

Date: Monday 4 November 2019	Time: 5.30 – 7pm	Venue: Lord Mayor’s Reception Room, Level 2 Newcastle City Hall
Meeting No: 2	Meeting Objective: To provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to built and natural facilities and systems within the LGA.	

1. Welcome

Councillor White acknowledged the Awabakal and Worimi peoples and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

1.1 Attendees:

Cr Emma White	Chairperson
Jonathon Clarke	Customer Manager – Urban Planning, Ausgrid
Mark Dunlop	General Manager, Keolis Downer
Kevin Smith	Customer Manager, Ausgrid
Graham Wood	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Hunter Water Corporation
Ken Liddell	Director Infrastructure and Property, City of Newcastle (CN) (Facilitator)
Rachel Howard	Executive Assistant to Director Infrastructure and Property (Secretary)

1.2 Apologies:

Anna Zycki	Director Hunter, Roads and Maritime Services
Kim Lenox	Community Representative

1.3 Guests:

Joanne Rigby – Manager Assets and Projects, City of Newcastle
Troy Uren – Manager Waste Services, City of Newcastle (Item 5)

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

2.1 Nil.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Business Arising

3.1 Minutes

3.1.1 The minutes of the meeting held 3 September 2019 were confirmed.

3.2 Business Arising

3.2.1 Nil

4. Major Projects

4.1 Presentation of Major Works and Projects

4.1.1 Hunter Water provided a brief overview of projects within the LGA.

4.1.2 Ausgrid provided a summary of current works within the Newcastle CBD and surrounding suburbs.

4.1.3 A brief outline of the CN 2019/20 capital works program was provided.

4.2 Newcastle Ocean Baths

The Manager Assets and Projects provided an overview of the Newcastle Ocean Baths infrastructure.

During the discussion it was noted that:

- 4.2.1 CN released the redevelopment expressions of interest (EOI) for Merewether and Newcastle Ocean Baths on 2 November 2019. The EOI closes on 12 December 2019.
- 4.2.2 Rehabilitation works were previously undertaken in 2007/2008. Demolition of the northern pavilion was completed in 2017. The western facade was retained with structural supports however the cathodic protection has not been effective. The central and southern pavilion remain in use. The whole façade is in extremely poor condition due to construction material/technique, age and location.
- 4.2.3 The facade is considered by many to be an iconic structure and is important to the community.
- 4.2.4 Any redevelopment would be subject to a DA process.

ACTION: Manager Assets and Projects will contact CN's Communications team in relation to the community engagement opportunities.

5. Waste Management Future Opportunities

- 5.1 The Manager Waste Services provided an overview of CN's Waste Strategy.

6. Notice of Motion 27/08/19 - Youth Mock Council - Netting on Drains

- 6.1 The Notice of Motion and Youth Council Motion were tabled.

The Manager Assets and Projects provided an overview of CN's Stormwater Quality Improvement Devices (SQIDS).

During the discussion it was noted that:

- 6.1.1 The Youth Council identified the need for stormwater pollution control.
- 6.1.2 CN currently has 379 devices with 90 devices proposed over the coming years (a 23% increase).
- 6.1.3 Recent engagement surveys have found that the environment is a key issue for the community.
- 6.1.4 Nets are highly visible but unsightly, other SQIDS are in operation but may go unnoticed by the community due to their design and location. Lake Macquarie City Council has installed informational signs around SQIDS to explain their function.

ACTION: Manager Assets and Projects to raise the potential for educational signage with CN's Communications team.

7. General Business

7.1 Nil.

8. Closing

8.1 The next meeting is currently scheduled for 5.30pm on Tuesday, 7 April 2020 at 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West.

ACTION: Meeting Secretary to explore the potential for an alternative meeting date earlier in the year.

Meeting closed 6.50pm