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ECONOMIC PROFILE



Newcastle's economic profile

Newcastle's economic profile can now be accessed via our website, www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au. Click on the *About Newcastle* tab and then *Economic Profile*.

There is a wealth of information available which could be used for community groups seeking funding for projects, businesses looking to relocate to the area and much more.

Some interesting statistics:

Population: 158,553
Jobs: 87,489
Gross regional product: \$14.044 billion
Jobs supported by Tourism: 3,726
Top industries: Health care & social assistance, Manufacturing, Retail trade, and Education & training

Newcastle represents about **36.5%** of the **240,049** people working in the Hunter Region. Newcastle is the economic hub of the Hunter Region, accounting for approximately **30%** of its developed industrial space and **80%** of the office space.

WHAT'S ON

50 WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

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SYDNEY 6
HINDERS LEWERS PLATES
9 MAY - 2 AUGUST 2015

NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY
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OPEN TUESDAY TO SUNDAY | 10.00AM TO 5.00PM

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THE MAKING OF MIDNIGHT OIL

Exhibition

Now until 10 May 2015

Discover the power and the passion of Australian band Midnight Oil in a captivating exhibition at Newcastle Museum.

The exhibition is jam-packed with rare and iconic items including stage props, instruments and protest banners as well as the band's own archives.

Admission charges apply.

LAST DAYS!

NEWCASTLE MUSEUM

Shadows of Sacrifice

10 February – 26 April

A new instalment of the Museum's WW1 exhibition will focus on Gallipoli and the events of 2015 in a fitting tribute to the war that caused the greatest loss of life in Australian history.

Admission charges apply.

LAST DAYS!

NEWCASTLE MUSEUM

WHAT'S YOUR SEASON PACKAGE? 2015
CHOOSE FOUR OR MORE AND SAVE

WHERE LATE THE SONGBIRD
by Stray Dogs Theatre Co.
22 April - 2 May
Playhouse

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING MIRIAM
Andrew McKinnon Presentations
Fri 15 May 8pm
Civic Theatre

AUSTRALIA DAY
by HIT Productions
29-30 May
Civic Theatre
Brought to Newcastle by Leah Jay

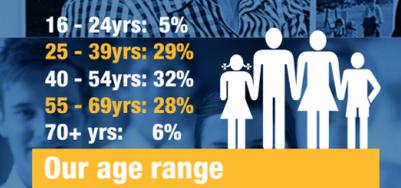
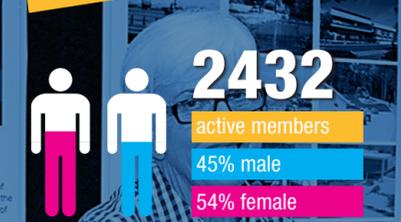
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www.civictheatrenewcastle.com.au



Council News

Community Newsletter from The City of Newcastle

Newcastle **voice**
COMMUNITY REFERENCE PANEL



All Newcastle residents over 16 years can join. **Register today!**
Call 4974 2238 or visit www.mynewcastlevoice.com

THE YEAR AHEAD

During May our delivery program, operational plan, fees and charges for the next 12 months will be on public exhibition.

These documents outline the projects we will undertake and services we will provide to the Newcastle community to help reach our Newcastle 2030 vision to be a smart, liveable and sustainable city.

Our vision is outlined in the Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan. This plan is the highest level plan that a council will prepare. The purpose of the plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and to identify strategies for achieving these goals.

The implementation of the community strategic plan is outlined in the delivery program. The program is a statement of commitment to the community from each newly elected council. This is the point where the community's strategic goals are systematically translated into actions. These are the principal activities to be undertaken by the council to implement the strategies established by the Community Strategic Plan within the resources available under the Resourcing Strategy.

In preparing the program, the council is demonstrating its stewardship of the community's long-term goals, outlining what it intends to do to achieve these goals during its term of office and what its priorities will be. It is designed as the single point of reference for all principal activities undertaken by the council during its term of office. All plans, projects, activities and funding allocations must be directly linked to this program.

- The operational plan includes information on:
- ▶ road construction and rehabilitation
 - ▶ playground replacements
 - ▶ improvements to sportsgrounds eg floodlighting, cricket wicket restoration, repairs to grandstands
 - ▶ maintenance at community and senior citizen centres
 - ▶ major projects eg City Hall facade restoration and the Bathers Way
 - ▶ footpath and pedestrian improvements.



We had a fantastic summer of events here in Newcastle and it is clear that our city is coming to be known as a visitor and event destination.

The investment in renewal and revitalisation projects taking place throughout the city centre and along our coastline is contributing to Newcastle's growing tourism reputation. We will continue to focus on those priority projects.

We are investigating mixed community and commercial developments at the pavilions at

Newcastle and Merewether Ocean Baths and I am looking forward to seeing these progress. The Nobbys to Newcastle section of the Bathers Way is also progressing rapidly and we are moving ahead with more work on the sandstone restoration of Newcastle City Hall.

We are proud of our city, our coastline and our heritage, and Council is prioritising investment in those areas. Looking forward, we are working toward the four-year Delivery Program and budget for 2015/16 and we will be engaging with the community to share those plans and give you the opportunity to have your say.

Ken Gouldthorp
General Manager

HAVE YOUR SAY



The Foreshore Draft Plan of Management

The Foreshore Plan of Management (PoM) has been reviewed with a new draft PoM now on public exhibition until Monday 4 May 2015.

This review has included extensive community consultation, with the final PoM providing direction on how The Foreshore is to be managed and its values protected for the next five to seven years.

This is your final chance to provide feedback on The Foreshore Draft PoM.

The Foreshore Draft PoM will be on public exhibition at the **City Administration Centre**, 282 King St Newcastle; **Newcastle Region Library**; **Wallsend District Library**; and Council's website www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au. CDs of the draft PoM will be available at the above venues to take home.

Written feedback closes on **Monday 18 May 2015** and should be sent to The General Manager, Attn: The Foreshore Draft Plan of Management, Newcastle City Council, PO Box 489, Newcastle 2300; or email mail@ncc.nsw.gov.au.

Waste Services at The City of Newcastle

! Was your bin missed?

If your **general waste** or **green waste** bin has been missed on your collection day please call our team on **4974 6066** or complete the **waste request form** on our website: www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au.

We will endeavour to collect missed bins within two business days of receiving notification.

If your **recycling** bin has been missed on your collection day please call **Solo Resource Recovery** on **4947 8511**.

Make sure your bins are on the kerb by 5.30am on your collection day.



Don't bag recycling

Don't put your recycling in plastic bags. Bagged items cannot be emptied for sorting and are sent straight to landfill. **Place items loosely in your recycling bin.**

Remember to...

Keep soft plastic packaging out of your recycling bin. Remove magazines from shrink wrap and take newspapers out of plastic sleeves before recycling them.



Do you have bulk waste?

Households have two options for disposing of bulk waste:

1. Request a self haul voucher to drop off bulk waste at Summerhill Waste Management Centre.



2. Phone ahead to organise a kerbside collection.

Due to high demand, please book at least four weeks in advance. Waste must not be put out until advised.

Complete an **online waste request form** on our website or phone **4974 6066** weekdays between **7.30am and 3.25pm**.

You can request two vouchers or two kerbside collections per year, or one of each option, to dispose of up to two cubic metres of domestic waste.

Two cubic metres is equivalent to a **1.2 metre by 1.8 metre** (6'x4') trailer loaded under one metre high.

For full details including information on acceptable materials please visit our website.

Collection Services 4974 6066 | Kerbside recycling bins 4947 5699 | Summerhill Waste Management Centre 4985 6600

COASTAL REVITALISATION



Council is undertaking construction work to provide links to the **ANZAC memorial walk**. Shepherds Hill and Strezlecki carpark will both have new links to the walk built, the carpark will be reconstructed and a raingarden will be created.



Stage 1 of Bathers Way **Dixon Park** from John Parade to Kilgour Avenue has recently been completed and is now open. Work on Stage 2 from Kilgour Avenue to Cooks Hill Surf Club is currently underway and is expected to be completed by Spring 2015. Works include a four metre wide shared pathway, lighting, furniture, shade trees and shelters, pedestrian access upgrades and surrounding road and streetscape improvements.



The first stage of the northern section of Bathers Way between **Nobbys Beach** and **Newcastle Baths** is nearing completion. Works include one-way traffic in Shortland Esplanade, a dedicated on-road cycleway and shared pathway from Nobbys Breakwater to Newcastle Ocean Baths with new landscaping, furniture and lighting.

CITY CENTRE UPDATE

We continue to move forward with investment and projects for the renewal and revitalisation of the City Centre, making the CBD more inviting and attractive for both residents and visitors.

Facade Improvement Scheme

City Centre buildings have become more inviting and attractive through Facade Improvement Scheme grants. Since the program began 18 months ago:

- **58 grants** awarded with upgrades completed to **47 properties** and works underway at three more
- More than **\$192,000 awarded in grant funds**; value of works completed to date is **\$330,000**
- Total value of the works set to be completed is **\$558,000**
- Numerous building owners have started with FIS grants and funded additional works on their own.

King Street footpath rehabilitation

Council is replacing deteriorated footpath, kerb and gutter on the southern side of King Street, Newcastle between Crown and Perkins Streets. Work will commence March for completion in October 2015, weather permitting.

This work will improve safety, access, and use of the space. During the project there will be temporary loss of car parking at times, along with reduced pedestrian access. However all access to buildings in the area will be maintained.

Stormwater investigation will be occurring at the same time and is expected to involve replacement of and improvement to drainage assets next financial year.

WORKS UPDATE

City works update

- Shared pathway construction at Alder Park **New Lambton** continues.
- Major drainage work in Bar Beach Avenue **Bar Beach** continues.
- Eight new transport shelters will be installed in **Jesmond, Waratah, Kotara, Adamstown Heights, Hamilton** and **Merewether**.

Upcoming work in 2015

- Shared pathway construction at Griffith Road **Lambton**, Minmi Road **Wallsend**, Chatham Road **Broadmeadow** and Brickworks Park **Wallsend**.
- Drainage work at Russell Road **New Lambton**.

Recreation update

- New floodlights to enable evening training at **Tuxford Park** in Shortland and **Waratah Park**.
- Amenities building upgrades at **Mayfield Park, National Park No. 4 Sportsground** and **Blackley Oval** in New Lambton.
- A new irrigation system at **Novocastrian Park** in New Lambton in collaboration with New Lambton Football Club.
- A new baseball field at **Plattsburg Park** in Wallsend, partly funded by the NSW Sport and Recreation and White Sox Baseball Club.
- Cricket sight screens at **National Park No. 1 Sportsground**.

