## delivering NEWCASTLE 2040

March 2024

# Performance Report



Delivery Program 2022–2026 Operational Plan 2023–2024



# **Acknowledgement** of Country

City of Newcastle acknowledges with the deepest respect the Traditional Custodians of this land, a people who belong to the oldest continuing culture in the world.

We recognise their continuing connection to the land and waters, and unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters, and seas.

We are grateful for the rich, diverse, living cultures of Aboriginal people. We recognise the history of truth that acknowledges the impact of invasion and colonisation on Aboriginal people and how this still resonates today.

We pay our respect to Elders, past, present, and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the cultures, and the aspirations of Aboriginal people.

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# Why we do the performance report

## It is a report to our community on our performance against our Delivery Program.

CN is required under the Local Government Act s405 to provide progress reports on the Delivery Program and Operational Plan at least every six months. Our quarterly performance report details CN's progress on the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program, *Delivering Newcastle 2040*.

#### Reporting to our community

The quarterly performance reports, along with the six-monthly performance report and annual report are the key points of accountability between CN and our community.

It is not a report to the Office of Local Government or the NSW Government, it is a report to our community on our performance against our Delivery Program.

Every three months, CN reports on the key activities it has undertaken which contribute to achieving our Delivery Program, *Delivering Newcastle 2040* and in the long term our Community Strategic Plan (CSP), *Newcastle 2040*.



#### Newcastle 2040 Community Strategic Plan

Newcastle 2040 is a shared community vision, developed as a guide to inform policies and actions throughout the city for the next 10+ years.

To guide us forward, we will focus on four themes that emerged from our shared planning process:

- Liveable
- Sustainable
- Creative
- · Achieving Together

These themes work together in harmony to deliver our vision for Newcastle as a place for everyone.



#### **Delivering Newcastle 2040**

The Delivery Program is a statement of commitment to the community from our newly elected Council. It translates the community's visions and priorities into clear actions, and is the primary reference point for activities undertaken by Council during its term of office. It allows Council to determine what is achievable over the next four years, what the priorities are, and how programs will be scheduled. The Operational Plan (including annual budget) is CN's action plan for achieving the community's priorities outlined in Newcastle 2040 and the Delivery Program. An Operational Plan is prepared each year and adopted by Council. It identifies the projects, programs and actions that CN will deliver over a 12-month period commencing from 1 July.



## **Our commitment** to the community

Provides an overview for each N2040 Theme. These pages highlight the supporting initiatives identified in the Resourcing Strategy to implement Newcastle 2040, including:

- Funding
- Services
- Assets
- · Informing strategies
- Service indicators
- · Key initiatives.





#### Overview

A high-level overview of our performance including action progress, works program and total expenditure.



Our actions and measures of performance by Theme.



#### **Action progress**

Action progress by Priorities and Objectives. The Strategy column indicates actions that deliver against our strategies while the BAU column indicates actions that are business as usual.

Action progress is shown in the status column with the below indicators:

On Track 🗸 Monitor O

Off Track O



#### Measures

Measures for each priority help us understand how well we are performing and allow for evidencebased decision-making to inform other stages in our planning cycle. They are reported six-monthly in the performance report and annually in the annual report. See page 76 for baseline data and more detail.

## Overview of our performance

July 2023 to March 2024



Civic Theatre and Playhouse 147,640 attendees



Museum 130,477



**Art Gallery** attendees through offsite programs



331,260

406,384



**Determined Development Applications** 

914

with a value of \$751.4 million



101,606 customers to Summerhill Waste Management Centre



19,391 tonnes recycled

## Works program summary

July 2023 to March 2024



City infrastructure - Assets and **Facilities** \$19.3 million



Planning and Environment -Transport

\$2.4 million



**Planning and Environment** - Environment and sustainability

\$8.3 million



**Corporate Services** \$3 million



City Shaping \$24.2 million



Creative and **Community Services** \$18.1 million



Works program

\$95 million

69%

Full year budget

March actual

Year To Date (YTD) Actual

**Waste Services** \$9.8 million



City Infrastructure -Revitalisation

\$9.9 million



YTD Actual



Full year budget March actual

**Total actions** \$274.3 million 202



Off track

**Total measures 72** 





Off track N/A

## Liveable Newcastle

We have made a commitment to working together with our community, stakeholders and partners to create a liveable Newcastle, supported by the following services, assets, strategies, plans and key initiatives.

#### **Services**



services



Strategic planning



Regulatory services



**Facilities** management & city presentation



Development assessment



Transport, traffic & local roads



Digital services & innovation projects



Open spaces & city greening



Aquatic services



services



Community facilities, programs & partnerships



Construction & building trades

### **Assets**

holiday park

972km shared pathways

11 libraries

767km local roads

250 **Multi-function** poles

134 playgrounds

250 recreational parks

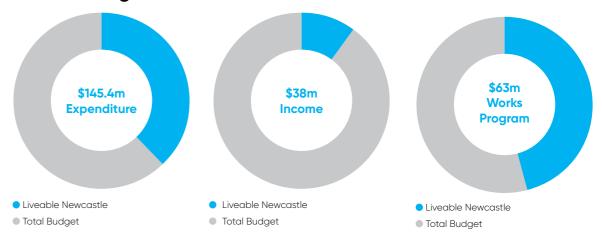
147 sporting grounds

127 transport shelters

off-leash dog areas

15 community halls & centres ocean baths 5 inland swimming pools

#### Total funding for 2023-2024



## Informing strategies

The following strategies have been developed to provide more specific and detailed guidance on the objectives of Liveable Newcastle.



Social

Strategy





Social Infrastructure Strategy (future draft)

**Local Strategic** Planning **Statement** 2020-2040

#### Supporting strategies and plans:

- Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022–2026
- Cycling Plan 2021-2030
- Parking Plan 2021-2030
- Local Housing Strategy 2020-2040
- Heritage Strategy 2020-2030
- Strategic Sports Plan 2020-2030

## **Key initiatives**

- Local Centre upgrades
- Foreshore Park upgrade
- Playground Improvement Program
- Newcastle Ocean Baths upgrade
- Walking and Mobility Plan
- Boscawen Street Bridge replacement at Wallsend

## Service indicators

Service indicators show the high-level impact of CN's service delivery on our city and community.

CN uses these indicators to track progress and performance against our service delivery and to quide our decision-making.

Social infrastructure index score: % of residents that live within 800m of community facilities, public transport, recreation facilities and green space (Source: CN Geographic Information System [GIS] mapped data)

% of houses that are walkable on footpaths within 800m of a local centre (Source: CN GIS mapped data)

\* Source: CN's Liveability and Wellbeing survey







## How we performed

#### **Total actions**

**72** 

Off Track

Actions completed or on track: 72

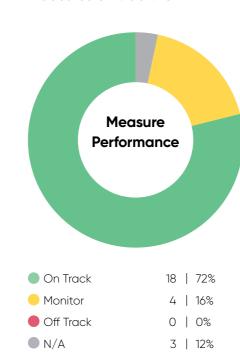


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### **Total measures**

**25** 

Measures on track: 18





#### Work progressing on road reconstruction projects at Irrawang Street, Wallsend.

## Priority 1.1 Enriched neighbourhoods and places

## 1.1.1 Great spaces

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                              | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---|----------|
| Assist Transport for NSW in the maintenance and asset renewal of regional and state roads to create and enhance welcoming entrances to the city | BAU              | Civil Construction<br>& Maintenance       | <b>~</b> |
| Work towards the launch of a world-class building expansion in late 2024 and renewed Newcastle Art Gallery identity in the lead-up              | Strategy         | Art Gallery                               | <b>~</b> |
| Provide aquatic facilities to meet community needs and industry requirements  | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services     | <b>~</b> |
| Support safe use of beaches and baths through professional lifeguard services   | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services     | <b>\</b> |
| Provide and maintain active and passive open spaces to promote the wellbeing of the community   | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services     | <b>~</b> |
| Implement Social Infrastructure Strategy and plan for healthy and vibrant community centres   | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services     | <b>~</b> |
| Facilitate the operation of community centres and halls for use by the community  | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services     | <b>/</b> |
| Plan parks and recreation facilities that support inclusivity, health and wellbeing, safety and liveability                                     | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services     | <b>~</b> |
| Provide and maintain sportsgrounds and supporting services to appropriate standards that meet community needs                                   | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services     | <b>~</b> |
| Provide venues and spaces across the service unit's facilities for hire by the community  | BAU              | Museum Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning | <b>\</b> |
| Deliver recreational and educational opportunities and expand community learning at Blackbutt Reserve   | BAU              | Environment &<br>Sustainability           | <b>~</b> |
| Build on relationships with Local Area Land Councils  | BAU              | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation    | <b>~</b> |

BAU: business as usual Strategy: actions that deliver against CN's strategies

## 1.1.2 Well-designed places

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                              | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---|----------|
| Provide a responsive, high-quality facility management service across the organisation to meet service level standards  | BAU              | Assets & Facilities                       | <b>~</b> |
| Undertake building asset condition inspection and reporting to identify and implement maintenance action plans, asset standards, gap analysis and long-term capital upgrade program | BAU              | Assets & Facilities                       | <b>~</b> |
| Provide responsive building trade services to ensure high-quality facilities management for CN's facilities and assets to meet service level standards                              | BAU              | Assets & Facilities                       | <b>~</b> |
| Develop and implement asset management processes to guide delivery of services for CN's built and civil infrastructure  | BAU              | Assets & Facilities                       | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver retaining wall program, including inspections, design and renewal implementation to meet service level standards  | BAU              | Assets & Facilities                       | <b>✓</b> |
| Plan, design and implement remaining sections of Bathers Way  | BAU              | Project<br>Management<br>Office           | <b>~</b> |
| Apply appropriate design principle considerations and standards to public domain infrastructure project design  | BAU              | Project<br>Management<br>Office           | <b>~</b> |
| Continue to deliver Local Centres Public Domain Program to foster new growth in urban centres   | BAU              | Project<br>Management<br>Office           | <b>~</b> |
| Implement Property Portfolio Strategy to sustainably manage property assets   | BAU              | Finance, Property<br>& Performance        | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver parks and recreation facilities that support inclusivity, health and wellbeing, safety and liveability with construction of new assets and renewal of existing assets       | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services     | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver improvements that are focused on inclusion  | BAU              | Museum Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning | <b>~</b> |
| Carry out renewal and maintenance of assets and facilities to ensure they are fit for purpose   | BAU              | Museum Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver a high standard of development outcomes for the built environment, including efficient determination of applications  | BAU              | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation    | <b>✓</b> |
| Prepare updated Newcastle Development Control Plan  | BAU              | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation    | <b>~</b> |
| Participate in government planning reform and implement required changes to internal processes  | BAU              | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation    | <b>~</b> |
| Implement Housing Strategy and continue to develop Affordable<br>Housing Contribution Scheme  | Strategy         | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation    | <b>~</b> |
| Implement initiatives through Local Strategic Planning Statement and facilitate delivery of actions   | Strategy         | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation    | <b>~</b> |
| Prepare and facilitate delivery of Broadmeadow Place Strategy   | Strategy         | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation    | <b>~</b> |

## 1.1.3 Protected heritage

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                           | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|--|----------|
| Ensure operation of heritage assets (City Hall and Civic Theatre) meets conservation goals and is legislatively compliant | BAU              | Civic Services                         | <b>✓</b> |
| Plan and manage community land as per Local Government Act 1993<br>and Crown Land Management Act 2016                     | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services  | <b>~</b> |
| Increase local community understanding and participation to conserve, enhance and celebrate Newcastle's heritage places   | BAU              | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation | <b>~</b> |

#### Measures



Qualitative measures based on community perceptions



Level of community satisfaction with sporting facilities\*



Level of community satisfaction with beaches and beach facilities



Level of community satisfaction with parks and recreational areas



Quantitative measures based on data



Beach/pool usage attendance



Community sport bookings

<sup>\*</sup> Measure changed from sportsgrounds to sporting facilities in 2021/2022.

## Priority 1.2 Connected and fair communities

## 1.2.1 Connected communities

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                          | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Maintain and deliver community information and data sources to support community development within the city  | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services | <b>~</b> |
| Drive campaigns, education and awareness-raising initiatives that support community inclusion, liveability and belonging and speak to Local Social issues | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services | <b>~</b> |

## 1.2.2 Inclusive communities

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                          | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Implement Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Strategy (2023-2027)                       | Strategy         | People &<br>Culture                   | <b>~</b> |
| Implement identified actions within the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2022–2026) | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services | <b>~</b> |

## 1.2.3 Equitable communities

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT   | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|--|----------|
| Embed Sustainable Development Goals across the LGA through support, advocacy and strategic alignment of CN activities | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance                      | <b>~</b> |
| Govern and support Grants and Sponsorship Program and support grant governance across the organisation                | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance                      | <b>~</b> |
| Build capacity within the community to improve the quality of grant applications and funded activities within the LGA | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance                      | <b>~</b> |
| Implement Reconciliation Action Plan (2022–2025)  | Strategy         | People &<br>Culture  | <b>/</b> |
| Undertake social research, analysis and advocacy that supports the community  | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services                      | <b>✓</b> |
| Facilitate projects and programs that support and build capacity of the community sector                              | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services                      | <b>~</b> |
| Facilitate targeted partnerships that contribute to socio-economic inclusion outcomes for the people of Newcastle     | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services                      | <b>✓</b> |
| Coordinate fair and equitable licensing of public spaces with positive customer experience                            | Strategy         | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |

## 1.2.4 Healthy communities

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                                 | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|--|----------|
| Deliver programs for maintenance, renewal and upgrade of existing stormwater infrastructure  | BAU              | Assets &<br>Facilities                       | <b>~</b> |
| Maintain city and coastline assets to a high standard of cleanliness for community and visitors  | BAU              | Assets &<br>Facilities                       | <b>~</b> |
| Promote water safety awareness that supports community wellbeing and continue to develop and deliver initiatives to increase awareness   | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services        | <b>✓</b> |
| Undertake Social Impact Assessment on identified development as part of Development Assessment process   | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services        | <b>/</b> |
| Facilitate community programs to meet objectives of Local Social Strategy  | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services        | <b>~</b> |
| Facilitate cemetery operations and management in Minmi, Stockton and Beresfield  | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services        | <b>V</b> |
| Promote and encourage use of recreation parks and facilities for community health and wellbeing through a variety of channels  | BAU              | Community<br>& Recreation<br>Services        | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver high-quality childcare and early childhood education services to families in Beresfield and surrounds that is responsive, fit for purpose and meets legislative and statutory requirements | BAU              | Museum<br>Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning | <b>~</b> |
| Provide animal management services, including education of the community and enforcement of regulations  | BAU              | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation       | <b>~</b> |
| Carry out a broad range of compliance activities, including patrols, inspections, investigations and education, to protect public safety, the environment and public amenity                       | BAU              | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation       | <b>~</b> |



Deputy Lord Mayor Declan Clausen navigates Memorial Drive at the current pedestrian crossing, which will be upgraded to provide safer, easier connectivity in this busy coastal precinct.

#### Measures



Qualitative measures based on community perceptions



Level of community satisfaction with libraries



Number of library loans



Number of Home Library Service items and members



Quantitative measures based on data



Number of awareness-raising initiatives specific to inclusion



Program attendance (libraries)



Visits to physical service points (libraries)

## Priority 1.3 Safe, active and linked movement across the city

## 1.3.1 Connected cycleways and pedestrian networks

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                              | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---|----------|
| Ensure projects incorporate objectives in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2022–2026) to enable safe and active movement across the city   | BAU              | Assets &<br>Facilities                    | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver improvements to existing infrastructure to accommodate better pedestrian connectivity and accessibility across the LGA's network of footpaths, shared paths and cycleways   | BAU              | Civil<br>Construction<br>&<br>Maintenance | <b>~</b> |
| Undertake forward planning based off data-driven projections and manage effective delivery of investment in transport infrastructure in alignment with strategic goals under the Transport Program (Parking, Pedestrian, Cycling, Traffic Management) | Strategy         | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation    | <b>~</b> |
| Upgrade, expand and connect cycling facilities (in accordance with the Safe System approach), including shared paths, dedicated cycleways, bike parking and on-road provision   | BAU              | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation    | <b>~</b> |

#### 1.3.2 Road networks

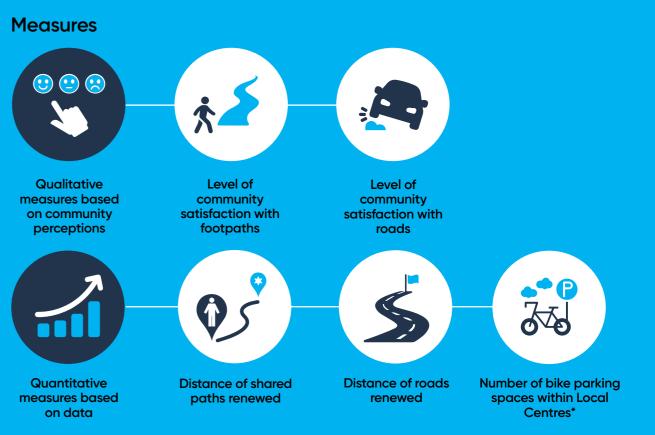
| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                              | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---|----------|
| Develop and implement road rehabilitation and resurfacing programs to meet service level standards  | BAU              | Assets &<br>Facilities                    | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver bridge program, including inspections, design and renewal to meet service level standards   | BAU              | Assets &<br>Facilities                    | <b>~</b> |
| Schedule and deliver routine inspection program for building and civil infrastructure asset condition   | BAU              | Assets &<br>Facilities                    | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver Capital Works Program for civil infrastructure renewal and replacement in line with community needs and nominated targets for roads and drainage assets, and proactively manage maintenance of existing road infrastructure | BAU              | Civil<br>Construction<br>&<br>Maintenance | <b>~</b> |

## 1.3.3 Managed parking

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                           | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|--|----------|
| Enforce legislation related to parked vehicles, as delegated to CN under the Roads Act 1993 and Local Government Act 1993  | BAU              | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation | <b>/</b> |
| Manage all areas with on-street parking restrictions, including paid parking areas, assets, services and signage, and undertake strategic approach to paid parking elements, rates and innovation in smart parking | BAU              | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation | <b>~</b> |

## 1.3.4 Effective public transport

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                           | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|--|----------|
| Develop Transport Stop Renewal and Upgrade Program   | BAU              | Assets &<br>Facilities                 | <b>V</b> |
| Develop and promote effective traffic and transport management, information and strategy, including coordination with transport stakeholders on strategic transport outcomes and promotion of modal shift and active transport | Strategy         | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation | <b>~</b> |



<sup>\*</sup> New measure, no data available.

## Priority 1.4 Innovative and connected city

## 1.4.1 Emerging technologies

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT              | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Continue to mature and enhance Spatial Digital Twin to include more of the city's natural, built and social environments and facilitate better planning, service delivery and outcomes for the city | BAU              | Information<br>Technology | <b>~</b> |
| Evolve smart city data and platforms, including sensors, IoT networks, data platforms and apps to inform decision-making  | BAU              | Information<br>Technology | <b>✓</b> |

## 1.4.2 Digital inclusion and social innovation

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                              | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|---|----------|
| Establish a fully resourced virtual library and seamless online membership experience  | Strategy         | Museum Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning | <b>~</b> |
| Create and improve digital experiences and focus on Science,<br>Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and Robotics to provide<br>inclusive access and exposure to current and future technologies | BAU              | Museum Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning | <b>~</b> |
| Provide access to technology and Wi-Fi for research and recreation to increase participation in a digital society and reduce social isolation  | BAU              | Museum Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learnina | <b>~</b> |

#### Measures









Qualitative measures based on community perceptions

Level of community satisfaction with the city's innovation

Level of community satisfaction with online services such as the website\*











Quantitative measures based on data

Number of heritage collection items digitised

Number of Pay by Phone parking transactions

Number of webchat conversations

Number of e-Library loans



<sup>\*</sup> Webchat satisfaction measure removed due to changes in software. This measure has been added to replace webchat satisfaction.

We have made a commitment to working together with our community, stakeholders and partners to create a sustainable Newcastle, supported by the following services, assets, strategies, plans and key initiatives.

#### **Services**



Sustainability programs



Natural area bushland services



Waste collections & cleaning services



Landfill operations



recovery & recycling



Education programs



Commercial & internal waste



Innovation & futures



Asset services



#### Assets

81km Waterways 113.048 Street & park trees

**Bushland parcels** 

65 Wetlands

5.7km **Bushland tracks** & trails

Ocean baths

3.5km Coastal cliff line 10 **Beaches** 

8.7km River walls 3.7km Sea walls

14km Coastline

Waste & resource recovery centre

Solar farm

14,500 Solar panels

#### Total funding for 2023-2024



## Informing strategies

The following strategies have been developed to provide more specific and detailed guidance on the objectives of Sustainable Newcastle.



Strategy





Sustainable Waste Strategy

#### Supporting strategies and plans

- Coastal Management Plan
- Cycling Plan 2021-2030
- Climate Action Plan 2021–2025
- Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020-2040
- Stockton Coastal Management Plan 2020
- Smart City Strategy 2017-2021

## Service indicators

Service indicators show the high-level impact of CN's service delivery on our city and community.

CN uses these indicators to track progress and performance against our service delivery and to guide our decision-making.

CN operational greenhouse gas emissions (Source: CN data)

CN uptake and support of electric vehicles (Source: CN data)

Road and open parkland canopy cover (Source: CN GIS mapped data)

CN operational water consumption (Source: Hunter Water)

Use of local suppliers (Source: CN data)

Municipal waste diversion from landfill (Source: CN data)

Proximity to natural areas (Source: CN GIS mapped data)

## **Key initiatives**

Tree planting commitment





Fleet Transition Plan













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## How we performed

#### **Total actions**

**17** 

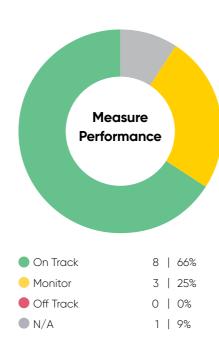
Actions completed or on track: 17



#### **Total measures**

**12** 

Measures on track: 8



## Priority 2.1 Action on climate change

#### 2.1.1 Towards net zero emissions

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                    | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Develop transition plan to zero-emissions vehicles for entire fleet and continue replacement of fleet with Electric Vehicles (EV) | Strategy         | Environment &<br>Sustainability | <b>✓</b> |
| Deliver priority actions from Climate Action Plan (2021–2025)   | Strategy         | Environment &<br>Sustainability | <b>~</b> |

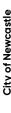
### 2.1.2 Know and share our climate risk

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                    | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Improve our knowledge of the risks of climate change on our urban and natural environments and our community | BAU              | Environment &<br>Sustainability | <b>~</b> |

#### 2.1.3 Resilient urban and natural areas

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                    | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Deliver coastal management program for Newcastle LGA   | Strategy         | Environment &<br>Sustainability | <b>✓</b> |
| Deliver flood risk management program for Newcastle LGA  | Strategy         | Environment & Sustainability    | <b>V</b> |
| Integrate climate-resilient species and successional planting into urban forest improvement program                        | BAU              | Environment &<br>Sustainability | <b>✓</b> |
| Develop Climate Risk and Resilience Action Plan, including a climate risk analysis, to support CN and community adaptation | Strategy         | Environment &<br>Sustainability | <b>~</b> |

BAU: business as usual Strategy: actions that deliver against CN's strategies





## LGA

2.2.3 Achieve a water-sensitive city

Deliver street and park tree replacement program to expand the city's

Commence development of blue and green grid mapping for Newcastle

2.2.2 Expand the urban forest

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                    | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Partner with external stakeholders to implement stormwater management and water quality improvements across the city | BAU              | Environment &<br>Sustainability | <b>/</b> |

STRATEGY

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SERVICE UNIT STATUS

Environment &

Sustainability

Environment &

Sustainability

## Priority 2.2 Nature-based solutions

## 2.2.1 Regenerate natural systems

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                    | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Review and update natural asset registers to support improved strategic and operational planning                             | BAU              | Environment &<br>Sustainability | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver projects that improve the health and condition of our natural assets and protect and enhance the natural environment | BAU              | Environment &<br>Sustainability | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver environmental education and volunteering programs to enhance community stewardship of our natural environment        | BAU              | Environment & Sustainability    | <b>✓</b> |

## Measures

ACTION



 $<sup>\</sup>mbox{^{\ast}}$  Data is currently on hold due to changes in CN systems.

## **Priority 2.3 Circular economy**

#### 2.3.1 Design out waste

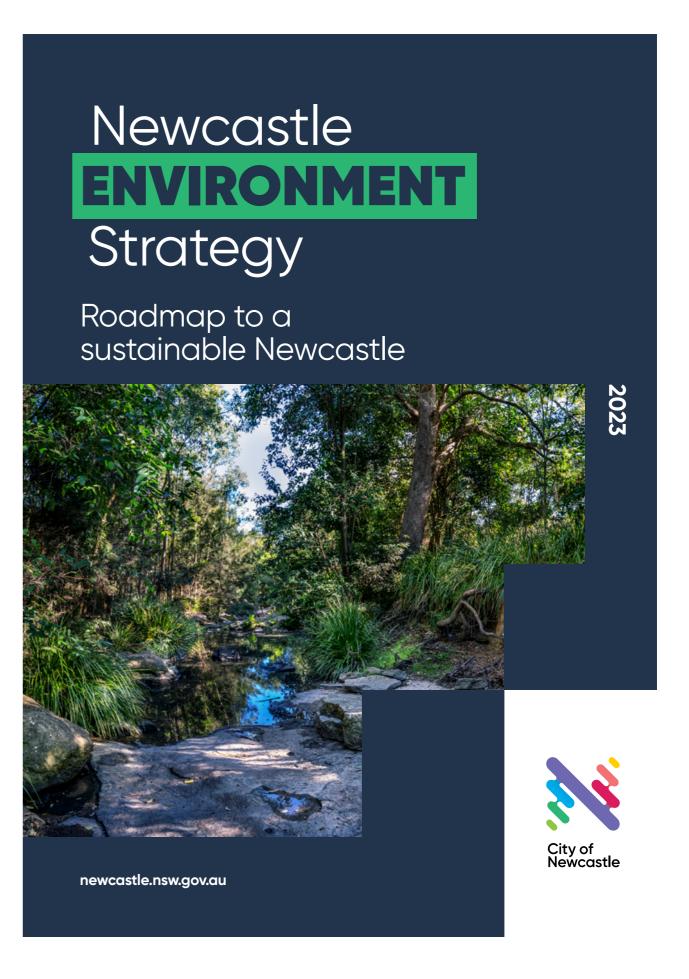
| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT   | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|----------------|----------|
| Positioning for delivery of Sustainable Waste Strategy | Strategy         | Waste Services | <b>✓</b> |

Note: Actions relating to the Sustainable Waste Strategy have been updated with the above Action as we focus on early-stage positioning to better enable delivery upon the strategy.

#### 2.3.2 Localised supply chain and sustainable procurement

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT  | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---|----------|
| Ensure works program will incorporate local suppliers and sustainable procurement where financially responsible                         | BAU              | Finance, Property<br>& Performance                      | <b>✓</b> |
| Showcase local suppliers and support circular economy with 85% of menu items from within the catchment of the Hunter Joint Organisation | BAU              | Civic Services  | <b>✓</b> |
| Provide a unique retail space that showcases local artists and producers  | BAU              | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate Affairs | <b>~</b> |





We have made a commitment to working together with our community, stakeholders and partners to shape a creative Newcastle, supported by the following services, assets, strategies, plans and key initiatives.

#### **Services**



**Art Gallery** 



Civic Theatre & Playhouse



**Newcastle** Venues



Marketing



Museum

Centre

**Visitor Information** 

**Economic** 

development

Libraries &

learning



Tourism



#### Assets

176 public art, fountains and monuments

airport

**Art Gallery** 

41 cultural spaces

150 public Wi-Fi network access points

**Visitor Information** Centre

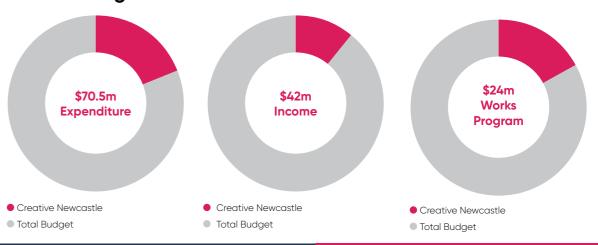
**Civic Theatre** & Playhouse

City Hall

**Digital Library** 

Museum

#### Total funding for 2023-2024



## Informing strategies

The following strategies have been developed to provide more specific and detailed guidance on the objectives of Creative Newcastle.



Economic Strategy 2021-2025

#### Supporting strategies and plans:

- Destination Management Plan 2021-2025
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026
- Cultural Precinct Masterplan 2022

## Service indicators

Service indicators show the high-level impact of CN's service delivery on our city and community.

CN uses these indicators to track progress and performance against our service delivery and to quide our decision-making.

There are meaningful employment opportunities across Newcastle (Source: CN Liveability and Wellbeing survey)

Newcastle is a good place to start or grow a business (Source: CN Liveability and Wellbeing survey)

Newcastle has a thriving arts and culture scene (Source: CN Liveability and Wellbeing survey)

Newcastle offers a diverse range of events and activities (Source: CN Liveability and Wellbeing survey)

Return on investment on events (Source: CN data)

Value of building approvals (Source: CN data)

## **Key initiatives**

- Art Gallery expansion
- New Annual Festival
- Tourism destination management
- Cultural activation
- Digital prospectus







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## How we performed

#### **Total actions**

**35** 

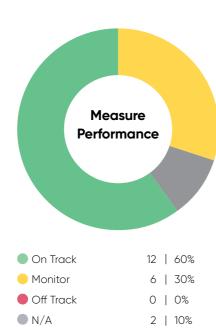
Actions completed or on track: 35



## **Total measures**

20

Measures on track: 12





## Priority 3.1 Vibrant and creative city

#### 3.1.1 Vibrant events

|  | STRATEGY/ |   |          |
|--|-----------|---|----------|
| ACTION   | BAU       | SERVICE UNIT  | STATUS   |
| Plan and develop launch of a new artistic program of temporary exhibitions   | BAU       | Art Gallery   | <b>✓</b> |
| Present offsite programming that foreshadows the reopening program   | BAU       | Art Gallery   | <b>~</b> |
| Attract business events to City Hall from outside the LGA  | BAU       | Civic Services  | <b>/</b> |
| Deliver Event Sponsorship Program and Strategic Events Partnership<br>Program to create vibrant spaces for community and visitors and support<br>Newcastle's visitor economy | Strategy  | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver New Annual, CN's flagship arts and cultural event  | BAU       | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate Affairs | <b>✓</b> |
| Develop and deliver updated Events Plan aligned with Destination<br>Management Plan (2021–2025)  | Strategy  | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate Affairs | <b>~</b> |

## 3.1.2 Bold and challenging programs

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT  | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|---|----------|
| Plan and prepare an opening and ongoing artistic program that is inclusive, representative and reflects the strength and diversity of global artistic expression | BAU              | Art Gallery   | <b>~</b> |
| Present the best of international, national and local live performances across a broad arts spectrum   | BAU              | Civic Services  | <b>/</b> |
| Deliver Major Events Program including New Year's Eve and Anzac Day  | BAU              | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Develop and deliver a program of permanent, travelling, temporary and community exhibitions for and about Newcastle  | BAU              | Museum Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning               | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver engaging, diverse and inclusive programs that support, connect and reflect our community   | BAU              | Museum Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning               | <b>/</b> |

BAU: business as usual Strategy: actions that deliver against CN's strategies

## 3.1.3 Tourism and visitor economy

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT  | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---|----------|
| Develop a Masterplan for Stockton Beach Holiday Park that promotes<br>Newcastle's tourism and visitor economy and ensures financial<br>sustainability   | BAU              | Finance, Property<br>& Performance                        | <b>~</b> |
| Lead sustainable growth of Newcastle's visitor economy as identified in<br>the Newcastle Destination Management Plan (2021–2025)  | Strategy         | – Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Manage Newcastle's destination brand Seek Off Beat  | Strategy         |   | <b>~</b> |
| Maintain destination digital consumer assets, including Visit Newcastle website and Business Events website, as well as print promotions such as City Guide, self-guided itineraries and maps | Strategy         |   | <b>~</b> |
| Increase awareness of Newcastle as a premier regional business events destination and secure high-yielding business events that support Newcastle's visitor economy                           | Strategy         |   | <b>~</b> |
| Enhance digital engagement for CN's corporate and social sites  | BAU              |   | <b>~</b> |
| Provide complimentary support to visitor economy businesses and large-scale events  | BAU              |   | <b>~</b> |
| Support tourism industry to enhance visitor experience in Newcastle   | BAU              |   | <b>~</b> |

### 3.1.4 Vibrant night-time economy

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT   | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|--|----------|
| Support projects to understand, increase and enhance venue diversity at night  | Strategy         | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver place activation and continue to develop and advocate for strategic policy and planning to enable, enhance and support night-time economy and live music | Strategy         | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |

#### Measures



Qualitative measures based on community perceptions



Level of community satisfaction with promotion of tourism



Level of community satisfaction with entertainment and events



Growth in business tourism



Number of social media followers across all CN platforms



Quantitative measures based on data



Number of events delivered



Number of event licences processed



Civic Theatre and City Hall attendance



Social media reach on the CN corporate channel

# Priority 3.2 Opportunities in jobs, learning and innovation

## 3.2.1 Inclusive opportunities

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                                 | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|--|----------|
| Design and deliver member-responsive, diverse, entertaining, innovative and educational library collections | BAU              | Museum<br>Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning | <b>~</b> |

## 3.2.2 Skilled people and businesses

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT   | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|--|----------|
| Implement New Move community program and leverage to drive engagement, talent attraction and advocacy                              | BAU              | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver economic and workforce development programs and resources at our libraries to improve employment and productivity outcomes | BAU              | Museum<br>Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning               | <b>~</b> |

### 3.2.3 Innovative people and businesses

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT   | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|--|----------|
| Deliver programming that supports attraction and development of startup/scaleup businesses | Strategy         | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |

#### **Measures**



Qualitative measures based Level of community satisfaction with economic development

## **Priority 3.3 Celebrating culture**

## 3.3.1 Nurture cultural and creative practitioners

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                                 | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|--|----------|
| Present accessible and inclusive range of free or low-cost activities to build new audiences   | BAU              | Civic Services                               | <b>/</b> |
| Manage, conserve and digitise cultural collections, ensuring adherence to relevant policies and procedures   | BAU              | Museum<br>Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning | <b>~</b> |
| Provide sector development support for Newcastle and the Hunter<br>Region's network of volunteer and community-initiated museums, historical<br>societies and Keeping Places | Strategy         | Museum<br>Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning | <b>~</b> |

## 3.3.2 Promote Newcastle as a major arts and cultural destination

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT   | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|--|----------|
| Attract new and existing audiences from across the state, nation and globe and deepen engagement with art and artists through public and educational programming | BAU              | Art Gallery  | <b>✓</b> |
| Prepare the Gallery's permanent collection for long-term public displays within the expanded Newcastle Art Gallery   | BAU              | Art Gallery  | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver NewSkills program to provide support for training initiatives that address skills gaps and areas of economic transformation                              | Strategy         | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |

## 3.3.3 Culture in everyday life

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                                 | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|--|----------|
| Collaborate with internal CN partners to deliver cultural activities of community benefit  | BAU              | Civic Services                               | <b>~</b> |
| Maintain community access to physical and digital cultural collections for the purposes of research, entertainment and education                     | BAU              | Museum<br>Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning | <b>~</b> |
| Enhance and expand cultural collections through the acceptance of relevant heritage material, ensuring adherence to relevant policies and procedures | BAU              | Museum<br>Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning | <b>~</b> |

#### Measures



Qualitative measures based on community perceptions



Level of community satisfaction with Art Gallery and programs



Level of community satisfaction with Civic venues



Level of community satisfaction with Museum



Quantitative measures based on data



Students attending **Art Gallery** programming\*



Number of Museum ticketed attendees



Number of artists celebrated in Art Gallery programming

<sup>\*</sup> New measure due to closure of Art Gallery for expansion works.



#### Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes joins City of Newcastle staff, residents and University of Newcastle Associate Professor Troy Gaston at the Hidden Life of Sand workshop at Nobbys Beach.

## Priority 3.4 City-shaping partnerships

### 3.4.1 Optimise city opportunities

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT   | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|--|----------|
| Develop and maintain a digital platform aimed at raising the profile of Newcastle's economic development opportunities | BAU              | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |

#### 3.4.2 Advocacy and partnerships

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                          | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Develop and implement rolling 12-month Government Relations Roadmap that articulates forthcoming advocacy actions | Strategy         | Media,                                | <b>\</b> |
| Support the operation of Newcastle's 4 Business Improvement Associations  | Strategy         | Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate | <b>V</b> |
| Establish a monthly newsletter to local businesses  | Strategy         | Affairs                               | <b>\</b> |

#### Measures



Qualitative measures based on community perceptions

Level of community satisfaction with management of residential development



Quantitative measures based on data



**Number of DAs** determined



Reduction in backlog of

# Achieving Together

We have made a commitment to Achieving Together with our community, stakeholders and partners with the support of the following services, assets, strategies, plans and key initiatives.

#### **Services**



**Procurement** & contracts



Corporate finance



Legal services



Records & information



Information technology



Customer experience



Corporate planning & performance



management



Governance



Audit & risk



Media & stakeholder relations



Assets

1.300 **CN** staff

Informing strategies within N2040

\$2 billion Total value of assets

Strategic Advisory Committees

171,307 Residents

304 Volunteers

**Customer Service** Centre

**Have Your Say** engagement site

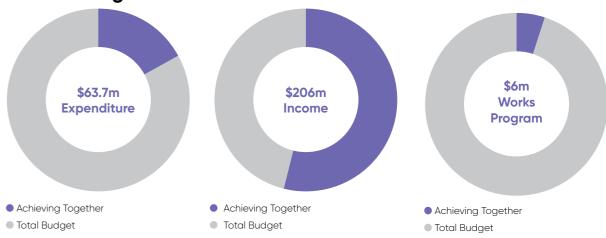
13 Lord Mayor & councillors

Guraki Aboriginal **Advisory Committee** 

**Newcastle Youth** Council

**Audit & Risk** Committee

#### Total funding for 2023-2024



## Informing strategies

The following strategies have been developed to provide more specific and detailed guidance on the objectives of Achieving Together Newcastle.



Strategy 2020-2025

(internal)





Resourcing Newcastle 2040

Workforce Development Strategic Plan 2022-2026

#### Supporting strategies and plans:

- Inclusion, Diversity & Equity Strategy 2023-2027
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026
- Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2021
- Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2024

## **Service indicators**

Service indicators show the high-level impact of CN's service delivery on our city and community.

CN uses these indicators to track progress and performance against our service delivery and to guide our decision-making.

Trust in CN (Source: CN's Liveability and Wellbeing survey)

Overall performance (Source: CN's Community Satisfaction survey)

Operating performance ratio \*

Own source operating revenue ratio \*

Unrestricted current ratio \*

Debt service cover ratio \*

Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage \*

Cash expense cover ratio \*

\* Source: CN's financial statements

## **Key initiatives**

- Our people
- Financial sustainability
- Customer Experience Transformation Program
- Digital transformation







## How we performed

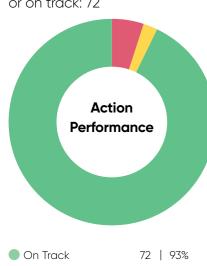
#### **Total actions**

**77** 

Monitor

Off Track

Actions completed or on track: 72



2 | 3%

3 | 4%

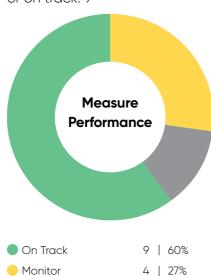
#### **Total measures**

15

Off Track

N/A

Measures completed or on track: 9



0 | 0%

2 | 13%

## Priority 4.1 Inclusive and integrated planning

## 4.1.1 Financial sustainability

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                          | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Lead prudent and proactive financial management across the organisation that ensures a positive financial legacy   | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance | <b>~</b> |
| Ensure timely and accurate management of accounts payable, stores and logistics, purchasing procedures and financial authorisations to provide both internal and external customers with a high level of service | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance | <b>~</b> |
| Ensure rates and charges for the financial year are levied and collected in accordance with relevant legislation, while also incorporating rates assistance provisions   | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance | <b>~</b> |
| Provide effective management of investment portfolio to maximise return within our policy and risk framework   | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance | <b>~</b> |
| Increase ticket sales and optimise financial returns, including through use of a range of commercial models for venue hires and partnerships   | BAU              | Civic Services                        | <b>V</b> |
| Operate commercial function and event venues to full capacity and maximise profit  | BAU              | Civic Services                        | <b>/</b> |

## 4.1.2 Integrated planning and reporting

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                          | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Coordinate and report on the Capital Works Program  | BAU              | Project<br>Management<br>Office       | <b>~</b> |
| Develop Delivering Newcastle 2040 and quarterly reports through inclusive, Integrated Planning and Reporting and collaboration across the organisation            | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance | <b>~</b> |
| Build awareness across councillors and the community around Newcastle 2040 and its impact on the work we do in response to community needs                        | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance | <b>~</b> |
| Integrate Newcastle 2040's vision and priorities into all that we do, through structured and supported planning and monitoring and reporting activities across CN | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance | <b>~</b> |
| Build awareness and capabilities around Integrated Planning and<br>Reporting and strategic planning with a corporate online hub                                   | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance | <b>~</b> |
| Manage CN's privacy management obligations  | BAU              | Legal &<br>Governance                 | <b>✓</b> |
| Deliver ongoing best practice improvements and embed Corporate<br>Governance Framework  | BAU              | Legal &<br>Governance                 | <b>V</b> |

BAU: business as usual Strategy: actions that deliver against CN's strategies

## 4.1.3 Aligned and engaged workforce

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT        | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Develop and implement a Psychological Claims and Injury Management<br>Pathway                         | BAU              | People &<br>Culture | <b>~</b> |
| Develop and implement an end-to-end process for managing return to work                               | BAU              | People &<br>Culture | <b>~</b> |
| Develop and deliver Safety Education Program  | Strategy         | People &<br>Culture | <b>✓</b> |
| Review and assess Work Health and Safety Management System to ensure it remains fit for purpose       | Strategy         | People &<br>Culture | <b>✓</b> |
| Embed a resource-to-risk approach to SWP service delivery   | BAU              | People &<br>Culture | <b>~</b> |
| Continue to develop and deliver Safety Culture Program  | Strategy         | People &<br>Culture | <b>~</b> |
| Build CN's employer brand   | BAU              | People &<br>Culture | <b>✓</b> |
| Build resource planning capability and ensure resourcing is aligned with<br>Newcastle 2040 objectives | BAU              | People &<br>Culture | 0        |
| Implement Remuneration Governance Framework   | BAU              | People &<br>Culture | <b>~</b> |
| Develop and implement Cultural Strategy 2016-2019   | Strategy         | People &<br>Culture | <b>~</b> |



Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes (centre) with City of Newcastle staff Sheridan Nickalls, Scott Moore, Nick Wells and Bronwyn Lawler outside the restored Shepherds Hill Cottage.

### Measures



Qualitative measures based on community perceptions



Level of community satisfaction with CN's overall performance



Level of community satisfaction with CN's long-term planning and vision for the city



Quantitative measures based on data



Employee first year turnover rate



Indigenous workforce representation



Workplace engagement

## Priority 4.2 Trust and transparency

## 4.2.1 Genuine engagement

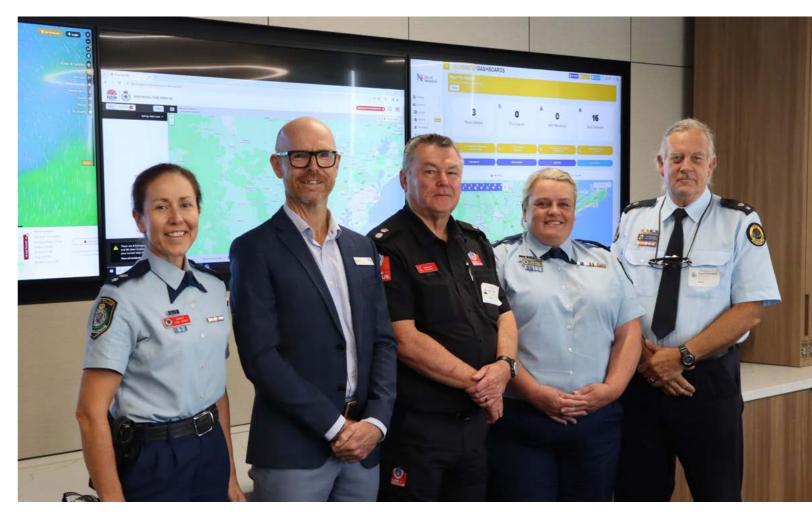
| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT   | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|--|----------|
| Deliver information to the community to enable active participation in CN's decision-making process    | Strategy         | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver best practice engagement that is inclusive and accessible                                      | Strategy         | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver best practice community engagement services that build trust in the process                    | Strategy         | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Ensure delivery of engaging communications and promotional campaigns to promote services and offerings | Strategy         | Museum<br>Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning               | <b>~</b> |
| Regularly engage with, listen to and encourage participation of stakeholders                           | Strategy         | Waste<br>Services  | <b>~</b> |
| Provide important and relevant updates to stakeholders regarding development, planning and regulations | BAU              | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation                     | <b>~</b> |

## 4.2.2 Shared information and celebration of success

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT   | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|--|----------|
| Develop and implement communication campaigns using a range of channels and media to support achievement of strategic priorities   | BAU              | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Identify high-risk projects and ensure strategic communication and stakeholder management plans are in place to manage risks to reputation   | BAU              | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver impactful centralised marketing programs to improve commercial and community outcomes for major events, key projects, CN cultural institutions and corporate marketing through integrated planning and strategic partnership | BAU              | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Foster a positive reputation and community goodwill by effective management of the CN brand  | BAU              | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Celebrate our achievements through our Annual Report   | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance                      | <b>\</b> |
| Review the performance of CN using comparison analysis of local government and collaborate to improve processes  | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance                      | <b>~</b> |
| Maintain and deliver best practice information management including access, storage and release of information   | BAU              | Legal &<br>Governance                                      | <b>\</b> |
| Deliver ongoing best practice improvements and embed Enterprise Risk<br>Management Framework   | BAU              | Legal &<br>Governance                                      | <b>\</b> |
| Implement Leadership Capability Framework and facilitate Leadership<br>Development Program   | Strategy         | People &<br>Culture  | <b>\</b> |

#### 4.2.3 Trusted customer experience

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT   | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|--|----------|
| Oversee corporate website content, including homepage curation and coordination of the editor/champion network  | BAU              | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Develop and deliver a Digital Marketing Strategy to increase online profile and presence  | Strategy         | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Provide regular and meaningful communications to both internal and external customers around customer experience improvement initiatives and customer satisfaction/success indicators | BAU              | Customer<br>Experience                                     | <b>~</b> |
| Manage and expand Voice of the Customer Program to ensure effective operation of closed-loop feedback   | BAU              | Customer<br>Experience                                     | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver complaints-handling management and reporting  | BAU              | Customer<br>Experience                                     | <b>~</b> |
| Continue to provide high-quality, responsive customer service delivery to the community via phone, digital and counter channels   | BAU              | Customer<br>Experience                                     | <b>~</b> |
| Design customer-centred experiences, digitised services and ways of working to empower customers and employees  | Strategy         | Customer<br>Experience                                     | <b>✓</b> |
| Embed a trusted customer experience and a collaborative approach with both internal and external stakeholders through best practice property management                               | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance                      | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver business partnering excellence by building on a foundation of trust and recommending solutions that sustainably enable CN's strategic priorities                              | BAU              | Information<br>Technology                                  | <b>~</b> |
| Implement business partnering and consistent project management to facilitate delivery of CN's strategic priorities   | BAU              | Information<br>Technology                                  | <b>~</b> |
| Develop and implement information security operations to manage and audit IT governance and meet legislation and regulatory compliance requirements                                   | BAU              | Information<br>Technology                                  | <b>~</b> |
| Provide timely advice and representation in high-risk legal matters supporting the delivery of strategic objectives   | BAU              | Legal &<br>Governance                                      | <b>~</b> |
| Provide an exceptional visitor experience for all customers and stakeholders  | BAU              | Civic Services   | <b>~</b> |
| Develop and maintain high-quality customer experiences and satisfaction   | BAU              | Museum<br>Archive<br>Libraries &<br>Learning               | <b>~</b> |



Lake Macquarie Police Acting Superintendent Lisa Jones, City of Newcastle Executive Director Corporate Services David Clarke, Fire and Rescue Superintendent Garry Tye, Newcastle Police Superintendent Kylie Endemi and NSW SES Superintendent Ian Robinson attend the annual Local Emergency Management Committee training simulation at City of Newcastle's purpose-built emergency operations centre.

#### Measures



Qualitative measures based on community perceptions



Level of community satisfaction with CN's response to community needs



Quantitative measures based on data



CN website visitors per month



Number of council resolutions completed and resolved



Number of compliments and complaints received at CN

## Priority 4.3 Collaborative and innovative approach

### 4.3.1 Collaborative organisation

| ACTION   | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                    | STATUS   |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Explore and deliver partnerships, delivery models and funding opportunities based on greatest benefit for community and customers      | Strategy         | Waste<br>Services               | <b>~</b> |
| Support delivery of Capital Works Program through the provision of survey, design, planning, project and program management            | BAU              | Project<br>Management<br>Office | <b>~</b> |
| Strengthen CN's crisis and emergency management capabilities   | BAU              | Legal &<br>Governance           | <b>~</b> |
| Maintain a best practice internal audit function in compliance with legislative requirements and Office of Local Government guidelines | BAU              | Legal &<br>Governance           | <b>~</b> |
| Support delivery of CN functions through provision of event services for meetings and civic events                                     | BAU              | Civic Services                  | <b>~</b> |

## 4.3.2 Innovation and continuous improvement

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT   | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|--|----------|
| Establish data analytics service under City Intelligence Program, aimed at providing evidence-based insights to the business community  | Strategy         | Media,<br>Engagement,<br>Economy &<br>Corporate<br>Affairs | <b>~</b> |
| Maintain operational fleet and plant to provide cost-effective, safe, fit-for-<br>purpose, legislatively compliant assets that support the needs of internal<br>customers in delivering services to the community | BAU              | Civil<br>Construction &<br>Maintenance                     | <b>~</b> |
| Develop and implement Business Excellence Framework and continuous improvement program through a holistic Service Review program of work  | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance                      | <b>~</b> |
| Drive cost savings and improved customer service levels through growth in use of electronic rates emailing platform   | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance                      | <b>~</b> |
| Undertake Service Review of land transactions and other dealings to implement innovation and continuous improvement   | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance                      | <b>~</b> |
| Continue optimisation of Human Resource Information System (TechOne)  | BAU              | People & Culture   | <b>✓</b> |
| Expand Employee Listening Strategy and engagement with staff  | Strategy         | People & Culture   | 0        |
| Pursue best practice service delivery through a process of continuous improvement and investments in technology   | BAU              | Civic Services   | <b>~</b> |
| Identify process improvements to optimise processing timeframes and continue to improve customer experience   | BAU              | Planning,<br>Transport &<br>Regulation                     | <b>~</b> |

#### 4.3.3. Data-driven decision-making and insights

| ACTION  | STRATEGY/<br>BAU | SERVICE UNIT                          | STATUS   |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Manage, improve and refine fleet assets through strategic planning, data-<br>driven decision-making, alignment with CN's sustainability goals and<br>legislation to meet service requirements | BAU              | Assets &<br>Facilities                | <b>~</b> |
| Develop a Property Investment Strategy that is underpinned by data-<br>driven decision-making and financial sustainability  | BAU              | Finance,<br>Property &<br>Performance | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver digital transformation of CN services by leading development of platforms and processes to maximise benefit of digital investments  | BAU              | Information<br>Technology             | <b>~</b> |
| Create a data-led organisation where business intelligence actively informs decision-making and future strategy development   | BAU              | Information<br>Technology             | <b>~</b> |
| Deliver needs-based solution architecture that directly links to CN's priorities, objectives and governance requirements  | BAU              | Information<br>Technology             | <b>V</b> |
| Establish safety and wellbeing KPIs   | Strategy         | People &<br>Culture                   | <b>✓</b> |
| Automate Performance and Development process  | BAU              | People &<br>Culture                   | Ο.       |
| Develop an organisation position matrix and critical skills inventory   | BAU              | People &<br>Culture                   | O**      |
| Build digital literacy for digital enablement   | BAU              | People &<br>Culture                   | O***     |

<sup>\*</sup> This Action is ongoing. In March 2024 we commenced scoping out the PDP automate process with a view to pilot this process with internal stakeholders in 2024. Feedback from this pilot will inform the wider organisation roll out in 2025.

#### Measures



<sup>\*\*</sup>This Action has not started yet.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Learning Planning & Engagement team is currently reviewing the digital literacy programs available at CN to ensure they meet current and future digital skill needs.



# Income and expenses budget review statement

Result for the financial quarter ending 31 March, 2024.

| FULL<br>YEAR<br>ADOPTED<br>BUDGET | INCOME STATEMENT  | SEPTEMBER 2023<br>ADOPTED<br>CHANGES | DECEMBER<br>2023<br>ADOPTED<br>CHANGES | MARCH<br>2024<br>RECOMMENDED<br>CHANGES | PROJECTED<br>YEAR END<br>RESULT<br>2023/24 | YTD ACTUAL<br>RESULT |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------|
| \$ '000                           |   | \$ '000                              | \$ '000                                | \$ '000                                 | \$ '000                                    | \$ '000              |
|                                   | Income from continuing operations   |                                      |  |   |  |                      |
| 219,236                           | Rates & annual charges  |                                      | _                                      | _                                       | 219,236                                    | 164,345              |
| 117,640                           | User charges & fees   | 137                                  | 700                                    | (2,069)                                 | 116,408                                    | 87,393               |
| 9,341                             | Other revenues  | 269                                  | 367                                    | 462                                     | 10,439                                     | 8,548                |
| 21,220                            | Grants & contributions - operating  | 1,055                                | (678)                                  | 85                                      | 21,682                                     | 5,904                |
| 38,626                            | Grants & contributions - capital  | 389                                  | -                                      | -                                       | 39,015                                     | 13,156               |
| 9,315                             | Interest & investment revenue   | 558                                  | 2,137                                  | 1,186                                   | 13,196                                     | 10,996               |
| 7,089                             | Other income  | 24                                   | 91                                     | 173                                     | 7,377                                      | 9,019                |
| 422,467                           | Total income from continuing operations   | 2,432                                | 2,617                                  | (163)                                   | 427,353                                    | 299,361              |
|                                   | Expenses from continuing operations   |                                      |  |   |  |                      |
| 131,648                           | Employee benefits & on-costs  | (844)                                | 151                                    | -                                       | 130,955                                    | 98,519               |
| 112,483                           | Materials & services  | 1,659                                | 756                                    | (614)                                   | 114,284                                    | 78,412               |
| 4,039                             | Borrowing costs   | _                                    | -                                      | _                                       | 4,039                                      | 3,154                |
| 69,601                            | Depreciation & amortisation   | -                                    | -                                      | -                                       | 69,601                                     | 52,150               |
| 52,147                            | Other expenses  | 815                                  | (190)                                  | 90                                      | 52,862                                     | 37,801               |
| 7,002                             | Net loss from the disposal of assets  | _                                    | 2,000                                  | _                                       | 9,002                                      | 4,288                |
| 376,920                           | Total expenses from continuing operations   | 1,630                                | 2,717                                  | (524)                                   | 380,743                                    | 274,324              |
| 45,547                            | Operating result from continuing operations   | 802                                  | (100)                                  | 361                                     | 46,610                                     | 25,037               |
| 6,921                             | Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes | 413                                  | (100)                                  | 361                                     | 7,595                                      | 11,881               |

# Income statement variations

Result for the financial quarter ending 31 March, 2024.

|                                      | RECOMMENDED<br>CHANGES<br>(\$'000) | EXPLANATION  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| INCOME                               |                                    |  |
| Rates & annual charges               | -                                  |  |
| User charges & fees                  | (2,069)                            | \$1.95m reduction in revenue from State Road<br>maintenance. Reduction in expenditure as a result.<br>\$0.2m increase in Summerhill Tipping and \$0.2m from<br>Civic shows<br>\$0.4m reduction in revenue from compliance activities |
| Other revenues                       | 462                                | \$0.3m increase in Food and Beverage sales related to<br>Civic Theatre<br>\$0.3m increase in proceeds from insurance claims<br>\$0.2m reduction in revenue from Solar Farm   |
| Grants & contributions - operating   | 85                                 |  |
| Grants & contributions - capital     | -                                  |  |
| Interest & investment revenue        | 1,186                              | Increase in interest income based on forecast market conditions  |
| Other income                         | 173                                | Increased revenue from Commercial properties   |
| Income from continuing operations    | (163)                              |  |
| EXPENSES                             |                                    |  |
| Employee benefits & on-costs         | -                                  |  |
| Materials & services                 | (614)                              | \$1.8m reduction in expenditure on State Road<br>Maintenance<br>\$0.5m increase in equipment hire costs<br>\$0.1m increase in costs of street lighting   |
| Borrowing costs                      | -                                  |  |
| Depreciation & amortisation          |                                    |  |
| Other expenses                       | 90                                 | Increase in State Waste levy related to additional tonnes received to Summerhill Waste Management facility   |
| Net loss from the disposal of assets | -                                  |  |
| Expenses from continuing operations  | (524)                              |  |
|                                      |                                    |  |

# Capital statement

Result for the financial quarter ending 31 March, 2024

| FULL YEAR<br>ADOPTED<br>BUDGET |   | SEPTEMBER<br>2023 ADOPTED<br>CHANGES | ADOPTED<br>CHANGES<br>DECEMBER 2023 | RECOMMENDED<br>CHANGES<br>MARCH 2024 | PROJECTED<br>YEAR END<br>RESULT<br>2023/24 | ACTUAL YTD |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------|
| \$'000                         |   | \$'000                               | \$'000                              | \$'000                               | \$'000                                     | \$'000     |
| CAPITAL FUNI                   | DING                                      |                                      |                                     |                                      |  |            |
| 70,107                         | General fund contribution to capital      | 412                                  | 1,900                               | 739                                  | 73,158                                     | 58,307     |
| 2,410                          | Stormwater Management<br>Service Charge   | -                                    | -                                   | -                                    | 2,410                                      | 1,808      |
| 32,127                         | Capital Grants & Contributions            | 389                                  | -                                   | -                                    | 32,516                                     | 13,156     |
| 719                            | Proceeds from the sale of assets          | -                                    | -                                   | -                                    | 719  | 327        |
| (3,339)                        | Net Loans Borrowings / (Repayments)       | -                                    | 12,600                              | -                                    | 9,261                                      | 10,096     |
| 102,024                        | Funding available for capital expenditure | 801                                  | 14,500                              | 739                                  | 118,064                                    | 83,693     |
| CAPITAL EXPE                   | ENDITURE                                  |                                      |                                     |                                      |  |            |
| 42,956                         | Asset Renewal                             | -                                    | 8,810                               | (2,980)                              | 48,786                                     | 24,572     |
| 41,764                         | New / Upgrade                             | -                                    | (5,883)                             | (3,395)                              | 32,486                                     | 32,342     |
| 84,720                         | Total capital expenditure                 | -                                    | 2,927                               | (6,375)                              | 81,271                                     | 56,914     |
| 17,304                         | Transfer to or (Draw down on) reserves    | 801                                  | 11,573                              | 7,114                                | 36,792                                     | 26,779     |

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# Cash and investments budget review statement

Result for the financial quarter ending 31 March, 2024.

|   | OPENING<br>BALANCE IN<br>NOTE C1-3 | TRANSFERS<br>TO | TRANSFERS<br>FROM | ADOPTED<br>CHANGES | ADOPTED<br>CHANGES | RECOMMENDED<br>CHANGES | CLOSING<br>BALANCE IN<br>NOTE C1-3 |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|   | 01/07/2023                         | 2023/24         | 2023/24           | (Sep QBR)          | (Dec QBR)          | (Mar QBR)              | 30/06/2024                         |
|   | (000's)                            | (000's)         | (000's)           | (000's)            | (000's)            | (000's)                | (000's)                            |
| Unrestricted (Available Cash)   | 26,512                             | -               | (912)             | 135                | (990)              | (75)                   | 24,670                             |
| EXTERNAL RESTRICTIONS   |                                    |                 |                   |                    |                    |                        |                                    |
| Included in Liabilities   |                                    |                 |                   |                    |                    |                        |                                    |
| Security bonds, deposits and retentions                                   | 1,412                              | -               | -                 | -                  | -                  | _                      | 1,412                              |
| Special purpose unexpended grants - general fund                          | 10,097                             | _               | (4,073)           | -                  | _                  | _                      | 6,024                              |
| Other   |                                    |                 |                   |                    |                    |                        |                                    |
| Specific purpose unexpended grants (recognised as revenue) - general fund | 7,697                              | -               | (7,697)           | -                  | -                  | -                      | -                                  |
| Developer Contributions   | 22,506                             | -               | (3,478)           | -                  | 6,544              | 1,533                  | 27,105                             |
| Contributions to Specific works   | 344                                | _               | (344)             | -                  | -                  | -                      | -                                  |
| Domestic Waste Management   | 11,611                             | -               | (2,410)           | -                  | 2,410              | -                      | 11,611                             |
| Bequests and Donations  | 1,542                              | -               | -                 | -                  | -                  | -                      | 1,542                              |
| Special Benefit rates   | 1,254                              | -               | (49)              | (103)              | 103                | -                      | 1,205                              |
| Rawson Crown Land Reserve   | 3,376                              | -               | (810)             | (148)              | 173                | (20)                   | 2,571                              |
| Building Better Cities  | 324                                | -               | (80)              | -                  | -                  | (20)                   | 224                                |
| Community Facilities fund   | 243                                | _               | _                 | -                  | _                  | _                      | 243                                |
| Childcare sinking fund  | 806                                | 212             | -                 | -                  | _                  | _                      | 1,018                              |
| Deferred Salary Scheme  | 418                                | 119             | (159)             | -                  | (23)               | (45)                   | 310                                |
| Total Externally restricted   | 61,630                             | 331             | (19,100)          | (251)              | 9,207              | 1,448                  | 53,265                             |
| Internal Restrictions   |                                    |                 |                   |                    |                    |                        |                                    |
| Works program: New and upgrade  | 14,722                             | -               | 70,273            | (1,438)            | 3,356              | 5,741                  | 92,654                             |
| Works Program: Infrastructure Agreed level of service                     | 173,478                            | -               | -                 | -                  | -                  | -                      | 173,478                            |
| Works program: Specific projects  | 19,614                             | -               | (122)             | 1,355              | -                  | -                      | 20,847                             |
| Works carried forward   | 10,834                             | -               | (10,834)          | -                  | -                  | -                      | -                                  |
| Waste Management: Remediation Provision                                   | 61,972                             | -               | (22,332)          | -                  | -                  | -                      | 39,640                             |
| Employee Leave Entitlements   | 13,451                             | -               | -                 | -                  | -                  |                        | 13,451                             |
| Superannuation: Defined Benefits  | 655                                | _               | _                 | _                  |                    |                        | 655                                |
| Workers Compensation: Self insurance                                      | 10,001                             | _               | _                 | -                  |                    | _                      | 10,001                             |
| Newcastle Airport Partnership   | 9,717                              | _               | _                 | -                  |                    |                        | 9,717                              |
| Local Committees and childcare  | 628                                | _               |                   |                    |                    |                        | 628                                |
| Inland Pools Reserve Fund   |                                    | -               | _                 | 1,000              | -                  | _                      | 1,000                              |
| Total Internally restricted   | 315,072                            | -               | 36,985            | 917                | 3,356              | 5,741                  | 362,071                            |
| Total Restricted  | 376,703                            | 331             | 17,885            | 666                | 12,563             | 7,189                  | 415,336                            |
| Total cash and investments  | 403,215                            |                 | •                 |                    | •                  | •                      | 440,006                            |

# Works program summary

|        | PORTFOLIO/<br>PROGRAM                         | SEPTEMBER 2023<br>ADOPTED<br>CHANGES<br>(\$,000) | ADOPTED<br>DECEMBER 2023<br>(\$,000) | RECOMMENDED<br>MARCH 2024 <sup>1</sup><br>(\$,000) | PROJECTED YEAR<br>END RESULT<br>(\$,000) | ACTUAL YTD<br>(\$,000) |
|--------|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|
| 35,313 | City Infrastructure -                         | -  | (4,396)                              | (3,036)  | 27,881                                   | 19,342                 |
|        | Assets & Facilities                           |  |                                      |  |  |                        |
| 260    | o .   | -  | 238                                  | 543  | 1,041                                    | 566                    |
| 150    | Support Services                              |  | /175\                                |  | 15                                       |                        |
| 150    | Public Toilets                                | -  | (135)                                | (=0.0)   | 15                                       |                        |
| 140    | Retaining walls                               |  | 1,210                                | (700)  | 650                                      | 492                    |
| 7,780  | Bridges                                       | -  | (5,956)                              | (210)  | 1,614                                    | 672                    |
| 1,160  | Footpaths                                     |  | (466)                                | 174  | 868                                      | 664                    |
| 1,983  | Roadside Furniture                            | <del>-</del>                                     | (879)                                | 143  | 1,247                                    | 661                    |
| 7,240  | Road Rehabilitation                           |  | (2,473)                              | (522)  | 4,245                                    | 2,832                  |
| 7,500  | Road Resurfacing                              |  | 3,720                                | (167)  | 11,053                                   | 9,508                  |
| 300    | Parking Infrastructure                        | -  | (146)                                | (125)  | 29                                       | 15                     |
| 4,975  | Stormwater System                             |  | 491                                  | (164)  | 5,302                                    | 3,347                  |
| 3,825  | Fleet Replacement                             |  |                                      | (2,008)  | 1,817                                    | 587                    |
| 5,000  | Planning &                                    | -  | (494)                                | 328  | 4,835                                    | 2,428                  |
|        | Environment                                   |  |                                      |  |  |                        |
|        | - Transport                                   |  |                                      |  |  |                        |
| 3,610  | Cycleways *                                   |  | (832)                                | 521  | 3,299                                    | 1,183                  |
| 250    | Pedestrian Access and<br>Mobility Plan (PAMP) | -  | 583                                  | (17)   | 816                                      | 687                    |
| 1,140  | Local Area Traffic<br>Management (LATM)       | -  | (245)                                | (176)  | 719                                      | 558                    |
| 13,458 | Planning & Environment                        | -  | 151                                  | 1,924  | 15,533                                   | 8,288                  |
|        | - Environment &                               |  |                                      |  |  |                        |
|        | Sustainability                                |  |                                      |  |  |                        |
| 1,050  | Blackbutt Reserve                             | -  | (260)                                | (40)   | 750                                      | 126                    |
| 254    | Flood Planning                                | -  |                                      | (81)   | 173                                      | 92                     |
| 8,009  | Coast, Estuary and<br>Wetlands                | -  | 205                                  | 2,104  | 10,318                                   | 5,334                  |
| 1,810  | Bushland and<br>Watercourses                  | -  | 201                                  | (272)  | 1,739                                    | 981                    |
| 1,660  | Street and Park Trees                         | -  | -                                    | 200  | 1,860                                    | 1,283                  |
| 675    | Sustainability &<br>Climate                   | -  | 5                                    | 13   | 693                                      | 472                    |
| 6,400  | Corporate Services                            | -  | (160)                                | (446)  | 5,794                                    | 2,970                  |
| -      | Commercial Properties                         | -  | 240                                  |  | 240                                      | 28                     |
| 800    | Digital Enablement                            | -  | (250)                                | 1  | 551                                      | 255                    |
| 5,600  | <del></del>                                   | -  | (150)                                | (447)  | 5,003                                    | 2,686                  |

|         | PORTFOLIO/<br>PROGRAM                               | SEPTEMBER 2023<br>ADOPTED<br>CHANGES<br>(\$,000) | ADOPTED<br>DECEMBER 2023<br>(\$,000) | RECOMMENDED<br>MARCH 2024<br>(\$,000) | PROJECTED YEAR<br>END RESULT<br>(\$,000) | ACTUAL YTD<br>(\$,000) |
|---------|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 41,160  | City Shaping  | -  | (4,394)                              | (1,107)                               | 35,659                                   | 24,234                 |
| 36,500  | Citywide  |  | (1,000)                              | (1,000)                               | 34,500                                   | 23,129                 |
| 4,660   | Summerhill  |  | (3,394)                              | (107)                                 | 1,159                                    | 1,106                  |
| 22,334  | Creative &  | -  | 491                                  | 351                                   | 23,175                                   | 18,127                 |
|         | Community Services                                  |  |                                      |                                       |  |                        |
| 7,450   | Aquatics  | -  | 2,281                                | 774                                   | 10,505                                   | 9,333                  |
| 349     | Community Buildings                                 | _  | 2                                    | 245                                   | 596                                      | 341                    |
| 920     | Civic Venues / Civic<br>Services                    | -  | 77                                   | (28)                                  | 969                                      | 769                    |
| 12,245  | Recreation & Sport                                  | -  | (1,857)                              | (351)                                 | 10,037                                   | 6,986                  |
| 475     | Economic Development                                | -  | (70)                                 | (220)                                 | 185                                      | 120                    |
| 150     | Art Gallery   | -  | 4                                    | (150)                                 | 4  | 4                      |
| 745     | Museum / Libraries /<br>Historic Fort<br>Scratchley | -  | 54                                   | 81                                    | 880                                      | 573                    |
| 4,375   | Waste Services                                      | -  | 4,341                                | 3,739                                 | 12,455                                   | 9,778                  |
| 4,375   | Waste Management                                    | -  | 4,341                                | 3,739                                 | 12,455                                   | 9,778                  |
| 9,216   | City Infrastructure – Revitalisation                | -  | 4,701                                | 406                                   | 14,322                                   | 9,846                  |
| 5,620   | City Centre   | -  | (2,287)                              | (22)                                  | 3,311                                    | 1,638                  |
| 2,300   | Coastal   | -  | 5,605                                | (192)                                 | 7,713                                    | 5,910                  |
| 1,296   | Urban Centres                                       | -  | 1,383                                | 620                                   | 3,299                                    | 2,299                  |
| 137,255 | Total Works Program                                 | _  | 240                                  | 2,159                                 | 139,654                                  | 95,013                 |

<sup>\*</sup> The total spend on Cycleways across all Programs YTD totals \$2.3m against the projected year end result of \$4.9m.

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## Contracts

Result for the financial quarter ending 31 March, 2024.

| CONTRACTOR                           | CONTRACT DETAIL   | CONTRACT<br>VALUE | COMMENCEMENT DATE | ESTIMATED COMPLETION | BUDGETED<br>(Y/N) |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Symal Infrastructure Pty Ltd         | Memorial Drive The Hill -<br>Road Embankment                                | \$5,073,252       | 11/03/2024        | 30/09/2024           | Y                 |
| Regal Innovations Pty Ltd            | Gregson Park Hamilton<br>Playspace and Amenities<br>Upgrade                 | \$3,055,962       | 1/02/2024         | 10/12/2024           | Υ                 |
| Technology One Pty Ltd               | OneCouncil Property &<br>Rating Implementation<br>Services                  | \$1,070,372       | 27/03/2024        | 30/06/2025           | Υ                 |
| Awarded to a panel of 3 companies    | Road Pavement Crack<br>Sealing Services                                     | \$880,000         | 1/04/2024         | 31/03/2026           | Υ                 |
| Centurion Civil Pty Ltd              | Tooke Street, Cooks Hill -<br>Stormwater Reconstruction                     | \$657,961         | 1/02/2024         | 30/06/2024           | Υ                 |
| Heal Urgent Care Pty Ltd             | Occupational Physician<br>Services  | \$577,500         | 26/02/2024        | 25/02/2026           | Υ                 |
| Ground Stabilisation Systems Pty Ltd | South Newcastle and Kilgour<br>Rock Bolting and Catch<br>Fence              | \$494,184         | 26/02/2024        | 30/06/2024           | Υ                 |
| GHD Pty Ltd (Newcastle)              | Longworth Avenue Road<br>Upgrade Detail Design                              | \$436,780         | 15/01/2024        | 30/06/2024           | Y                 |
| Centium Pty Ltd                      | Code of Conduct Review<br>Panel   | \$220,000         | 9/02/2024         | 31/08/2024           | Υ                 |
| Inter-Chillers Pty Ltd               | Wallsend Swim Centre Pool<br>Heat Pump                                      | \$202,400         | 28/02/2024        | 30/06/2024           | Υ                 |
| Allsight Electrical Pty Ltd          | ASP Level 2 and Internal<br>Electrical Works at Wallsend<br>Swimming Centre | \$193,996         | 12/02/2024        | 30/06/2024           | Υ                 |
| Serious Group Pty Ltd                | Mattress Shredding at SWMC  | \$188,540         | 1/02/2024         | 31/01/2025           | Y                 |
| GHD Pty Ltd (Newcastle)              | Astra Street Remediation - VMP Gas and Water Environmental Monitoring       | \$187,951         | 23/01/2024        | 31/01/2026           | Y                 |
| SMEC Australia Pty Ltd               | CQA & Environmental<br>Services SWMC Cell 9 Stage<br>2 Upper Batter         | \$185,660         | 24/01/2024        | 31/07/2024           | Y                 |
| Awarded to a panel of 5 companies    | Geomorphic Services   | \$77,000          | 11/03/2024        | 13/03/2026           | Y                 |

#### Notes

- 1. Minimum reporting contract value is \$50,000
- 2. Contracts listed are those entered into during the quarter and have yet to be fully performed, excluding contractors that are on Council's 'preferred supplier list'
- 3. Contracts for employment are not included.

# Consultancy and legal expenses

Result for the financial quarter ending 31 March, 2024.

| EXPENSES      | EXPENDITURE YTD \$ | BUDGETED |
|---------------|--------------------|----------|
| Consultancies | \$10,749,486       | Υ        |
| Legal         | \$819,558          | Υ        |

#### Notes:

- A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision-making by management. Generally it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors
- 2. Where any expenses for consultancy or legal fees (including Code of Conduct expenses) have not been budgeted for, an explanation is to be given. Report on external expenses only (not internal expenses).

City of Newcastle

#### Report by Responsible Accounting Officer for the quarter ending 31 March 2024.

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Newcastle City Council for the quarter ended 31 March 2024 indicated that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2024 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

| Signed: | Date: |
|---------|-------|
|         |       |
|         |       |

Responsible Accounting Officer, City of Newcastle

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Works program

| works program   |
|---|
| City Infrastructure - Assets & Facilities                   |
| Bridges   |
| Boscawen Street Bridge Renewal                              |
| Bridge (Pedestrian) Waratah and Jesmond Parks               |
| Bridge and large Culvert repairs                            |
| Bridge inspection and load rating                           |
| Bridge renewal - Various                                    |
| Cottage Creek Bridge replacement                            |
| Cowper Street Bridge Lighting Renewal                       |
| Nelson Street Wallsend Bridge renewal                       |
| Newcastle Beach Subway renewal                              |
| Pedestrian Bridges Renewal                                  |
| Yangan Dr Bridge Repair                                     |
| Buildings - Council Support Services                        |
| Asset Condition Reports                                     |
| Dog Kennels at Animal Facility                              |
| Engineering Advice General                                  |
| Facility Management Review                                  |
| Structures- Survey  |
| Upgrade of Security Commander to C4                         |
| Fleet Replacement   |
| Fleet Replacement Program 2022                              |
| Fleet Replacement Program 2023                              |
| Fleet Replacement Program 2024                              |
| Footpaths   |
| Citywide - Minor Footpath Renewal                           |
| Lloyd St Merewether footpath and kerb renewal               |
| Station St Wickham - footpath construction                  |
| Steel River- Footpaths - Stage 1 - Bond Funded              |
| Throsby Creek Shared Pathway Renewal Wickham to Maryville   |
| Union Street Wickham - Footpath Upgrade Wickham Master Plan |
| Various cycleways - linemarking and signage program         |
| Various Footpath Connectivity                               |
| William St Tighes Hill - footpath rehabilitation            |
| Parking Infrastructure                                      |
| 92 King St Car Park Demolition                              |
| Off Street Car Parks Furniture Renewal                      |
| Parking Meter Replacement                                   |
| Public Toilets  |
| Stockton Active Hub public toilet renewal                   |
| Retaining walls   |
| Retaining Wall - Perkins Street Newcastle                   |
| Retaining Wall Renewal - Cross St Mayfield                  |
| Retaining wall Renewal - Henderson Pde, Merewether          |
| Retaining wall Renewal - Various                            |
| Spruce Street - Batter Protection repair                    |
| Road Rehabilitation   |

## Works program (continued)

| Bull Street Mayfield Batter and Footpath Remediation          |
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| Citywide - Laneway Renewal                                    |
| Citywide - Road and Laneway Dedication                        |
| Corona St Hamilton East reconstruction                        |
| Design&Project Mgt Resources Build Pipeline Renewal Projects  |
| Duncan Cl Elermore Vale - turning facility                    |
| Fern St Islington road reconstruction                         |
| Fogo St Wallsend - Road Pavement Renewal                      |
| Hope Street Wallsend - road renewal                           |
| Howell St Kotara - road reconstruction                        |
| Irrawang Street Wallsend - Road Renewal                       |
| Kinta Drive Beresfield - Road Reconstruction                  |
| Lexington Pde AdamHts - road embankment                       |
| Longworth Ave Wallsend - road renewal design                  |
| Memorial Drive The Hill - Road Embankment                     |
| Minmi RD Maryland Drv Maryland - intersection upgrade         |
| MInmi Rd Wallsend - road upgrade                              |
| Minmi Rd Wallsend - road widening                             |
| Unnamed Laneway off Morehead St Lambton - renewal & upgrade   |
| Wall Lane North Lambton                                       |
| Woodward St Merewether road and embankment                    |
| Yarrum Avenue Beresfield - Road Renewal                       |
| Road Resurfacing  |
| RLRRP Grant 23 & 24 - Renewal Repairs                         |
| Road Resurfacing - pavement and road roughness testing        |
| Road Resurfacing - site preparation                           |
| Road Resurfacing Citywide                                     |
| Roadside Furniture  |
| Albert Street Wickham - Traffic Calming Devices               |
| Bathers Way - Lighting Renewal                                |
| Bulkara St Wallsend - guardrail and footpath                  |
| City Wide - Lighting Renewal                                  |
| City Wide - street lighting assessment                        |
| Honeysuckle Promenade - Lighting Renewal                      |
| Road Furniture - renewal                                      |
| Roadside Furniture - renewal                                  |
| Sunset Blv, Nth Lambton - Ped Crossing Lighting               |
| Transport Stop Upgrade  |
| Tyrrell Street Wallsend - Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade         |
| City Wide - CN Multi Function Pole Inspection and Maintenance |
| Stormwater System   |
| Albert Street Stormwater Design                               |
| Ayrshire St Sandgate - sediment control                       |
| City Centre Drainage Master Plan                              |
| Citywide - stormwater quantity and quality modeling           |
| Citywide - trenchless drainage rehab Implementation           |
| Coorumbung Road Broadmeadow Drainage Rehabilitation           |
| Creeks and Waterways - inspect erosion and sediment control   |
| March 202/ Par  |

Allowah St Waratah - road reconstruction

#### Works program (continued) Drainage Management and Condition Survey Fairfield Avenue New Lambton - Stormwater Design & Construction Howell St Kotara- Drainage rehabilitation Low Lying Suburbs- Tide gate rehabilitation Mayfield East Drainage Design (George St construct & Selwyn Channel Clearing) Mitchell Street Merewether - Stormwater Drainage upgrade Roe Street Mayfield - Drainage connection laneway Sandgate Road Birmingham Gardens - Drainage Construction Selwyn St Mayfield East – Stormwater Construction Smith Street Merewether - Drainage Design Stockton Laneways - Infilltration and unrelieved sags Stormwater Drainage - Construct Access Stormwater Drainage - Replace Grates Stormwater Drainage-Renewal Stormwater Drainage-Technical advice Tooke St Cooks Hill - Stage 2 Drainage Rehabilitation Design & Construction Union Street Cooks Hill BetweenTooke St and Parkway Ave Drainage Rehabilitation University Dr Waratah West - catchment rehabilitation Various Headwall & Outlet Rehabilitation Waratah Lane Newcastle East - Stormwater drainage upgrade Water Quality Devices- Rehabilitation Minmi Rd Detention Basin Fletcher Dam Safety Works and Monitoring City Infrastructure - Revitalisation City Centre Christmas Tree Installation and Removal City of Newcastle Gateway Signage HSR - Civic PDP HSR - East End PDP - Stage 2 (Foreshore) HSR - East End PDP (Hunter St Mall) HSR - Place Activation Initiatives (Signage) HSR - Project Management and Admin HSR - West End PDP - Stage 2 (Cycleway) Wickham PDP Implementation Coastal Bathers Way - King Edward Park Bathers Way - South Newcastle Bathers Way - South Newcastle Cliff Stabilisation Bathers Way Signage Strategy Coastal Building Revitalisation Plan Coastal Revitalisation - Planning Nobby's to Newcastle Stage 3 **Urban Centres** Darby Street - Streets as Shared Spaces (SASS Grant Trial Georgetown Local Centre Renewal Local Centre - Mitchell St Stockton Renewal

Replace waterslide at Lambton Swimming Centre

| Works program (continued)   |
|---|
| Local Centres – Wallsend  |
| Local Centres - Wallsend Stage 3                                  |
| Urban Renewal Technical Manuals                                   |
| Waratah Station Street Local Centre Renewal                       |
| Wickham Public Domain Plan  |
| Mayfield Cycleway & Placemaking Trial                             |
| City Shaping  |
| Citywide  |
| Art Gallery - Expansion   |
| Astra St Remediation  |
| Summerhill  |
| Bulk Earthworks for Organics Processing Facility                  |
| Construction of Recycling Transfer Operational area at SWMC       |
| Organics Facility   |
| OSD Materials Recovery Facility                                   |
| Corporate Services  |
| Commercial Properties   |
| Affordable Housing Project 1                                      |
| Lambton Park Cafe Adaptive Reuse                                  |
| Queens Wharf Options Analysis & Delivery                          |
| SES Long-term Accommodation Strategy                              |
| Shepherds Hill Cottage Adaptive Reuse                             |
| Wal Young House National Park Demolition & Remediation            |
| Core Systems Development & Maintenance                            |
| Computing Hardware Refresh  |
| Directorate Technology Initiatives                                |
| Enterprise Risk   |
| Geographic Information System (GIS)                               |
| Governance Finance System Upgrades and Improvements               |
| Information Security and Privacy                                  |
| Kentico Upgrade   |
| Technology Foundations  |
| TechOne CiA migration   |
| CX Strategy   |
| CX Strategy Implementation  |
| Digital Enablement  |
| CWS CSM and Service Enhancements                                  |
| Employee Experience   |
| Data Insights, Spatial Digital Twin and City Analytics            |
| Creative & Community Services                                     |
| Aquatic Centres   |
| Inland Pool Investigation & Design                                |
| Inland Pools - Minor Infrastructure Renewal Program               |
| Inland Pools - Solar Replacement Program                          |
| Lambton Pool Grandstand Upgrade                                   |
| Lambton Swimming Centre - Staged facility upgrade and replacement |
| Newcastle Ocean Baths Upgrade - Stage 2                           |
| Newcastle Ocean Baths Upgrade Project - Stage 1                   |
| Dealers waterlike at Landete Cuinania a Contra                    |

Local Centres – Feasibility

Local Centres – Establishment Maintenance Local Centres - Facade Improvement Scheme

Local Centres - Orchardtown Rd New Lambton

Nesbitt Park - Renew existing storage

Pacific Park Security Lighting

| Art Gallery   |  |
|---|--|
| Art Gallery - cultural asset preservation.                        |  |
| City Wide Services Collection Services                            |  |
| Civic Venues / Civic Services                                     |  |
| City Hall - Furniture and equipment                               |  |
| City Hall - Refurbish operational areas                           |  |
| Civic Theatre - Control water ingress under stage / orchestra pit |  |
| Civic Theatre - Refurbish operational areas                       |  |
| Civic Theatre - replace technical equipment                       |  |
| Civic Theatre - Upgrade Air Conditioning Units                    |  |
| Civic Theatre- reupholster 50 seats in Stalls & Dress             |  |
| Civic Venues - Fire Safety Works                                  |  |
| Fort Scratchley Function Centre - Refurbish facilities            |  |
| Fort Scratchley Function Centre -flooring replacement             |  |
| Update the Conservation Management Plan for City Hall.            |  |
| Community Buildings   |  |
| Community Buildings refurbishment/renewal                         |  |
| Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club Rehabilitation and Reinstatement |  |
| Dixon Club Surfclub Precinct Upgrades - Stage 1                   |  |
| Silveridge Community Centre (13 Iranda Drive Wallsend) Demolition |  |
| Economic Development  |  |
| Economic Development - City Analytics                             |  |
| Economic Development - Digital Prospectus                         |  |
| Economic Development - Skilled People Priority                    |  |
| Newcastle After Dark  |  |
| Museum / Libraries / Historic Fort Scratchley                     |  |
| Library Resources   |  |
| Museum - exhibition lighting renewal                              |  |
| Replacement of RFID technology across Newcastle Libraries         |  |
| Wallsend Library Gutters, Windows and HVAC                        |  |
| War Memorial Cultural Centre Stack Climate Control Upgrade        |  |
| Recreation & Sport  |  |
| Basketball court facilities                                       |  |
| Cathedral Park - revitalisation Stage 3                           |  |
| Concept Masterplan - Foreshore Park                               |  |
| Darling St Oval - Grandstand                                      |  |
| Fenced Off Leash Dog areas  |  |
| Fencing - Sports Grounds  |  |
| Floodlight Renewal Program  |  |
| Foreshore Park - All abilities playground & water park            |  |
| Gregson Park Playground   |  |
|   |  |
| Lugar Park - Upgrade to the Amenities  Masterplan Implementation  |  |
| Masterplan Implementation  Matching Creat Funding Program         |  |
| Matching Grant Funding Program                                    |  |
| Myer Park - Multipurpose Sports & Community Hub, Staged           |  |
| National Park - Upgrade to Netball Pavilion                       |  |
| National Park Athletics Grandstand                                |  |
| National Park Number 1 Redevelopment                              |  |

#### Works program (continued)

| Works program (continued)   |
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| Park Accessibility Improvement Program                            |
| Passmore Oval Grandstand Upgrade                                  |
| Plans of Management Review  |
| Playground Asset Condition and Data Audit Project                 |
| Playground replacement programme                                  |
| Playground Shade Program  |
| Smith Park - Field Renovation                                     |
| Sportsgrounds - Design & Build                                    |
| Sportsgrounds - Renew sub surface drainage/irrigation systems     |
| Sportsgrounds - Renewal of lighting poles                         |
| Tennis Facility Renewal Program                                   |
| Various Parks - upgrade public access power.                      |
| Wallsend Active Hub Stage 2                                       |
| Waratah Oval Amenities Upgrade                                    |
| Western Corridor District Sport & Recreation Facility Master Plan |
| Planning & Environment - Environment & Sustainability             |
| Blackbutt Reserve   |
| Blackbutt CARA Kiosk - Detailed Design & Construct                |
| Bushland and Watercourses   |
| Aries Way Reserve - creek rehabilitation                          |
| Blackbutt Reserve - bushland regeneration                         |
| Bush Fire Assessment & Management                                 |
| Community Education at environment rehabilitation worksites       |
| Condition and Investigation - Natural Assets                      |
| Environmental Project Delivery Support                            |
| Inland Clifline Rehabilitation - Waratah West                     |
| Ironbark Ck Rehabilitation - St 5 - 7                             |
| Ironbark Ck Reserve Stage 1-7 - revegetation works                |
| Jesmond Bushland Complex Rehabilitation                           |
| Maryland Creek - Rehabilitation                                   |
| Natural Connection - Newcastle's Healthy Catchments Program       |
| Track and Trail Restoration Design and Delivery                   |
| Various Priority Bushland Reserves - bushland regeneration        |
| Various Priority Creeks - rehabilitation                          |
| Waterdragon Ck Kotara Park- Riparian rehabilitation               |
| Wentworth Creek Rehabilitation - Revegetation                     |
| Newcastle Environment Strategy                                    |
| Coast, Estuary and Wetlands                                       |
| Astra St EEC Action Plan  |
| Coastal Clifffline Rehabilitation Monitoring                      |
| Coastlal Cliff line Rehab Stabilisation- Kilgour and Nobbys       |
| Coastline - dune preservation and restoration                     |
| Dixon Park Slope Failure and Dune Restoration                     |
| Hunter Estuary Coastal Management Program Preparation             |
| Jersey Road Sandgate - Wetland Rehabilitation                     |
| Lloyd St Res Merewether-Littoral Rainforest Restoration           |
| Newcastle South Seawall Rehabilitation                            |
| Newcastle Sth Cliffline (North of skate park)                     |
| Shortland Esplanade - Rewire Rock Catch Fence                     |

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| Stockton Beach No     | urishment  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Stockton Coastal E    | mergency Works   |
| Stockton King St Br   | eakwater Protection Structure  |
| Stockton Riverwall    | - Stage 6 - 9 Design & Construct - Stage 9                             |
| Stockton Sand Scro    | aping  |
| Various Priority Wet  | lands- Rehabilitation design and construct                             |
| Various Sites - coas  | stal revegetation  |
| Wetland Connection    | on   |
| Stockton Mitchell St  | : Sea Wall Repair  |
| Stockton Extended     | Coastal Management Program (CMP)                                       |
| Stockton SLSC Sea     | wall Maintenance   |
| Stockton Protectior   | Structures - Barrie Crescent Stockton                                  |
| Southern Beaches      | Coastal Management Program (CMP)                                       |
| Stockton Protectior   | Structures - Mitchell St Seawall to SLSC (Dalby Oval)                  |
| Flood Planning        |  |
| Amplification of Hu   | nter Water Drainage Network  |
| Flash Flood Alert Se  | ervice - Operation & Maintenance                                       |
| Sea & Groundwate      | r Level Monitoring   |
| Update existing flo   | od studies to 2019 AR&R methodology                                    |
| Street & Park Trees   |  |
| Citywide - Commu      | nity Urban Forest Program  |
| Citywide - tree aud   | lit for all attributes   |
| Citywide Tree - insp  | pection and monitoring   |
| Gateways to Newc      | astle - Tree Planting  |
| Living Streets Camp   | paign  |
| Park and Street Tre   | e - Life extension program   |
| Street Verge Garde    | ns   |
| Street and Park Tre   | e Replacement Program (SAPTRP)   |
| Sustainability & Clir | nate   |
| City Digital and Da   | ta Platforms   |
| Climate Action        |  |
| Energy Savings Pro    | ects   |
| Newcastle Living Lo   | ıb   |
| Smart City Infrastru  | cture  |
| Smart City Initiative | <del>)</del>   |
| Smart Moves Newc      | astle  |
| Electric Vehicle and  | Low Emission Transport   |
| Planning & Environ    | ment - Transport   |
| Cycleways             |  |
| CP - Bicycle Count    | ers  |
| CP - Chatham Roa      | d and Clyde Street, Hamilton North                                     |
|                       | lington - Scholey St to Maitland Rd (Islington Park)                   |
| CP - Cycleways Ed     | ucation and Promotion  |
| CP - Cycleways Inv    | estigation & Development   |
| CP - Glebe Rd Ada     | mstown to Newcastle West   |
|                       | to Rydal Street, New Lambton   |
| CP – Hunter Street    | Trial Cycleway – National Park St, Newcastle West to Ivy St, Islington |
| CP - Lambton Park     | to Croudace St   |
|                       | University to City Centre Cycleway                                     |

#### Works program (continued)

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| CP - Merewether to Newcastle City Centre  |  |
| CP - Minmi and Fletcher RVRT Connections  |  |
| CP - Minmi Road, Fletcher - Shared Path   |  |
| CP - Parkway Avenue to Honeysuckle Foreshore, Newcastle West - BICI grant application |  |
| CP - Parkway Avenue, Hamilton South - Roundabout Bypasses                             |  |
| CP - Richmond Vale Rail Trail   |  |
| CP - Shortland to Tarro Cycleway  |  |
| Cycleways - JHH to Wallsend off-road pathway desig                                    |  |
| Cycleways Program Management  |  |
| H23 Overpass to Mordue Parade   |  |
| Local Area Traffic Management (LATM)  |  |
| LATM - Chinchen St, Islington - Traffic Control Signals                               |  |
| LATM - Croudace Road at Garsdale Avenue - Intersection Upgrade                        |  |
| LATM - Design and Construction of Traffic Calming Devices - Cooks Hill                |  |
| LATM - Glebe Road and Park Avenue, Adamstown - Traffic Control Signals                |  |
| LATM - Memorial Drive, Bar Beach - Raised Pedestrian Crossing                         |  |
| LATM - Prince Street, Waratah - Traffic Calming                                       |  |
| LATM - Traffic Modelling, Local Area Traffic Management Studies and Program Support   |  |
| LATM – Wood Street, Newcastle West – Intersection Improvements and One-Way Traffic    |  |
| Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP)  |  |
| PAMP – Bridge Street, Waratah – Raised Pedestrian Crossing                            |  |
| PAMP - Delando Street, Waratah - Footpath   |  |
| PAMP - Design and Construction - PPN Projects   |  |
| PAMP - Frederick St at Berner St, Merewether - Raised Pedestrian Crossing             |  |
| PAMP - Hannah Sreet and Ranclaud Street, Wallsend - Footpath                          |  |
| PAMP - Hawthorne Street, Beresfield - Footpath  |  |
| PAMP - Lexington Parade, Kotara - Footpath  |  |
| PAMP - Maryland Drive near Grange Avenue, Maryland - Pedestrian Refuge                |  |
| PAMP - McCaffrey Drive, Rankin Park - Footpath  |  |
| PAMP - Ruskin Street, Beresfield - Footpath   |  |
| PAMP - Traise Street, Waratah - Footpath  |  |
| PAMP - Wallarah Road, New Lambton - Raised Pedestrian Crossing                        |  |
| PAMP - Wentworth Street, Wallsend - Footpath  |  |
| PAMP – Wilkinson Avenue, Birmingham Gardens – Raised Pedestrian Crossing              |  |
| PAMP/LATM Minor Works   |  |
| Waste Services  |  |
| Waste Management  |  |
| Cell 09 Landfill Design and Construction (Stage 2)                                    |  |
| Cell 10 Landfill Design and Construction  |  |
| Domestic Bins (Repair, Replacement, New Deliveries and Upgrades)                      |  |
| OFM SWMC New Access Road  |  |
| OSR Building & Demolition Leachate Upgrade  |  |
| OSR Emergency Stormwater Improvement Works  |  |
| OSR Leachate Improvement  |  |
| SBA Strategy Development  |  |
| Stormwater and Leachate Management - Design & Review of Existing Pond Integrity       |  |
| Summerhill Site Environmental Compliance Program                                      |  |
| Summerhill site Upgrades  |  |
| Public Place Infrastructure   |  |
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| KEY FOR BASELINE DATA    |  |  |  |  |  |
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| All baselii              | ne data is 2020-2021 unless otherwise stated   |  |  |  |  |
| *New measure             | New measure means targets will be set after 12 months of data collection.  |  |  |  |  |
| **Satisfaction reasoning | A mean score above 3.0 indicates more satisfaction than dissatisfaction within the community. CN aims for satisfaction with these assets and services. |  |  |  |  |
|                          | A mean score above 3.5 indicates high satisfaction. CN aims for higher satisfaction for these higher-performing assets and services.                   |  |  |  |  |

| N2040 THEME: LIVEABLE NEWCASTLE              |   | N2040 THEME: LIVEABLE NEWCASTLE  |   |  |   |
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| PRIORITIES                                   | SERVICE AND PROGRAM MEASURES  | TARGET   | BASELINE  | WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT  | SOURCE  |
| 1.1 Enriched<br>neighbourhoods<br>and places | Level of community satisfaction with sporting facilities     Level of community satisfaction with beaches and beach facilities     Level of community satisfaction with parks and recreational areas     Number of community seasonal sport bookings     Beach usage attendance     Pool attendance | Greater than 3.5** Greater than 3.5** Greater than 3.5** New measure* Maintain Maintain  | • 3.8<br>• 4.0<br>• 3.7<br>• 114<br>• 1,411,258<br>• 336,703  | The community satisfaction survey's intention is to provide insights into the factors that drive satisfaction within the community and show CN the effectiveness of its service delivery in meeting community expectations. Satisfaction is measured out of 5 with a mean score above 3.0 indicating more satisfaction than dissatisfaction within the community in relation to a particular CN attribute.  CN is responsible for the development, maintenance and management of many community assets including parks, gardens, playgrounds and ovals, beaches and pools, to name just a few. Within these spaces there may be a number of facilities including BBQs, fitness and play equipment, toilets, walking tracks, irrigation systems and water features.  This data provides insight into how people use our city over time and informs decision-making that responds to current and future needs and behaviours of our community.   | CN - Satisfaction Survey CN - Satisfaction Survey CN - Satisfaction Survey CN - Booking System BlueFit Report |
| 1.2 Connected and fair communities           | Number of awareness-raising initiatives relating to inclusion Library program, event and exhibition attendance Visits to Library physical service points Level of community satisfaction with Libraries Number of Home Library Service items/members Number of Library loans                        | <ul> <li>New measure*</li> <li>Increase by 5%</li> <li>Increase by 5%</li> <li>Greater than 3.5**</li> <li>Increase by 5%</li> <li>Increase by 5%</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>New measure*</li> <li>54,964</li> <li>263,495</li> <li>4.0</li> <li>25,000/277</li> <li>769,329</li> </ul> | These insights help us understand the needs of our audiences to support more effective planning, engagement and design outcomes for our program, events and exhibitions.  CN is responsible for the management and maintenance of many community assets across the LGA, including libraries. Within these spaces there may be a number of facilities, services and programs. This data provides insight into how people use our libraries over time and informs decision-making that responds to current and future needs and behaviours of our community.  The community satisfaction survey's intention is to provide insights into the factors that drive satisfaction within the community and show CN the effectiveness of its service delivery in meeting community expectations. Satisfaction is measured out of 5 with a mean score above 3.0 indicating more satisfaction than dissatisfaction within the community in relation to a particular CN attribute.  The Home Library Service is for anyone who isn't physically able to make it to a branch because of a disability, illness or limited mobility. This insight helps us understand the needs of our community and plan our programs for the future, but also highlights the important of connection outside of our assets. | CN data CN - Library data CN - Library data CN - Satisfaction Survey CN - Library data CN - Library data      |

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| PRIORITIES  | SERVICE AND PROGRAM MEASURES   | TARGET   | BASELINE   | WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT  | SOURCE   |  |
| 1.3 Safe, active<br>and linked<br>movement<br>across the city | Level of community satisfaction with footpaths Level of community satisfaction with roads Distance of shared paths renewed Distance of roads renewed Number of bike parking spaces within local centres  | • Greater than 3** • Greater than 3** • 800m • 4.2km • N/A*  *Data not available             | <ul> <li>3.1</li> <li>3.2</li> <li>800m</li> <li>4.2km</li> <li>N/A*</li> <li>*Data not available</li> </ul> | The community satisfaction survey's intention is to provide insights into the factors that drive satisfaction within the community and show CN the effectiveness of its service delivery in meeting community expectations. Satisfaction is measured out of 5 with a mean score above 3.0 indicating more satisfaction than dissatisfaction within the community in relation to a particular CN attribute.  Walking and cycling are basic, affordable and clean forms of travel available to almost all ages and groups in society. In Newcastle, though private cars are the dominant mode for commuting and, indeed, all trip purposes, the large majority of trips involve distances that could reasonably be undertaken by walking or cycling. Coupled with large areas of relatively flat topography and Newcastle's favourable climate, potential for mode substitution is high, and this indicator assesses the perceived walkability and cycle-friendly nature of our city.  | CN - Satisfaction Survey CN - Satisfaction Survey CN data CN data CN data  |  |
| 1.4 Innovative and connected city                             | <ul> <li>Number of heritage collection items digitised</li> <li>Number of Pay by Phone parking transactions</li> <li>Number of webchat conversations</li> <li>Number of e-Library loans</li> <li>Level of community satisfaction with the city's innovation</li> </ul> | 10,000 per annum     Increase by 10%     Increase by 10%     Maintain     Greater than 3.5** | • 67,027 items • 851,827 • 1,546 • 105,773 • 3.5   | For more than 60 years the Library has been committed to collecting and documenting the story of Newcastle and the Hunter. Over that time the Library has acquired an extensive and important collection of books, documents, archives, maps, pictures and photographs that document the story of Newcastle. The Library has a number of collections that feature rare, unique and notable items. Many of the items in these collections have come to the Library through the generous donations of members of the community. Key to accessing this information is the use of new digital technologies to make old information more widely accessible and able to be reused.  Increased digital uptake will support improvements in living standards, ensuring we remain globally competitive and are well positioned to protect our interests. Greater adoption of digital technology in a secure and trusted environment is one of the drivers of liveability.  The community satisfaction survey's intention is to provide insights into the factors that drive satisfaction within the community and show CN the effectiveness of its service delivery in meeting community expectations. Satisfaction is measured out of 5 with a mean score above 3.0 indicating more satisfaction than dissatisfaction within the community in relation to a particular CN attribute. | CN - Library data CN data CN data CN data CN data CN - Satisfaction Survey |  |

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| N2040 THEME: SUSTAINABLE NEWCASTLE |  | N2040 THEME: SUSTAINABLE NEWCASTLE  |   |  |   |
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| PRIORITIES                         | SERVICE AND PROGRAM MEASURES   | TARGET  | BASELINE  | WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT  | SOURCE  |
| 2.1 Action on climate change       | Installed lighting to be LED   | 100% of all installed lighting to be LED by 2025  | • 5,000   | LED lighting produces less waste light and more useful lumens than other lighting technologies. By replacing all the lighting in our LGA with LEDs, we will see as much as a 60% to 70% improvement in our overall   | • ТВА   |
|                                    | CN reduction in electricity use  | 30% reduction by 2025   | 20.8% progress to date  | energy efficiency.   | <ul> <li>Ironbark Sustainability<br/>snapshotclimate.com.au</li> </ul>  |
|                                    | <ul> <li>Number of EV chargers available to the community</li> <li>Level of community satisfaction with climate action</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>All key sites throughout the city</li> <li>Greater than 3**</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>4 public EV charging sites</li> <li>(7 chargers, 11 charging bays)</li> <li>3.2</li> </ul> |  | <ul><li>CN data</li><li>CN - Satisfaction Survey</li></ul>  |
|                                    | Level of community satisfaction man similate action  |   | · 3.2   | Transport emissions play a significant role in our city's carbon emissions, as well as air and noise pollution, which will be reduced through the uptake of electric vehicles.   |   |
|                                    |  |   |   | The community satisfaction survey's intention is to provide insights into the factors that drive satisfaction within the community and show CN the effectiveness of its service delivery in meeting community expectations. Satisfaction is measured out of 5 with a mean score above 3.0 indicating more satisfaction than dissatisfaction within the community in relation to a particular CN attribute. |   |
| 2.2 Nature–<br>based solutions     | Tree vacancies identified in Tree Asset Management System (TAMS)   | 85% of vacancies to be planted by 2045.  100% of vacancies to be planted by 2060 (TAMS)                                   | • 63,000 vacant tree spots at 31/01/2022 (TAMS) reducing by effective 500 p.a.                      | The overall performance of tree planting needs to be a comparison between the trees planted vs the trees being removed within the same timeframe to be a true record. Vacancies are measured because when vacancies reduce, there is a net gain in trees.  | • TAMS  |
|                                    | <ul> <li>Number of plants used in urban forest planting (CN open space) annually</li> <li>Level of community satisfaction with the city's wetlands and estuary</li> <li>Level of community satisfaction with greening and tree preservation</li> <li>Level of community satisfaction with the city's bushland and waterways</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>4 areas per annum</li> <li>Greater than 3.5**</li> <li>Greater than 3.5**</li> <li>Greater than 3.5**</li> </ul> | • 4 areas per annum • 3.6 • 3.4 • 3.5   | Native plants play a very important role in our ecosystems. They are more favourable for supporting local wildlife and have evolved for  | <ul> <li>CN data</li> <li>CN - Satisfaction Survey</li> <li>CN - Satisfaction Survey</li> <li>CN - Satisfaction Survey</li> </ul> |
|                                    |  |   |   | CN plays a role in the provision of green, blue and wild spaces for the health and enjoyment of the community. Community satisfaction with these spaces is examined in the annual satisfaction survey with the aim to increase satisfaction scores year on year. Our community should be satisfied with the environmental assets and services that CN provides.  |   |
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| N2040 THEME: SUSTAINABLE NEWCASTLE |   |  |  | N2040 THEME: SUSTAINABLE NEWCASTLE  |  |  |
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| PRIORITIES                         | SERVICE AND PROGRAM MEASURES  | TARGET                                       | BASELINE                                       | WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT   | SOURCE   |  |
| 2.3 Circular economy               | Tonnes of recyclables recovered     Level of community satisfaction with green waste collection     Tonnes of municipal waste material landfilled | Maintain     Greater than 3.5**     Maintain | • 31,928.77 tonnes<br>• 3.7<br>• 52,344 tonnes | Reducing waste conserves space in our landfills and reduces the need to build more landfills, which take up valuable space and are a source of air and water pollution.  By reducing our waste, we are also conserving our resources. Resources like aluminium, petroleum and trees are all used to make new materials such as cans, plastic bags and paper packaging.  Less energy is used to recycle materials as opposed to creating new materials. The manufacturing of consumer goods is a process that consumes a lot of energy, so by limiting the amount of new resources required, a large amount of energy can be saved.  By recycling, reusing and reducing the amount of waste we have, we are helping to build a more sustainable future for all. We only have a limited amount of natural resources on this planet and a limited capacity to process waste, so it's important to do our part each day towards a better future.  The community satisfaction survey's intention is to provide insights into the factors that drive satisfaction within the community and show CN the effectiveness of its service delivery in meeting community expectations. Satisfaction is measured out of 5 with a mean score above 3.0 indicating more satisfaction than dissatisfaction within the community in relation to a particular CN attribute.  Local businesses are the lifeblood of our community. Supporting local businesses creates jobs, reduces carbon footprints, injects money into the local economy and promotes a sense of community.  CN commits to the preference of local businesses when considering the acquisition of goods and services. | CN data* CN - Satisfaction Survey CN data  * Includes kerbside collection, bulk waste and drop-off |  |

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| N2040 THEME: CREATIVE NEWCASTLE                     |  |   | N2040 THEME: CREATIVE NEWCASTLE   |   |  |
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| PRIORITIES  | SERVICE AND PROGRAM MEASURES   | TARGET  | BASELINE  | WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT   | SOURCE   |
| 3.1 Vibrant and creative city                       | Number of event licences processed Number of ticketed attendance at Civic Theatre and City Hall Growth in business tourism Level of community satisfaction with promotion of tourism Level of community satisfaction with entertainment and events Number of social media followers across all CN platforms Social media reach on the CN corporate channel | Increase by 10% Increase by 10% Increase by 10% New measure* Greater than 3.5** New measure* Increase by 5% | • 252 (2021/22) • 462/240 • 101,259 • \$219m (2019) • 3.4 • 3.7 • 285,846 (Q1 2022) • 225,259 (Q1 2022) | Success begins with getting to know your audience members — what motivates them, what makes them engage or disengage. Tailoring your event design to create meaningful, personal connections with attendees will ultimately help you drive behaviour change and create value for your business.  An event is recognised as having a low, medium, high or major impact based on numbers of attendees. Minor: 1 to 250, Low: 250 to 2,500, Medium: 3,000 to 6,000, High: 6,500 to 10,000, Major: 10,000 to 25,000 + Multiple Venues.  Events and performances are a key component of developing a sense of community and pride, generating economic growth, accentuating natural and man-made assets, and giving the city its identity, both regionally and nationally.  In addition to being one of the key drivers of the tourism industry's development, the business events sector is an important generator of income, employment, innovation and investment. Individual LGA profiles are no longer available; consequently Newcastle data is incorporated into Hunter Region data.  The community satisfaction survey's intention is to provide insights into the factors that drive satisfaction within the community and show CN the effectiveness of its service delivery in meeting community expectations. Satisfaction is measured out of 5 with a mean score above 3.0 indicating more satisfaction than dissatisfaction within the community in relation to a particular CN attribute.  We use social media to engage and communicate with our community. We can measure how people are interacting with us and if our message resonates with them. We can also use social media to learn from our customers and community about how we can improve their experience. 'Reach' provides a meaningful measure, as it looks at how many individual people actually engage with our social media. | *Includes CN Corporate Facebook (CN FB), LinkedIn (LI)   |
| 3.2. Opportunities in jobs, learning and innovation | <ul> <li>Number of Newskills training projects and number of participants</li> <li>Number of users of the Landing Pad. Startups/scaleups considering relocating to Newcastle</li> <li>Level of community satisfaction with economic development</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Maintain</li> <li>Greater than 3.5**</li> </ul>  | <ul><li>10 projects</li><li>26 users</li><li>3.5</li></ul>  | The growth of our local skills base, an increase in skilled migration to Newcastle and the embedding of inclusive practices in all actions of local business. Newcastle will effectively establish a skills-based labour market.  We are a city that embraces and cultivates innovation. Business and industry are confident to experiment and collaborate to create new growth. Entrepreneurship is encouraged and the resources needed to create change are plentiful. Newcastle is a city where anyone can nurture an idea into a globally scaleable business.  The community satisfaction survey's intention is to provide insights into the factors that drive satisfaction within the community and show CN the effectiveness of its service delivery in meeting community expectations. Satisfaction is measured out of 5 with a mean score above 3.0 indicating more satisfaction than dissatisfaction within the community in relation to a particular CN attribute.   | <ul> <li>Program now completed</li> <li>Program now completed</li> <li>CN - Satisfaction Survey</li> </ul> |

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| PRIORITIES                      | SERVICE AND PROGRAM MEASURES   | TARGET  | BASELINE   | WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT  | SOURCE   |
| 3.3 Celebrating culture         | Level of community satisfaction with Art Gallery and programs     Level of community satisfaction with Civic venues     Level of community satisfaction with Museum     Number of Art Gallery outreach program attendees     Number of artists celebrated in Art Gallery programming     Number of Museum ticketed attendees | Greater than 3.5** Greater than 3.5** Greater than 3.5** New measure* New measure* Increase by 5% | • 3.7<br>• 3.7<br>• New measure*<br>• 176<br>• 105,745 | The community satisfaction survey's intention is to provide insights into the factors that drive satisfaction within the community and show CN the effectiveness of its service delivery in meeting community expectations. Satisfaction is measured out of 5 with a mean score above 3.0 indicating more satisfaction than dissatisfaction within the community in relation to a particular CN attribute.  Over the next two years the Art Gallery will modify some of the ways it connects with the community, while its physical space is being upgraded. This change will lead to increased outreach programs. To capture the Art Gallery's impact on how we celebrate culture, outreach programs will be measured by number of people attending.  Reinforce the links between artistic creations and society, encourage greater awareness of the diversity of artistic expressions and highlight the contribution of artists to sustainable development.  Events and performances are a key component of developing a sense of community and pride, generating economic growth, accentuating natural and man-made assets, and giving the city its identity, both regionally and nationally. | CN - Satisfaction survey CN - Satisfaction survey CN - Satisfaction survey CN data CN data Camms |
| .4 City-shaping<br>artnerships  | <ul> <li>Number of DAs determined</li> <li>Level of community satisfaction with management of residential development</li> <li>Reduction in backlog of undetermined DAs</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Maintain</li> <li>Greater than 3**</li> <li>Maintain</li> </ul>                          | • 1,645<br>• 3.2<br>• 410                              | Development Applications (DAs) are a merit-based assessment conducted directly through CN.   | <ul><li>CN data</li><li>CN data</li><li>CN - Satisfaction survey</li><li>CN data</li></ul>       |

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## Glossary

**ABS** Australian Bureau of Statistics.

**ADVOCACY** The act of speaking or arguing in favour of something, such as a cause, idea or policy. In the context of the Strategic Priorities it refers to another sphere of government or organisation delivering a service or outcome for the city.

**BAU** Business as usual.

**COMMUNITY LAND** Land classified as community land must be kept for use by the general community. All community land must be regulated by a Plan of Management, which may apply to one or more areas of land.

**CN** City of Newcastle.

**CROWN LAND** Land is land that is owned by the NSW Government but managed on its behalf by Council.

**CX STRATEGY** Our plan for a better customer experience. Our CX strategy aims to flip the power from the institution to the customer, building life-long trust.

**DA** Development Application.

DCP Development Control Plan.

**DIAP** The Disability Inclusion Action plan will at as a roadmap to guide CN's actions and establish strategies to ensure we create an inclusive community for all people who live, visit and work in Newcastle.

**DELIVERY PROGRAM** A strategic document with a minimum four-year outlook, which outlines the key strategies the organisation will undertake to achieve its desired outcomes.

(Note: this is a legislative requirement).

**EEO** Equal Employment Opportunity.

**ELT** CN's Executive Leadership Team is led by the CEO and comprises four Directorates.

FBT Fringe Benefits Tax.

**FINANCIAL YEAR** The financial year we are reporting on in this document is the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

**FTE** Full-time equivalent. In relation to staff numbers this refers to a figure that is based on the wages for full-time staff.

**GIPA** The Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW), or GIPA Act, replaced freedom of information legislation.

GIS Geographic Information System.

**IPART** Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal. **KPI** a quantifiable measure of performance over time for a specific objective. KPIs provide targets for teams to shoot for,

milestones to gauge progress, and insights that help people across the organization make better decisions.

LGA Local Government Area.

LIVEABILITY AND WELLBEING SURVEY The Liveability and Wellbeing survey is conducted to help benchmark key measures and track themes within the Newcastle 2040 Community Strategic Plan, measure quality of life and liveability within Newcastle and understand trust towards CN.

**NEWCASTLE 2040 (N2040)** Newcastle 2040 is our integrated Community Strategic Plan which provides clear strategic direction for the long term and identifies the main priorities, aspirations and future vision of the community.

DELIVERING NEWCASTLE 2040 (DN2040) Delivering Newcastle 2040 is our combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan, and translates the community's visions and priorities into clear actions. It is the primary reference point for all activities undertaken by Council during its term of office.

**OPERATIONAL PLAN** A document with a one-year outlook that outlines the key activities to be undertaken to achieve the desired outcomes set out in the Community Strategic Plan. (Note: this is a legislative requirement.)

PAMP Pedestrian Accessibility and Mobility Plan.

**PARTNERING** A structured approach to working together with other parties to achieve a mutually beneficial outcome.

**PERFORMANCE** The results of activities and progress in achieving the desired outcomes over a given period of time.

**RATE PEGGING** The percentage limit by which a council may increase the total income it will receive from rates. The percentage is set each year by the NSW Minister for Local Government.

**RISK MANAGEMENT** A discipline for developing appropriate procedures to reduce the possibility of adverse effects from future events.

**SRV** Special Rate Variation.

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** Development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the capacity of future generations to meet their needs.

**SDGs** Sustainable Development Goals.

**TARGET** A goal to be reached by a specific date, which may be higher than the forecasted performance. It aims to continually improve performance.

