

# Investing in your city

Everyday benefits in your Budget

Investment on right path

Diving into pool upgrades



City of  
Newcastle



*Cr Deahna Richardson, Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes, Deputy Lord Mayor Declan Clausen, and Cr Elizabeth Adamczyk check out the site for the Maryland fenced off-leash dog park with Ginger, Toby and Moby.*

We're delivering almost 270 projects across the city during the next 12 months as part of our largest annual investment in public infrastructure.

A record of more than \$137 million has been earmarked for capital works, with investments in community infrastructure, facilities and services that will help renew and reinvigorate Newcastle as we continue to build an inclusive, liveable and sustainable city for our community.

This includes \$41 million for the delivery of key city-shaping initiatives, such as the expansion of the Newcastle Art Gallery; the continued remediation of the former landfill at Astra Street in Shortland; and the construction of a food and garden organics facility and a materials recovery facility to increase our capabilities for the recycling and reuse of waste products.

Improving public infrastructure is also a priority, with \$6.9 million towards our continued revitalisation of our local town centres, including the Hunter Street Mall, New Lambton and Georgetown, \$7.5 million to improve inland pools and ocean baths, \$4.9 million on stormwater upgrades to address localised flooding and \$3.6 million to improve the safety and connectivity of our cycleways across the city, including Parkway Avenue roundabout bypasses.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff, the elected Councillors and everyone in the community who have supported and contributed to this ambitious vision for Newcastle.

**Nuatali Nelmes,**  
**Lord Mayor of Newcastle**



# Tails wagging over new dog park

With more than 63,000 dogs registered in our city, we know our community is passionate about their canine companions.

That's why we provide a variety of off-leash options throughout Newcastle, such as the popular fully fenced dog park at Acacia Avenue Reserve in North Lambton and the upgraded area in Islington Park.

The first stage of our latest off-leash fenced dog park has recently been completed at Maryland Drive Reserve, providing a large, fenced area for dogs of all sizes, as well as a shelter with tables, informal sandstone seating, dog bubbler and landscaping.

The remaining stages of the project will feature an additional off-leash area to separate large and small dogs, as well as a formalised car park with accessible parking, additional seating and landscaping.



*Pictured: Cr Elizabeth Adamczyk, Cr Deahna Richardson and Deputy Lord Mayor Declan Clausen check out the site for the Maryland fenced off-leash dog park with Moby, Ginger and Toby.*



*We're making it easier for residents to navigate our city on foot with ongoing investment in new footpaths.*

## Million-dollar investment on the right path

We maintain nearly 1,000 kilometres of footpaths across Newcastle, with an annual program that renews and extends this network each year.

In the past 12 months we delivered more than 3,500 metres of new footpaths and shared pathways and will continue this work throughout 2023/24, investing almost \$1.2 million to improve pedestrian safety,

enhance accessibility and create key links within local neighbourhoods.

Projects are planned across Newcastle including the completion of footpaths at McCaffrey Drive, Elmore Vale and Lexington Parade, Adamstown Heights, as well as a new footpath at Minmi Road, Fletcher and a shared path at Frederick Street, Merewether.





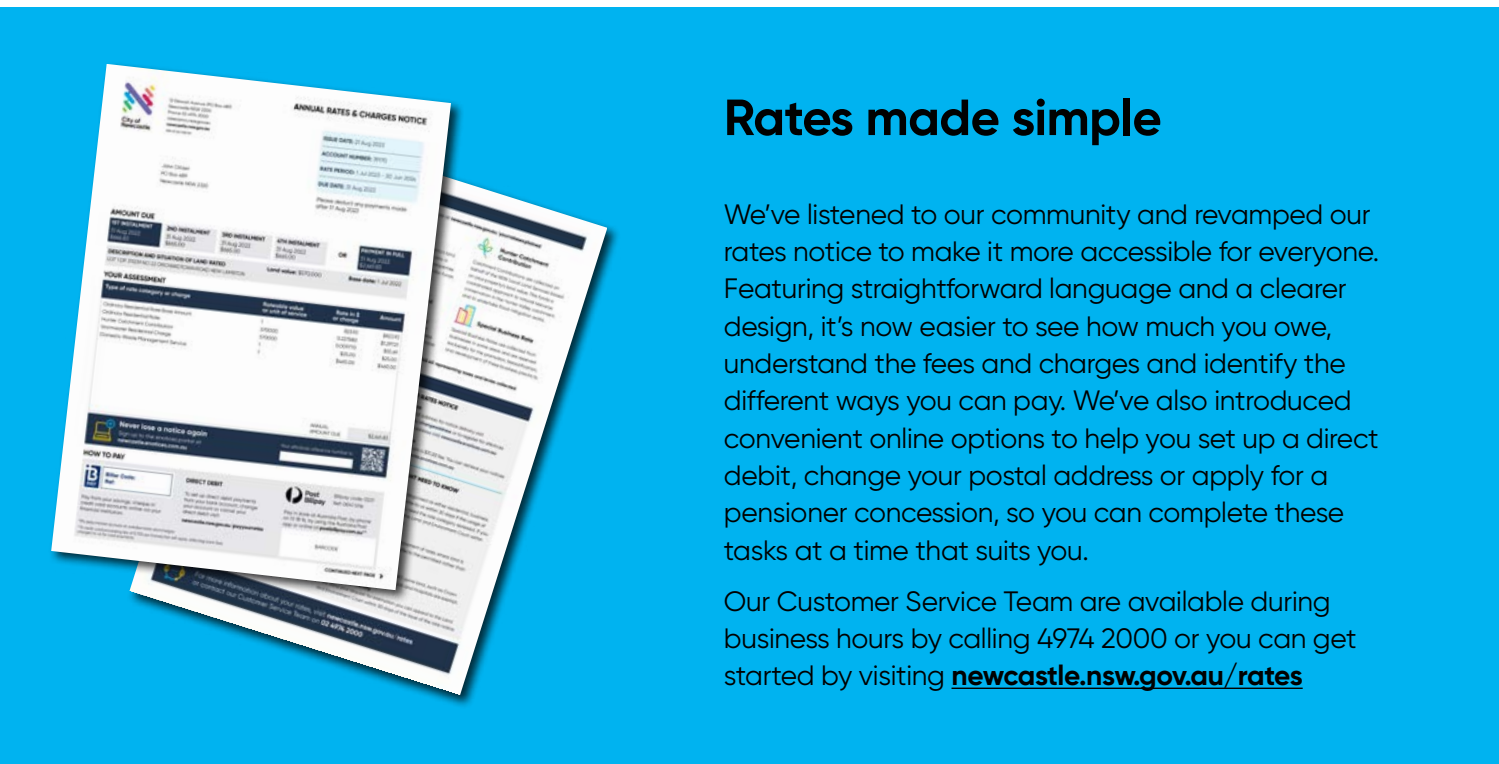
Work is continuing on construction of a new grandstand at Lambton Swimming Centre.

## Newcastle's biggest playground on the way for Foreshore Park

We're making the most of the off-season to maintain and upgrade our city's five inland swimming centres.

Swimmers will appreciate the work that is underway on installing new solar panels and heat pumps at Wallsend and Mayfield pools, which will help regulate pool water temperatures, while spectators will be able to enjoy more shaded seating options at the Lambton, Stockton, Wallsend and Mayfield facilities.

An upgraded playground will enhance the experience for families visiting Beresfield Swimming Centre, while work is also continuing on the new concrete grandstand at Lambton Swimming Centre which, when complete, will seat up to 800 spectators while also catering for the needs of sporting clubs and improved accessibility.



## Rates made simple

We've listened to our community and revamped our rates notice to make it more accessible for everyone. Featuring straightforward language and a clearer design, it's now easier to see how much you owe, understand the fees and charges and identify the different ways you can pay. We've also introduced convenient online options to help you set up a direct debit, change your postal address or apply for a pensioner concession, so you can complete these tasks at a time that suits you.

Our Customer Service Team are available during business hours by calling 4974 2000 or you can get started by visiting [newcastle.nsw.gov.au/rates](https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/rates)