

TOP 10 MUST DO'S THIS SUMMER

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Those were the days | Lovett Gallery | **Now - 8 February 2014**

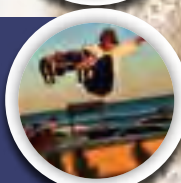
Renowned photographer Ron Morrison has captured the essence of the sixties - the mini-skirts, protests, the Vietnam War, and the lifestyle including the immigration policy that saw many known as 'Ten Pound Poms' arrive from the UK. www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/library



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Hurley Australian Bowl-riding championships | Bar Beach | **8 February 2014**

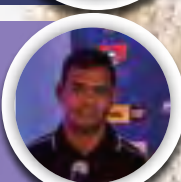
A national skateboard competition with four divisions (Under 18s, Women, Pro/Am Open, Masters 40+). The best riders of Australia compete for a \$25,000 prize pool. www.abcskate.com.au



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Festival of Indigenous Rugby League | Hunter Stadium, Broadmeadow | **8 February 2014**

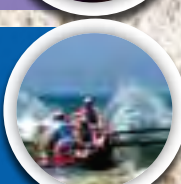
The Newcastle Knights meet indigenous team First Nation Goannas in a pre-season trial at Hunter Stadium. www.nrl.com.au



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Navy Australian Surf Rowers Open | Stockton Beach | **8 - 10 February 2014**

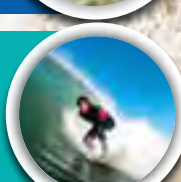
The world's best surf boat rowers battle it out in an adrenalin filled display of teamwork and fitness. www.asrl.com.au



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Surfest 2014 | Merewether Beach | **12-23 February**

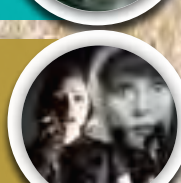
Australia's largest festival of surfing will see 12 days of competition. www.surfest.com



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Dementia 13 | Civic Theatre | **22 and 23 February 2014**

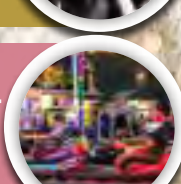
This Francis Ford Coppola film is a cult classic about an eccentric Irish family bickering over a vast inheritance while a mysterious axe murderer picks them off one by one. Civic Theatre is now the only theatre in Australia featuring this show in 2014! www.civictheatrenewcastle.com.au



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Newcastle Regional Show | Broadmeadow Showground | **28 February - 2 March 2014**

A three day festival including entertainment, food, rides, animals and agricultural demonstrations. www.newcastleshows.com.au

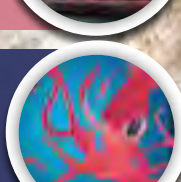


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Deep Oceans Blockbuster | Newcastle Museum | **Now - 2 March 2014**

Enter a dark and dangerous world of giant sea creatures and bizarre fish as you journey below the Earth's surface to discover what lies beneath in Deep Oceans. www.newcastlemuseum.com.au

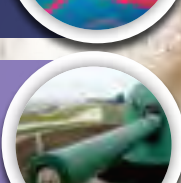
A joint exhibition from the Australian Museum and Questacon - The National Science and Technology Centre.



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Music of the Guns | Fort Scratchley | **15 March 2014**

Fantastic night of classical music featuring the Australian Army Band and guest musicians. Concert includes Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and ends with the firing of the fort guns. BYO chairs, drinks and picnic hamper. 1,000 tickets available only. www.fortscratchley.com.au



10

Big Draw Newcastle | Various sites | **12 April 2014**

In its second year, this fun program of free drawing and arts offers heaps of fun for families, adults and children. Come and join in at Newcastle Museum, Newcastle Maritime Centre, Newcastle Region Library, and Newcastle Art Gallery. www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au



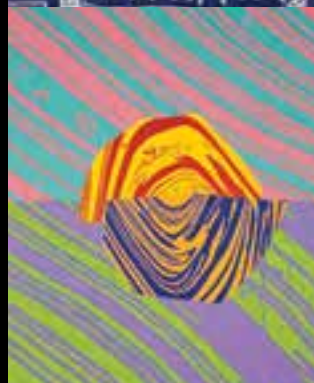
ART GALLERY



Blue+White
15 February - 11 May 2014

Explore the enduring fascination artists have with all things blue and white. Drawn from the Gallery's collection, this exhibition presents diverse contemporary practitioners including Danie Mellor, Gerry Wedd, Laith McGregor and Lucas Grogan.

Lucas Grogan, True blue babe (detail) 2010
needlepoint and upholstery on satin
Purchased 2010
Newcastle Art Gallery collection



Peter Maloney: A Focus
15 February - 11 May 2014

This focus exhibition explores the evolution of Peter Maloney's practice and his mastery of the paint medium from 1979-2012. Maloney's high keyed works explore a range of processes and movement from gestural to tightly constructed painting techniques.

Peter Maloney, Equinox (detail) 2012
acrylic on polyester
Purchased 2013. Newcastle Art Gallery collection

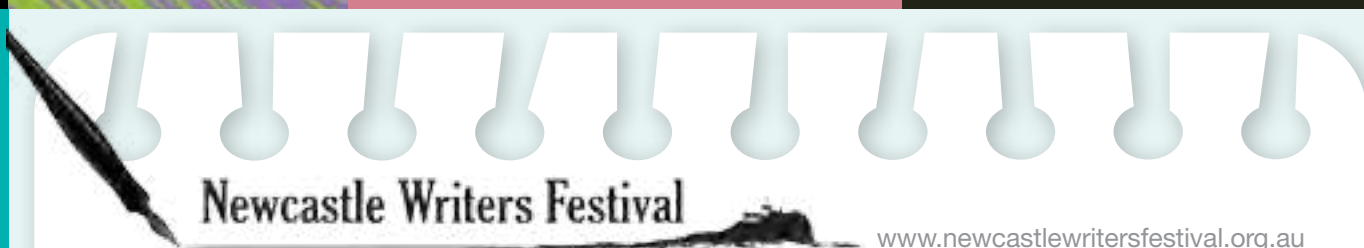


New to video
8 March - 27 April 2014

Featuring the Gallery's growing collection of contemporary video works by leading artists' whose diverse approaches are defining the medium, including Daniel von Sturmer and Shaun Gladwell.

Shaun Gladwell, God speed verticals: Escalator sequence (DVD still) 2004
Gift of Steven Alward, Mark Wakely and Janne Ryan through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program 2013. Newcastle Art Gallery collection

LIBRARY



www.newcastlewritersfestival.org.au

Budding writers, illustrators, cartoonists and rabid readers can really get their teeth into the jam packed program of the festival's second year from 2-5 April 2014.

Stuff for kids

Preschool Day, author talks, workshops for years 4-6 and teens. Sessions for would-be cartoonists and illustrators. A fun zone offers a colourful world of furry fun and delightful hands-on-art works and the festival family hub hosts a morning of free stories arts and games.

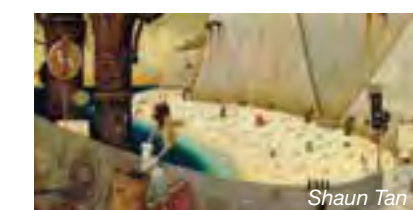
Stuff for adults

Respected crime writer Garry Disher and controversial euthanasia advocate Philip Nitschke are among 70 Australian writers who will participate in the program, which features 35 sessions (most events be held in Newcastle City Hall with others held throughout the city).

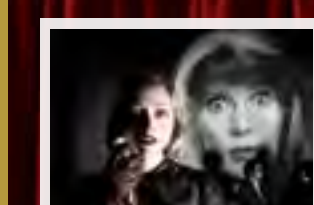
Festival Exhibition:

Shaun Tan - The Lost Thing

An exhibition of original art works from the beloved picture book and animated film.



CIVIC THEATRE



Leah Jay presents Live Live Cinema: Dementia 13

A film like you have never seen it - the cult classic movie by Francis Ford Coppola Dementia 13 is shown without sound. The sound itself is created live on the stage - and in perfect sync!



McCabes presents 1984 by George Orwell

shake & stir theatre co. delivers a terrifically frightening theatrical event set against a towering wall of plasma screens. Big Brother is back!

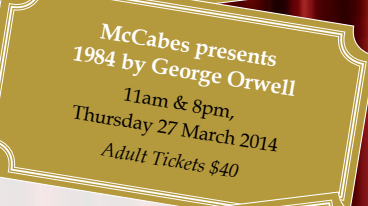


Newcastle's Child presents The Deep

The Deep mixes beach culture comedy with exquisite puppetry in a highly entertaining live theatre experience.



Leah Jay presents Live Live Cinema: Dementia 13
8pm, Saturday 22 February 2014
2pm and 7pm, Sunday 23 February 2014
Adult Tickets \$45



McCabes presents 1984 by George Orwell
11am & 8pm, Thursday 27 March 2014
Adult Tickets \$40



Newcastle's Child presents The Deep
6.30pm, Tuesday 22 April 2014
10am & 12.30pm, Wednesday 23 April 2014
10am, Thursday 24 April 2014

Civic Theatre Season 2014 sponsored by Crosbie Wealth Management | (02) 4929 1977 | www.civictheatrenewcastle.com.au
Book tickets to four shows & qualify as a season subscriber, with discounts of up to 25%, two for one pre-show drinks and much more!

SUMMER 2014



Council News

Community Newsletter from The City of Newcastle



CITY NEWS



Last year saw Council draw a line in the sand and start down the road of financial recovery.

We have reduced staff numbers, reviewed the timing and priority

of capital projects, developed revenue generation options (other than rates) and are controlling our debt.

However, even with these initiatives reducing Council's recurrent expenditure into the future by \$7.5 million per annum, the recently announced 2.3% rate cap has left Council with limited choice but to seek approval for an above cap increase.

Our new structure is starting to take shape and I am confident we are bringing together a strong team with a wealth of knowledge and experience to keep Council headed in the right direction under the strong and consistent leadership being shown by the elected Council.

There are some great developments happening across the city and this year will be one of significant change for Newcastle with many new construction projects bringing a boost to our economy.

As always, the city is playing host to an amazing array of shows, festivals and events and I urge you to take advantage of the many opportunities on offer to enjoy a great summer.

2014 promises to be an exciting year as many of the plans discussed for some time move towards implementation.

Ken Gouldthorp,
General Manager

SERVICE FOR SURF CLUBS

Last October, CityServe saw government, businesses, schools, churches and individuals come together for the good of the whole community.

More than 1,500 volunteers rolled up their sleeves and got their hands dirty in an unprecedented five-week session that saw Newcastle's six iconic but ageing surf clubs given an overhaul.

Stockton, Nobbys, Newcastle, Cooks Hill, Dixon Park and Merewether were all scrubbed and painted, chipped tiles were fixed, new amenities were installed and much more. The best part was the majority was done by volunteers with supplies that were donated.

CityServe's success is due to the many people who said 'yes' to be part of something bigger than themselves, and build a culture of grassroots service.

What a great achievement.





- A shared pathway at **Minmi Road** is currently underway and is expected to be completed in the coming months. The 2.5 metre wide, 350 metre long concrete pathway will allow both cyclists and pedestrians to travel safely from Maryland Drive to Bishop Tyrrell College, and improves connectivity in the area.
- The new pathway on **Glebe Road**, between St James Road and Teralba Road is nearing completion. Work has included kerb and guttering, drainage and a concrete pathway, and connects to the pathway on Teralba Road.
- Council has recently completed major retaining work at **Foreshore Park** and rehabilitation at **Telford Street** and **Stevenson Place**. The work included demolition, piling, concrete footings, brickwork and support of palm trees growing on the site.
- Pedestrian safety works are being carried out at **Mayfield** (on behalf of RMS) and **Kotara**. The road will be narrowed at the pedestrian crossing, between Werribi and Groongal Streets, Mayfield to allow for safer pedestrian movements. An extension of the kerb, minor drainage work, concrete pathway, bus shelter and pedestrian refuge will all be constructed between Park Avenue and Kuranda Crescent, Kotara.

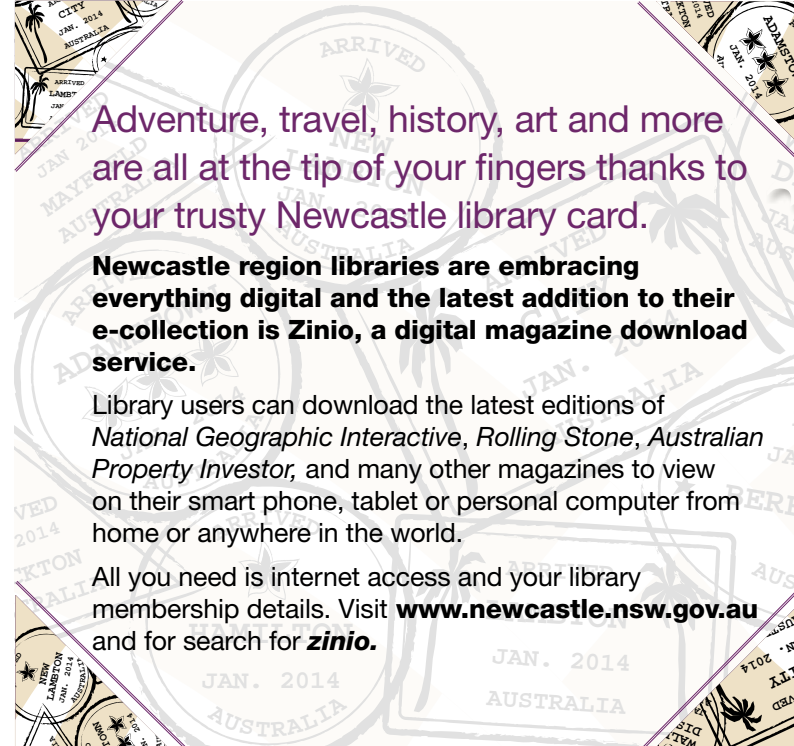


Cathedral Park

A memorial to our first Mayor, James Hannell, is the centrepiece of the newly transformed Cathedral Park, a significant open green space located in the shadows of Christ Church Cathedral.

The park occupies a spectacular position high above the city with views of the harbour, beaches and the mountains in the distance. Aside from the views, Cathedral Park is the site of Newcastle's oldest cemetery (1817-1884), containing the remains of over 3,300 people. Council has been working to restore and commemorate our city's earliest residents and create a beautiful and engaging public space.

The second stage of work here has just been completed and includes pathways, plantings, monument reinstatement and viewing areas. So, if you're in the area, take a moment to visit and enjoy this newly accessible space.



Adventure, travel, history, art and more are all at the tip of your fingers thanks to your trusty Newcastle library card.

Newcastle region libraries are embracing everything digital and the latest addition to their e-collection is Zinio, a digital magazine download service.

Library users can download the latest editions of *National Geographic Interactive*, *Rolling Stone*, *Australian Property Investor*, and many other magazines to view on their smart phone, tablet or personal computer from home or anywhere in the world.

All you need is internet access and your library membership details. Visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au and for search for **zinio**.

na na na na na na na microbat

Council staff and local experts recently went batty and took Newcastle residents on three walks and talks looking for microbats in some of Newcastle's most treasured bushland reserves.

130 participants saw and listened (using bat detectors) to a range of animals including the Gould's wattled bat that has an average weight of only 14 grams. People at the George McGregor Reserve event even managed to spotlight a juvenile Powerful Owl which is currently listed as endangered.

Landcare is for everyone

The City of Newcastle has 25 active Landcare groups across the local government area (LGA) who have had a well deserved break over Christmas and are gearing up to pull on their gloves and hats for another year to help look after Newcastle's natural environment.

Everyone is encouraged to join in with activities including bush regeneration, dune stabilisation, weeding, mulching, seed collection, planting and flora and fauna surveys.

The hard work of these volunteers assists Council in preserving and protecting the natural local environment, and builds community awareness about natural resource management.

Keen to get involved or find out more?

Visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au and search for environment then landcare, or phone 4904 3310 to get 'landcaring' today!



COASTAL REVITALISATION UPDATE

- The cliff on **Shortland Esplanade** between the Pasha Bulker sculpture at Nobbys and the Cowrie Hole will undergo major stabilisation work from February 2014.

The work is expected to take up to three months and will involve temporary road closures to ensure the safety of both vehicles and pedestrians whilst work is being completed. Excavation, slope stabilisation and remediation, cliff and rock grooming, rock bolting, retaining wall repairs and storm water drainage

all make up part of the stabilisation project, along with the planting of native vegetation where appropriate.

Once the project is completed it will reduce rock falls and debris slides, extend the longevity of the embankments and revegetate the area.

- The construction work to extend the pathway and the area in front of the **Merewether Surf Club** continued over the Christmas period to ensure it is finished for the launch of Surfest in February.

Work will begin on the next section of the Bathers Way from Dixon Park to Kilgour Avenue in February and is due to finish in October. Council apologises for any inconvenience during this time.



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WATERWAYS REHABILITATION

Coal Mine Creek, Blackbutt Reserve

Coal Mine Creek runs between two ponds in Richley Reserve and its controls were deteriorating due to their age causing erosion to the site. The old log bed controls have now been replaced with a longer lifespan, rock cascade structure which improves the sites aesthetic appeal, addresses the erosion issues and improves water quality.



Gunambi Reserve

The channel that runs through Gunambi Reserve, Wallsend makes up part of the Ironbark Creek Catchment and previously suffered from continuous erosion issues. Council has used natural channel features to rehabilitate the site, and hard and soft engineering techniques to achieve bank and bed stability and improve the creek edges and function.



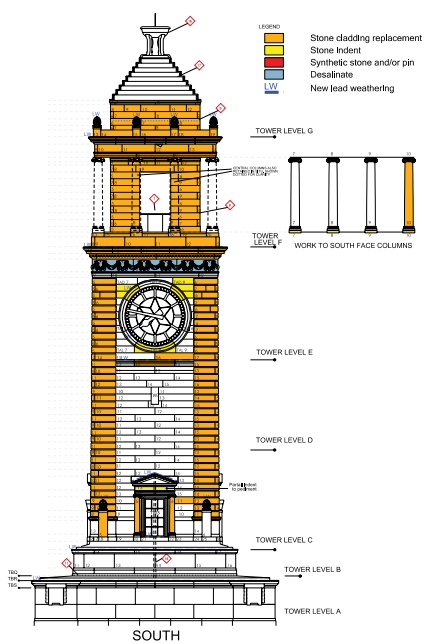
Time to progress clock repairs

City Hall, one of Newcastle's most prestigious and recognisable buildings, is set to turn back time with tenders recently closing for the repair to the facade of the magnificent clock tower.

The exterior restoration works to City Hall are part of the City Hall Conservation Management Plan and this stage of works follows a successful trial in 2010, which saw a portion of the eastern facade completely restored. Tenders will be reviewed then reported to Council with a view to starting work by mid 2014.

It will be business as usual in City Hall while the works are completed. Scaffolding will be erected on the exterior of the building. However, minimal impact is expected for events booked at the historic site.

The NSW Government has provided funding support via a 4% interest subsidy on borrowings for the project. The subsidy results in a significant cost saving for The City of Newcastle by reducing the amount of interest paid.



Victorian Lifeboat and Rocket Brigade Memorial Sculpture

Next time you're at Nobbys, give a thought to its past reputation as one of the world's most dangerous harbours that wrecked hundreds of ships.

However, thanks to the bravery of the Lifeboat Rescue Service and Rocket Brigades, many ships and lives were saved.

A sculpture commissioned by Council, along with Newcastle Port Corporation and the Victoria Lifeboats Descendants, has been installed at Nobbys in honour of their heroism.



QUEENS WHARF

Queens Wharf is looking fantastic courtesy of a new colour scheme. The work complements the achievements of the facade improvement scheme with dozens of properties in the city centre being transformed in recent months.

Cleaning up after Christmas?

Did you know that Council provides free e-waste and excess recycling drop offs at Summerhill.

Mixed loads will not be accepted - household quantities of e-waste and recycling only.

Excess recycling should only include items usually put in the yellow-lid recycling bin.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Be prepared for this bush fire season.** Visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au to download the **MyFirePlan smartphone app** and keep up to date by signing up for the **RFS twitter feed**.

- **Black Totem II**, an iconic bird's nest sculpture by Brett Whiteley has been permanently relocated from Sydney to Newcastle and takes pride of place in the forecourt of the Newcastle Art Gallery in Laman Street.

- In the last 18 months, nine Hills Figs were removed from **Arthur Park**, Adamstown due to their poor condition and the risk posed to the community.

Council held an information session with residents and users to discuss the potential species and locations for future planting.

Arthur Park has since had two Hills Figs and three Liquid ambars planted, and they are great additions to the park.