

DUAL NAMING VIRTUAL REALITY



NAIDOC Week saw the launch of our new virtual reality (VR) package that immerses viewers in the landscape of Newcastle prior to European settlement.

Along with new interactive signage, the VR is shining a light on dual names for sites such as Nobbys Headland or Whibayganba and Shepherds Hill or Khanterin.

An example of how Smart City technology can bring us closer to our heritage, the interactive signage and VR package are helping us preserve Aboriginal culture and language in our region. Using VR goggles or a smart phone, viewers join virtual Awabakal and Worimi guides for a tour of the landscape of Mulubinba and the life of its people.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON DOG PARKS

We are currently seeking feedback on our draft Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy.

Developed after extensive community consultation, the document will guide off-leash areas over the next 10 years.

More than 1,000 surveys, 300-plus interviews and written submissions were received as part of the initial engagement process.

Formalised off-leash areas allow dogs to exercise and socialise, while also providing people with a place to connect.

Visit council's website to have your say before Monday 27 August.



FREE DROP OFF HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Summerhill Waste Management Centre is now home to a Community Recycling Centre.

The centre is a permanent drop-off spot for common household problem wastes: paint, motor and other oils, household and car batteries, fluoro light globes and tubes, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.

Around 150 tonnes of problem waste has been recycled through chemical clean outs, e-waste, and community recycling stations during the past 12 months.



SMART CITY

We're delivering on our Smart City Strategy with innovation and people at its heart.

The city now has an e-bicycle network for sustainable active transport within the CBD. Our newly installed LoRaWAN sensor network will help count foot traffic, direct motorists to parking spaces, indicate when public bins need emptying and help Council provide better services.

Smart poles, smart lighting, public WiFi and electric vehicle charging stations are also set to become a reality this financial year.

WHAT'S ON



4 August - 21 October
KILGOUR PRIZE 2018
Newcastle Art Gallery

This is Newcastle's annual \$50,000 art prize for figurative and portrait painting. Each year the Gallery receives hundreds of entries from across Australia.



12 August
WALLSEND WINTER FAIR
Wallsend

The 33rd Annual Wallsend Winter Fair will see over 140 local businesses and market stallholders line the streets with quality arts, crafts, fashions, services, street eats and more.



1 - 2 September
INTERNATIONAL SUPER MOTO
Newcastle

The best international and domestic riders will converge on the foreshore to compete in the FIM Oceania Newcastle International Supermoto featuring the Australian Supermoto Championship.



3 - 19 August
NEWCASTLE MUSIC FESTIVAL
Various Locations

More than 350 performers in 35 events at multiple locations around Newcastle including Music on a Plate - a lunchtime fusion of food at iconic cafes and restaurants around Newcastle.



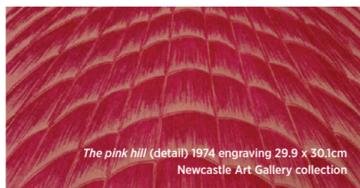
14 August
MADAME BUTTERFLY
Civic Theatre

Opera Australia presents *Madame Butterfly*, a love story that reaches across cultures, across oceans, across time. Performed in English by Opera Australia's wonderful singers, with a chamber orchestra and a local children's chorus.



23 September
NEWCASTLE CHINA WEEK CULTURAL FESTIVAL
Beaumont Street, Hamilton

Enjoy the immersive day-long festival, with vibrant festivities such as Dragon and Lion dancing, cultural exchange activities, international food and children's entertainment.



7 July - 26 August
PATRICIA WILSON-ADAMS: STAIN ME WITH THE INTENSITY OF BLACK
Newcastle Art Gallery

A survey exhibition of local artist Patricia Wilson-Adams, comprising traditional printmaking as well as major sculptural works and installations, shown together in this exhibition for the first time.



14 - 15 September
HUMANS
Civic Theatre

CIRCA presents *Humans*, an ensemble of 10 acrobats that takes us on a stirring journey of what it means to be human, and of how our bodies, our connections, and our aspirations all form part of who we are.



September - November
SUSTAINABLE SPRING
Multiple Libraries

Say goodbye to winter and join us at the library to celebrate Spring. Delight your senses and participate in succulent workshops, spring craft, and listen to the Sounds of Spring with live music.

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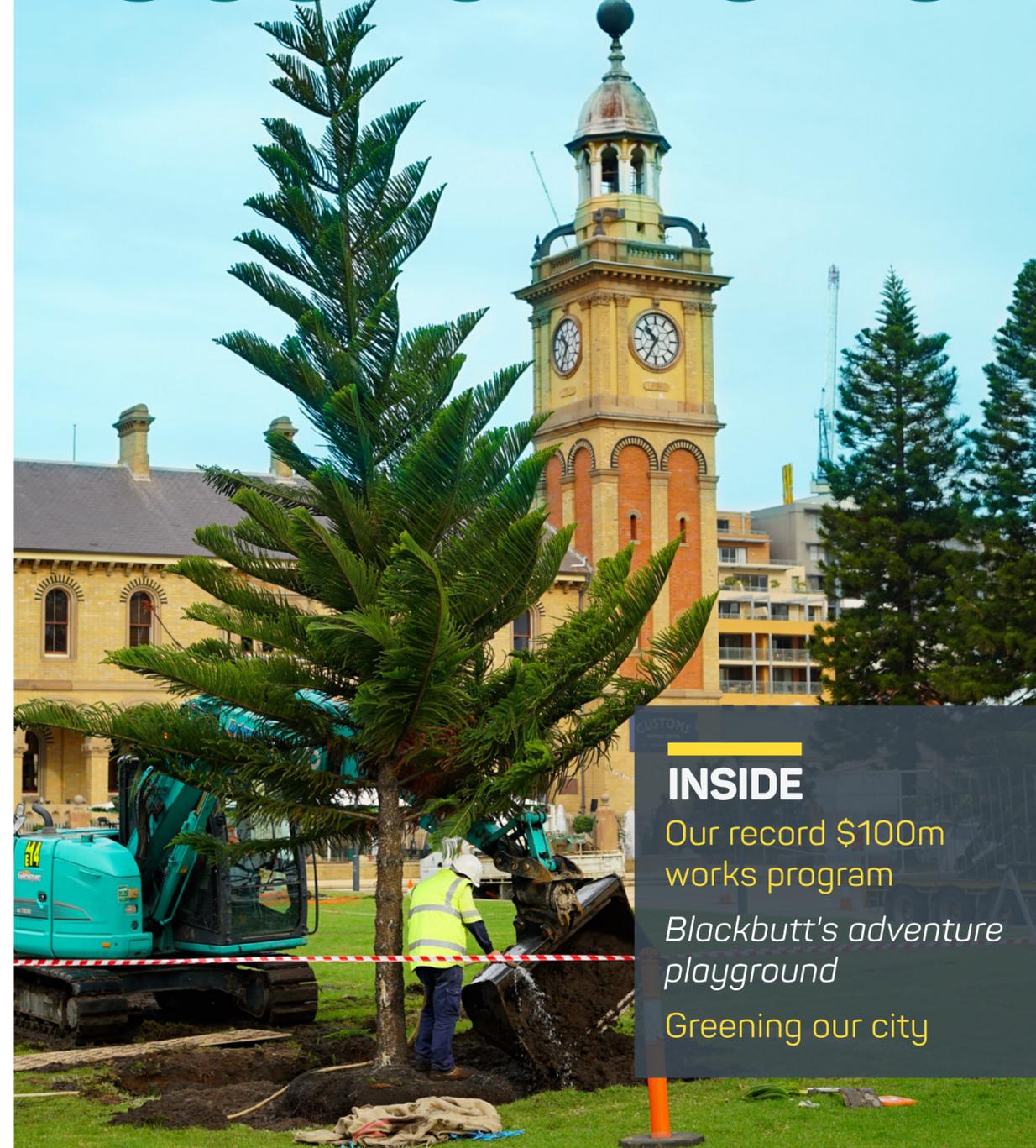
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MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR

I'm delighted to introduce this edition of Council News by saying, 'Newcastle is booming!'

Major revitalisation projects, infrastructure updates and game-changing innovation are making our city an even better place to live, work and play.

In 2018/19 we will spend a record \$100 million on capital works, balancing essential asset renewal with new and upgraded services. This includes more than \$23.5 million on roads and footpaths, \$24.8 million on buildings, structures and places and \$8.2 million on Smart City projects. Over the next 12 months we will really start to see what it means to be a smart, liveable and sustainable city.

Construction has begun on the region's biggest solar farm at our Summerhill Waste Management Centre, which will significantly reduce Council's annual electricity bill, and the next exciting stage of the Bathers Way at South Newcastle will be built.

Smart sensor networks, smart poles, public WiFi, electric vehicle charging stations are all set to roll out this financial year, among other exciting developments.

A bright future of sustainable prosperity, unrivalled quality of life and major attractions is taking shape.

Nuatali Nelmes
Lord Mayor of Newcastle

Trees planted in Foreshore Park

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL CENTRES

Work is underway to renew Carrington and Beresfield's commercial areas as part of our local centres program.

In **Beresfield**, work is nearing completion on the east side of Lawson Ave between Railway Pde and Newton St.

New drainage has been installed from the railway station to Lawson Ave and Addison St intersection, and new kerb, gutter and footpath are being built.

In **Young St Carrington**, work is nearing completion on the west side from Forbes St to Howden St, with the first section of permeable gutter draining well. Tree planting has started in the completed sections of both local centres.

Our façade improvement scheme will soon be available to business owners in these two centres, providing grant funding to assist with shopfront renovations and improvements.

Another 30 mature Norfolk Island Pines have been planted in Foreshore Park.

This is just the first stage of 236 plantings that also includes broad-leaved lilly pillies, coastal banksias, native hibiscuses and kentia palms.

Once fully grown, the trees will provide 20 times more shade than was previously available.



Newcastle City Council and the NSW Government have announced an \$11 million partnership to complete the Bathers Way at South Newcastle Beach including the creation of an accessible skate bowl, modern kiosk and outdoor gym, along with tiered seating and shade shelters.

South Newcastle Beach design

CIVIL WORKS

Completed

School pedestrian upgrades at Lexington Pde, **Adamstown Heights**, Glebe Rd, **Adamstown**, Union St, **Merewether**, Brown St, **The Hill**, McCaffrey Drv, **Rankin Park** and Young St, **Carrington**

Drainage upgrade Corlette St, **The Junction**

Watermain upgrade and road rehabilitation Anderson Drv, **Tarro**
Street tree and native garden bed planting Bruce and Laman St, **Cooks Hill**

Underway

Kerb ramp construction Union St and tree planting Bryant St, **Tighes Hill**

Traffic safety and local centre upgrade Glebe Rd, **Adamstown**

Footpath construction Anderson Drv, **Tarro**

Road and drainage renewals Frederick and Patrick St, **Merewether** and Swan St, **Cooks Hill**
Stormwater channel rehabilitation Mary St, **Jesmond**

We will invest **\$100 million** in projects across Newcastle this year including:

\$23.5 million on renewing roads including \$7 million on bridges



\$16.8 million on environment projects including the new solar farm



\$8.2 million on smart city initiatives

\$11.9 million on non-infrastructure projects



\$7 million on transport including \$2.6 million on cycleways

\$8.1 million on flood management and renewing the existing stormwater network



\$24.8 million renewing our buildings, structures and public places including \$5.4 million for parks and sporting facilities



Richley Reserve playground under construction

UPGRADES ACROSS THE CITY ARE CHILD'S PLAY

Kids in Carrington, Mayfield West, Hamilton North and Wallsend are now enjoying upgraded play areas as part of Council's annual playground renewal program.

Each year Council renews at least three playgrounds. In the past 12 months, playgrounds were replaced at the following locations:

Grahame Park, **Carrington**

Bull and Tourle St Reserve, **Mayfield West**

Smith Park, **Hamilton North**

Wallsend Park, **Wallsend**

Our 2018/19 program will see new equipment installed at:

Stevenson Park, **Mayfield**

Cressington Way Reserve, **Wallsend**

Fletcher St Reserve, **Adamstown**



NEW ADVENTURES

The finishing touches are currently being put on Council's new adventure-style play facility at Blackbutt Reserve.

As well as the playground, the project also includes shade, seating and BBQ areas all accessed via a new main entrance at Richley Reserve. The new playground features a climbing tower with bridges, slide and fireman pole, rope courses, tunnels, tee pee, swings, sand pit and more.

CITY LIMBERING UP FOR MORE EXERCISE

Six new fitness stations will help Novocastrians stay in shape over the next decade, under our draft Outdoor Exercise Facility Strategy, in addition to four existing sites.

Camp Shortland, South Newcastle Beach, Cooks Hill's Nesca Park, National Park in Newcastle West, Stockton's Griffith Park and Fernleigh Track at Adamstown are among the proposed new hubs for chin-up bars, sit-up benches and other static equipment.

Wallsend-Maryland, Minmi, Beresfield and Adamstown-New Lambton will also be considered in the draft strategy.