

CITY CHANGE



We're moving our administration offices to a single high performance headquarters at 12 Stewart Avenue in Newcastle West in mid-2019.

The new building near the Newcastle Interchange will provide a much better

customer contact centre and help our staff work together to deliver better services for you.

With the city's CBD moving west, it's important we move with it.

IMPROVING NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES



We're delivering infrastructure renewal works in local and neighbourhood centres.

Work has begun on Young Street, Carrington, to improve roads, footpaths, walkways, lighting and landscaping.

We are also planning an overhaul of Stockton local centre and Merewether's Llewellyn Street, and are finalising the Wallsend Public Domain Plan (pictured above).

CONNECT WITH US, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE



Never forget to put your bins out again with our free My Local Services app!

The app puts you in direct contact with us to tell us about any issues with public toilets, parks, libraries and other Council facilities in need of maintenance or repair.

But it will also send handy notifications letting you know waste collection dates for your neighbourhood.

BERESFIELD FACELIFT UNDERWAY



We're renewing Beresfield's commercial centre as part of our local and neighbourhood centres program.

Following community consultation, the renewal will include new street furniture, upgrades to road and pedestrian lighting, new roadway, kerbs, gutters and paths and the introduction of free WiFi to the precinct.

A 40km/h zone and associated traffic calming devices will help reduce speed and increase safety for all road users in the area.

Deciduous pink Crepe Myrtles will be planted along sections of Lawson Avenue, Addison Street and Newton Street, while the distinctive species *Zelkova seratta* (also known as Green Vase) will feature in large raised planters on Beresford Avenue.

Work is expected to be completed by the end of 2018, weather permitting.

Beresfield is also one of the first local centres included in our façade improvement scheme - a new grant program for business owners to paint their shopfronts and undertake other aesthetic overhauls.

Separately, Beresfield Library is currently being refurbished to provide a better, more welcoming community facility. The library reopens on Monday 19 March.

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MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR



"Big events like Supercars that have enjoyed great success will return in 2018 to keep the city buzzing."

Last year was a huge one for Newcastle and our track record of delivery is only set to grow in 2018. From landmark infrastructure projects like the Bathers Way and City Hall's restoration to local centre upgrades, we're improving the amenity, safety and sense of community in public places right across the city. Our coastal revitalisation priority project, headlined by the Bathers Way, is driving strong tourism bolstered by the success of the inaugural Newcastle 500 - both in staging the event and marketing Newcastle to the world. Our overhaul of the Nobbys Beach Pavilion and the addition of accessible amenities there will support this growth and help create a more inclusive city. I'm delighted to report that, from mid-2019, we will be in a much better position to provide improved services and projects. Our administration's move to the city's future West End CBD, close to the new transport interchange, will end the logistical challenges that have long plagued staff across four Civic precinct offices.

Blackbutt Reserve, another council priority project, has bounced back from last year's reptile heist with new animals and a relaunched reptile show. Visitors will soon also enjoy a giant new adventure playground in Richley Reserve to match the one on the Carnley Avenue side. Playground and sports facilities upgrades will be carried out this year across the suburbs to promote the community's health and wellbeing, a key goal in our Community Strategic Plan. More than 3,000 people provided feedback last year to help update this long-term vision for the city, and I look forward to sharing the results of that engagement in the next few months. Big events like Supercars that have enjoyed great success will return in 2018 to keep the city buzzing. With record investment in infrastructure, booming residential construction and our Smart City strategy guiding the way, we're helping deliver a smart, liveable and sustainable city.

NUATALI NELMES
Lord Mayor of Newcastle



WHAT A SUMMER!

Newcastle's summer 2017-18 has been an absolute ripper. Surfest and the Australian Bowlridding Championships - both proudly sponsored by Council - wrapped up an amazing season of events and activities across the city. The inaugural Newcastle 500 was a roaring success, attracting 192,000 people over three days of

racing. Preparations have already begun for this year's instalment, to be held 23-25 November. New Year's Eve drew 36,000 people to the Newcastle Foreshore for an evening of neon-themed activities, while Australia Day featured a massive line-up of activities across the city.



SNAKES ALIVE: NEW REPTILES FOR BLACKBUTT RESERVE

Reptile shows have returned to Blackbutt bigger and better than ever after the theft of the reserve's collection last year.

Two olive python siblings, a pair of woma pythons and a central bearded dragon will be among the star attractions.

The shows are on at 11am every Saturday and Sunday, and during school holidays. Admission is \$3 per person, with tickets available at Blackbutt's kiosk.



14 - 29 April
AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Enjoy SPIDERS at Newcastle Museum, and other family fun and children's activities at Newcastle Art Gallery, Newcastle Region Library and Blackbutt Reserve. Check Council's website for details.



6 - 8 April
NEWCASTLE WRITERS FESTIVAL
Celebrate words and stories in the Civic Precinct with special guests Richard Fidler, Joanne McCarthy, Di Morrissey and Bruce Pascoe. Full program of free and ticketed events available online.

NEW AMENITIES FOR NOBBYS BEACH



Stage two of our Nobbys Beach upgrade includes a new 28sqm accessible amenities block to adjoin the existing lifeguard tower. The block will feature an assisted change room with accessible toilet, basin, shower and bench, and a separate dual-purpose room for parents, with a baby change bench, accessible toilet and children's toilet. External works include replacing the existing external shower with 12 new shower heads, new access ramps to the lower promenade and improved seating and landscaping.

PLAYGROUND, SPORTSGROUND REVAMPS ON THE WAY



Newcastle's playground overhauls continue in 2018, with work expected to be completed mid-year on an exciting adventure playground at Blackbutt's Richley Reserve. This year's roll out also includes various play areas, shelters and new access paths, with \$150,000 revamps for Smith Park in Hamilton North and

Grahame Park, Carrington. The new facilities join recently delivered projects at Tourle St Reserve, Mayfield West, and Wallsend Park, Wallsend, as well as recent upgrades in Centennial Park, Cooks Hill, Tarro Reserve, Tarro, and Willow Close Reserve, Elernmore Vale.



MAKING YOUR COMMUTE EASIER

We're continuing our efforts to reduce peak-hour strain on our roads and demand for parking in the CBD. It's an issue of growing importance for thousands of commuters and visitors to the city centre, with development reducing the number of available parking spaces.

Central to our strategy is the Park and Ride service from McDonald Jones Stadium, launched in November 2017. At just \$2.20 a day, Park and Ride can save inner-city workers more than \$1000 a year in fees they'd otherwise be paying to park all day in paid spaces.

Another option is our No.2 Sportsground off-street car park just behind Marketown, with 200 spaces available for just \$6 a day.

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