderson Dr, **Tarro**
Drainage upgrade in Corlette Street.

Drainage upgrade in Corlette Street, **The Junction**.

Pedestrian upgrade around schools at Lexington Parade, **Adamstown Heights**.

Kerb ramp construction at Kemp Street, **Hamilton South**.

Upcoming

Renewal project in Young Street, **Carrington** and Swan Street, **Cooks Hill**.

Local centre upgrade in **Beresfield**.

Pedestrian upgrade around schools at Glebe Road, **Adamstown**.

Ongoing park improvements at Kotara Park, **Kotara**.

LONDON PARIS ROME MADRID NEW YORK

Newcastle. Dream Big.



SUMMER
2018



Council News

Community newsletter from Newcastle City Council



INSIDE

We're excited about Supercars

Stressed about your daily commute? Park. Ride. Relax

Your guide to waste services this Christmas

MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR

I would like to thank you once again for putting your trust in me to represent you as the Lord Mayor of Newcastle. It is truly an honour and a privilege to lead Newcastle City Council and I will work hard to continue to deliver for our city. My priorities as Lord Mayor will be to ensure that the city's finances remain in sound shape, delivering our priority projects like the Bathers Way, improvements to Blackbutt Reserve and expanding and improving our network of cycleways throughout Newcastle, while also addressing the \$100 million infrastructure backlog. We are currently experiencing an unprecedented building boom, with the value of building approvals increasing from \$518 million in 2014/15 to more

than \$1 billion in 2016/17. Newcastle City Council is encouraging this investment with a record capital works program and sound strategic planning to maintain and re-invent our historic city. Our city will proudly welcome 150,000 spectators to the inaugural Coates Hire Newcastle 500 this weekend. For three days our city will be in the spotlight and the event will cement our position as a great city for major events. Newcastle is currently undergoing significant change as we transition from a great regional centre to an emerging global city. Enjoy your festive season and our beautiful city this summer..

Nuatali Nelmes
Lord Mayor of Newcastle

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

WARD 1

Cr Emma White (ALP)
ewhite@ncc.nsw.gov.au
0409 191 875

Cr John MacKenzie (Greens)
jmackenzie@ncc.nsw.gov.au
0408 533 010

Cr John Church (IND)
jchurch@ncc.nsw.gov.au
0414 294 944

WARD 2

Cr Carol Duncan (ALP)
cduncan@ncc.nsw.gov.au
0428 423 670

Cr Kath Elliott (IND)
kelliott@ncc.nsw.gov.au
0407 794 624

Cr Brad Luke (LIB)
bluke@ncc.nsw.gov.au
0427 622 089

WARD 3

Cr Declan Clausen (ALP) Deputy Lord Mayor
dclausen@ncc.nsw.gov.au
0419 212 207

Cr Andrea Rufo (IND)
arufo@ncc.nsw.gov.au
0428 020 121

Cr Peta Winney-Baartz (ALP)
pwinneybaartz@ncc.nsw.gov.au
0427 922 149

WARD 4

Cr Jason Dunn (ALP)
jdunn@ncc.nsw.gov.au
0418 923 437

Cr Matthew Byrne (ALP)
mbyrne@ncc.nsw.gov.au
0429 084 127

Cr Allan Robinson (IND)
arobinson@ncc.nsw.gov.au
0418 894 389

ABOUT THE BACK COVER

It's the people. It's the place. It's Newy (or Newie - the debate continues). We're proud to call this city home and we're dreaming big for its future on the world stage.



Newcastle Dream Big

©2017

HOLIDAY EVENTS



December

- 1 SERENADE UNDER THE STARS, CHRISTMAS IN CIVIC PARK *
- 3 BIKERS FOR KIDS TOY RUN, STOCKTON TO WICKHAM PARK *
- 7 SUNSET SYMPHONY BY THE SEA - STUDENTS FROM CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC, BAR BEACH & MEREWETHER BEACH 6PM - 7PM *
- 15 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT, KING EDWARD PARK *
- 16 KING OF CONCRETE, EMPIRE PARK *
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE, NEWCASTLE FORESHORE

January

- 1 - 31 CELEBRATION OF CRICKET, VARIOUS LOCATIONS *
- 26 CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY, NEWCASTLE CITY HALL
- 26 AUSTRALIA DAY FAMILY FRIENDLY CELEBRATIONS, VARIOUS LOCATIONS
- 26 - 27 AUSTRALIA FORMULA 1 POWERBOATS, HONEYSUCKLE *
- UNTIL 28 JAN DINOSAUR REVOLUTION EXHIBITION, NEWCASTLE MUSEUM

* Supported by Newcastle City Council's Events Sponsorship Program



READY FOR THE BIGGEST EVENT IN NEWCASTLE? WE ARE!

The Coates Hire Newcastle 500 will ignite the city's passion for sport and major events from 24-26 November, with more than 150,000 motor racing fans expected to attend over three days.

Join in the colour, fun and excitement as our city puts on a show for the world. Extra trains, buses and ferries will help get people into and out of the CBD but the key is to plan ahead.

Check Newcastle 500 public transport details at transportnsw.info, pack sensibly and allow for plenty of travel time in both directions.

Head to newcastle.nsw.gov.au/supercars and supercars.com/newcastle for detailed event information and follow our social media channels for breaking updates throughout the weekend.

Finally don't forget to keep an eye out for our NEWcrew volunteers, who will be out and about in the city and at key transport hubs to help visitors find their way around.

We're proud for Newcastle to be hosting this world-class event and we're excited for the exposure it will deliver to our great city.

New times from Monday 20 November

Park. Ride. Relax.

Our new park and ride service kicked off on Monday 6 November and until late January 2018 it's totally free to use. Just register your details with us, either at newcastle.nsw.gov.au/parkandride or by calling 4974 2000 and start saving hundreds of dollars in parking fees. We'll issue you a free park and ride voucher to display on your car dashboard.

Buses will run weekdays from McDonald Jones Stadium every 15 minutes from 7am-9am, with CBD stops designed to deliver you within a few minutes' walk of anywhere in the CBD. They'll make the return trip from the CBD to the stadium every 15 minutes from 4.30pm-6:30pm.

So dodge the rush-hour traffic, skip the parking hassles and park, ride and relax!

Go to newcastle.nsw.gov.au/parkandride for more information and to sign up for updates and details.



newcastle.nsw.gov.au/parkandride

The City of Newcastle

YOUR GUIDE TO WASTE SERVICES THIS CHRISTMAS

Newcastle residents can drop off excess household recyclables, such as wine and soft drink bottles and wrapping paper, at Summerhill Waste Management Centre free of charge between 18 December 2017 and 7 January 2018 inclusive.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

Council is closed on Christmas Day therefore all kerbside waste collection services will take place one day later than usual during the week of Christmas 2017.

SUMMERHILL HOURS

Christmas Day: Closed

Boxing Day and New Year's Day: 9am-3pm

Normal weekdays: 7.30am-5pm

Weekends: 9am-3pm (9am-4pm weekends from 23 December 2017 to 7 January 2018 inclusive).

Please note: Last site entry is 15 minutes prior to the above closing times.

To qualify for the free drop-off, cardboard packaging must be separated from other recyclables, and loads can't contain non-recyclable items, such as soft plastics and styrofoam. Normal disposal fees apply for non-residents and commercial customers.

BIN COLLECTION DAYS

USUAL DAY

SCHEDULED DAY

Monday, 25 December

Tuesday, 26 December

Tuesday, 26 December

Wednesday, 27 December

Wednesday, 27 December

Thursday, 28 December

Thursday, 28 December

Friday, 29 December

Friday, 29 December

Saturday, 30 December



BEACH PATROLS - WE'RE ON PATROL THIS SUMMER

Our lifeguards are on patrol at Newcastle, Stockton and Dixon Park beaches and Merewether Ocean Baths.

Nobbys, Bar and Merewether beaches and Newcastle Ocean Baths are patrolled all year round.

For your own safety, please swim only at patrolled beaches. Beresfield, Lambton, Mayfield, Stockton and Wallsend swimming centres are now open.

For patrol times and baths cleaning schedules, go to our website newcastle.nsw.gov.au



SPACE FOR CREATIVITY IN REVAMPED LIBRARY

In October, we completed a \$1.36 million refurbishment of Newcastle City Library transforming the library into a state-of-the-art community facility.

The new-look branch features The Space, the digital makerspace which will operate on the building's first floor alongside new work and study areas. Programmed activities include 3D printing, coding, robotics and digital embroidery, and workshops will showcase this technology to people of all ages and abilities.

The library's refurbishment also includes a new children's area, with windows overlooking Civic Park and plenty of floor-space for parents to read to their children.