# Newcastle 2030

## Our plan for our community

### Easy Read version

## How to use this document

The City of Newcastle wrote this document.

When you see the words ‘we’, ‘us’ or ‘our’, it means:

* the City of Newcastle
* our community.

We have written this information in an easy to read way.

We have written some words in bold. We explain what these words mean. There is a list of these words on page 14.

This Easy Read document is a summary of our Community   
Strategic Plan.

You can find our Community Strategic Plan on our website at [www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/newcastle2030](http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/newcastle2030)

You can ask for help to read this document.   
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## About this plan

*Newcastle 2030* is our plan for the next10 years.

It talks about:

* our goals for what we want Newcastle to become
* what we will do to reach our goals.

## Talking to our community

We talked to our community about what should be in this plan.

1,591 people filled out surveys.

115 people came to 5 workshops.

We held 5 community events.

978 people went online and shared their ideas with us.

810 people talked to us at our:

* libraries
* other events.

## Our vision for Newcastle

Our **vision** is what we want Newcastle to become.

Our vision is for Newcastle to become a place where:

* we celebrate the culture and history of all our people
* we protect the natural world around us
* we support our people to live good lives
* everyone is included
* everyone has the same rights
* we find new and creative ways to do things
* businesses can grow
* people get a good education and find good jobs
* we have great public spaces to share
* it is easy to use transport.

## Our Newcastle community

In 2016 there were 160,919 people living in our community.

By 2036 there should be 195,530 people living in our community.

Over 4 million people visit our community each year.

49.3% of people who live in our community are male.

50.7% of people who live in our community are female.

3.5% of people who live in our community are from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.

14% of people who live in our community were born   
outside Australia.

10% of people who live in our community speak a language other than English at home.

34% of people who live in our community are aged over 50.

## Our values

Our **values** are the beliefs that are important to our community.

As a community we value:

* everyone caring about our community
* **resilience** – we are strong enough to deal with tough times and can bounce back from them
* living active lives
* **inclusion** – making sure that everyone can take part in   
  our community
* new and creative ideas
* good leaders
* **diversity** – making sure that everyone is welcome
* looking after the environment around us.

## Important ideas in our plan

There are some important ideas in our plan.

We call these our **guiding principles**.

Our guiding principles are:

* understanding that different people have different needs
* acting fairly
* making sure everyone can take part
* respecting people’s rights
* planning and thinking about the people who will live in our community in the future
* thinking about how to look after the environment around us.

## Our goals

In 2015, the United Nations (UN) wrote some **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs)**.**

These are the goals for making the world happier and healthier.

We used some of the UN’s goals to help us make this plan.

We also have our own goals:

* a city that is connected
* an environment that we look after
* attractive public spaces that people enjoy using
* a community that is caring, inclusive and welcoming
* buildings that are:
  + nice to look at
  + good places for people to work in and live
* a city that is smart and has good, new ideas
* leaders who work together with people from Newcastle to make plans and decisions.

We talk about each of our goals in more detail on the   
following pages.

### A city that is connected

We want our community to have transport networks that are well connected and easy for people to use.

We want our community to use different ways to get   
around, including:

* walking
* cycling
* public transport.

The paths our community use to walk and cycle need to link up with  
each other.

Different parts of our public transport system need to work   
well together.

People who drive need roads and carparks that are:

* safe
* reliable.

### An environment that we look after

The environment around us is special.

We want our community to:

* understand what is special about our environment

know how to look after our environment

* work hard to look after our environment so it will last for a  
  long time.

### Attractive public spaces that people enjoy using

We want our community to have great public spaces.

Our public spaces need to:

* be good places for people to do lots of different activities
* help people connect with each other
* be safe for people to visit during the day and at night.

We need to look after places in our community that are connected   
to our:

* culture
* history.

### A community that is caring, inclusive and welcoming

We want people to feel welcome in our community.

We want our community to be a place where everyone:

* likes how diverse our people are
* is seen as important
* can take part and feel like they belong
* cares about and looks after each other
* can be healthy and active
* can enjoy our shared public spaces
* shows respect for our First Nations peoples.

### Buildings that are nice to look at and good places for people to work in or live

We want the buildings in our community to:

* be nice to look at
* meet the needs of different people
* show what makes our community special.

Our new building developments need to:

* work well with our transport system
* use energy and materials in ways that are good for our environment.

### A city that is smart and has good, new ideas

We want our community to:

* come up with new and creative ways to do things
* value the new and creative ideas people have.

Our **economy** is the total amount of goods, services and money that Newcastle makes and uses.

We want our economy to be strong so people can:

* find good jobs
* start new businesses that will grow.

We want more people to visit our community.

This will help our economy.

### Leaders who work together with people from Newcastle to make plans and decisions

Our community needs strong leaders.

Our leaders must work together with people from our community   
to make:

* plans
* decisions.

We want lots of people from our community to take part when   
we make:

* plans
* decisions.

We need to make sure the plans we have for our community will:

* work well
* last for a long time.

## Making sure this plan is working

We need to make sure:

* this plan is working well
* this plan is meeting the needs of our community
* we are reaching our goals.

We will review this plan every 4 years.

## Word list

**Diversity**

Making sure that everyone is welcome.

**Economy**

The total amount of goods, services and money that Newcastle makes and uses.

**Guiding principles**

Important ideas in our plan.

**Inclusion**

Making sure that everyone can take part in our community.

**Resilience**

We are strong enough to deal with tough times and can bounce back  
from them.

**Sustainable Development Goals**

The United Nations’ goals for making the world happier and healthier.

**Values**

The beliefs that are important to us.

**Vision**

What we want Newcastle to become.

## Contact us

For more information about this plan, please contact our   
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