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Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan

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Executive summary

Between 9 December 2024 and 29 March 2025, City of Newcastle (CN) conducted community consultation to help plan for, deliver and manage coastal buildings in the short, medium and long term. The Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan (CBRP), which forms part of the *We Love Our Coast* program, will include Surf Life Saving Clubs, lifeguard towers, beach kiosks, ocean bath pavilions, and amenities pavilions stretching from Stockton to Merewether.

Prior to community consultation, CN hosted a series of focus groups with key stakeholders such as Surf Life Saving Clubs, Ambulance NSW, nippers groups and kiosk operators. These sessions helped detail the scope of the Plan and gather input on considerations for revitalising coastal buildings.

The community was invited to provide feedback through an online survey and at various in-person events across the Newcastle LGA throughout the consultation period. The inclusion of the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan in the *We Love Our Coast* program allowed CN to leverage previous campaign results and build awareness for the project. This extensive campaign included newspaper coverage, flyers at CN facilities, local cafes and businesses, signage along the coastline, social media and email campaigns, as well as partner campaigns with Newy with Kids and Hunter Hunter.

This report documents the engagement methods and provides an analysis of the community and stakeholder feedback received during the consultation period. The feedback will inform the next steps in finalising the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan, ensuring that it aligns with community needs and priorities.

What we heard

CN received **716** survey responses via the online survey.

High level results of the quantitative data analysis revealed:

- The most frequently visited coastal locations include Newcastle Ocean Baths, Bar Beach/Cooks Hill, and Merewether, with participants most commonly visiting to swim and exercise.
- When evaluating the importance of infrastructure and amenities, participants placed the highest importance on toilets (including accessible options), with over 84% rating them as very or fairly important.
- Pathways, shelter/shade, and parking also received higher importance ratings, highlighting that functional, inclusive, and comfortable facilities are critical for enhancing user experiences.
- Younger people and those with a disability both prioritise inclusive, comfortable, and well-connected infrastructure, but individuals with disability consistently place greater emphasis and rate practical amenities higher, especially those that support accessibility.

These findings suggest that improvements should focus on ensuring essential amenities are consistently available and meet the needs of diverse visitor groups, including those requiring accessible infrastructure.

Next steps

We will continue to review the results of community consultation and incorporate feedback into the User Needs Analysis, which forms Stage 1 of the project. Stage 2 of the project will build on this by using the Users Needs Analysis to inform the development of the CBRP.

The CBRP will assess the coastal buildings and consider the maintenance, upgrade and renewal activities required at each location. It will also consider the financial cost of the proposed works, prioritisation of actions and relevant management actions from both the Southern Beaches Coastal Management Plan (CMP) and the Extended Stockton CMP. This approach aims to ensure the long-term sustainability of coastal infrastructure, aligning with broader coastal management objectives.

We will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses and provide further opportunities for the community to have their say at key stages of the project.

1. Background

City of Newcastle (CN) owns a range of buildings situated along beaches and coastal cliff lines, or within the coastal reserve. Buildings being considered as part of the CBRP are those which are located within beach side precincts. These assets include:

- Newcastle Ocean Baths and amenities pavilion
- Merewether Ocean Baths and amenities pavilion
- Surf Club pavilions and amenities buildings and kiosks located at Stockton, Nobbys, Newcastle, Cooks Hill, Dixon Park, Merewether
- Dedicated lifeguard facilities
- Shade shelters (excluding those associated with the Bathers Way)
- Ocean sea walls (Nobbys, Newcastle Beach, Bar Beach, Merewether)

These assets are in varying conditions, with some undergoing minor upgrades and others major redevelopment. The buildings' exposure to coastal risks, such as erosion and inundation, differs depending on location, and in some areas, sea walls and retaining walls provide additional protection.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of these assets, CN is developing a Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan. This plan will provide strategic direction for maintenance, renewal, and upgrades over the short, medium, and long term, considering community needs, future uses, cost-effectiveness, and service levels. It will inform decision-making for CN's coastal assets.

The project will be delivered in two stages:

- **Stage 1:** User needs analysis, benchmarking, and community engagement. (*We are here*)
- **Stage 2:** Schematic plans, cost analysis, and implementation plan.

The project will align with our Coastal Management Programs which focus on the long-term management of the Newcastle coastline.

2. Engagement objectives

We engaged with the community from 9 December 2024 to 29 March 2025 to gather insights and feedback.

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- Inform the community, key stakeholders and user groups about the project.
- Identify requirements for the coastal buildings and related infrastructure.
- Understand community and stakeholder concerns and values.
- Strengthen relationships and build trust with community members, key stakeholders and interest groups.
- Gather input from diverse user groups to inform the User Needs Analysis.
- Educate the community on the Coastal Management Programs, their objectives, and their role in guiding coastal zone changes, including the direction and scope of the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan.

The engagement approach was guided by best-practice International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) principles and CN's commitment to engaging the community as outlined in our Community Engagement Strategy.

3. Communication and promotion

During the engagement period a communications campaign was implemented to raise awareness of the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan and promote the opportunity for community members to provide feedback.

Key communications activities are summarised on the following page, and key pieces of communications collateral are available in Appendix I.

Summary of promotional activity and reach

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Channel	Description	Reach
 Have Your Say webpage	A dedicated project webpage was created on CN's Have Your Say landing page. The page provided information about the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan and encouraged participation in the online survey.	4,438 visits
 Flyers and signage	Flyers were distributed to CN facilities and local businesses across the city. Signage was also installed at key locations to promote the campaign and encourage feedback. Additional flyers were also distributed at community engagement drop-in held sessions during the campaign.	500 flyers 10 corflutes
 Social media	An organic and paid social media campaign ran from 9 December 2024 to 29 March 2025. The posts provided key project information and encouraged viewers to visit the Have Your Say webpage to find out more and have their say.	372,186 Impressions (number of times posts were displayed to users) 316 Post engagements (shares, reactions, saves, comments etc.) 2,110 clicks
 Newsletters	Articles on the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan were included in the monthly CN Have Your Say e-Newsletters throughout the consultation period.	2,703 recipients

 Media coverage	A media release was issued on 9 December 2024.	119 media contacts notified
 Partner campaign	Feature blog posts, email marketing and social advertising collaborations with Newy with Kids and Hunter Hunter were delivered.	34,440 impressions, readers and views
 Pop up stalls	Pop-up stalls were held at the following locations: • Corner of Nelson and Cowper Streets, Wallsend on 16 January 2025 • Seniors Festival, Newcastle Expo on 4 March 2025 • Carnley Reserve, Blackbutt Reserve on 19 March 2025 • Gregson Park Playspace on 20 March 2025 • Nobbys Beach on 21 March 2025 • Stockton Beach on 23 March 2025	5 pop up stalls 270 individual engagements

4. Engagement activities

The community was invited to provide feedback on how they use and what they value about Newcastle's coastal buildings via an online survey between 9 December 2024 to 29 March 2025. The feedback provided will be used to inform the User Needs Analysis for the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan.

In total, **716** people provided feedback via the online survey. Outcomes of this are presented in section **6. What we heard**.

Whilst we aimed to hear from as many people as possible during the consultation process, the online survey was 'opt-in', which means participants proactively sought to complete the survey as opposed to a sample of respondents being selected to more accurately reflect and represent the population makeup of the Newcastle community.

All feedback has been reviewed and considered as part of the consultation process.

5. Who we heard from

To ensure a comprehensive and inclusive consultation process, we encouraged participation from a diverse range of participants. This section provides an overview of the demographic insights shared by respondents. By understanding who participated, we can assess the reach of our engagement efforts and identify any gaps in representation. The following data highlights the backgrounds, experiences, and viewpoints of people who contributed to the consultation.

About you

What suburb do you live in?

Participants are more commonly from Merewether (14%) and Newcastle (11%).

Table 1: List of suburbs

Suburb	N=679	Suburb	N=679
Adamstown	3%	Kotara South	<1%
Adamstown Heights	2%	Lakelands	<1%
Ashtonfield	<1%	Lambton	2%
Bar Beach	3%	Maitland	<1%
Belmont	<1%	Maryland	1%
Birmingham Gardens	<1%	Maryville	2%
Blackalls Park	<1%	Mayfield	4%
Bobs Farm	<1%	Mayfield East	<1%
Branxton	<1%	Mayfield West	<1%
Broadmeadow	1%	Medowie	<1%
Callaghan	<1%	Merewether	14%
Cameron Park	<1%	Merewether Heights	2%
Cardiff	<1%	Metford	<1%
Cardiff Heights	<1%	New Lambton	4%
Carrington	1%	New Lambton Heights	1%
Catherine Hill Bay	<1%	Newcastle	11%
Cessnock	<1%	Newcastle East	3%
Charlestown	1%	Newcastle West	1%
Chisholm	<1%	North Lambton	1%
Coal Point	<1%	Orange	<1%
Cooks Hill	5%	Rankin Park	1%
Dudley	<1%	Redhead	<1%
East Maitland	<1%	Sandgate	<1%
Edgeworth	<1%	Shortland	1%
Eleebana	<1%	Stockton	2%
Elemore Vale	1%	Tanilba Bay	<1%
Fern Bay	<1%	The Hill	4%
Fletcher	1%	The Junction	1%
Georgetown	1%	Thornton	<1%
Glen Oak	<1%	Tighes Hill	1%
Glendale	<1%	Valentine	<1%
Hamilton	4%	Wallsend	3%

Suburb	N=679	Suburb	N=679
Hamilton East	1%	Warabrook	<1%
Hamilton South	3%	Waratah	2%
Highfields	<1%	Waratah West	<1%
Inner West	<1%	Warners Bay	1%
Islington	1%	Whitebridge	<1%
Jesmond	<1%	Wickham	1%
Kahibah	<1%	Unspecified (Newcastle)	1%
Kotara	2%		

What is your age?

The majority of participants fall within the age brackets of 45 to 69.

Table 2: Ages of participants

Age	N=679
Under 9	0%
10-14	<1%
15-19	1%
20-24	3%
25-29	4%
30-34	6%
35-39	9%
40-44	8%
45-49	12%
50-54	11%
55-59	11%
60-64	14%
65-69	11%
70-74	7%
75-79	3%
80-84	1%
85 and over	<1%

Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?

1% of participants identify as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

Table 3: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin

	N=679
No	99%
Yes, Aboriginal	1%
Yes, Torres Strait Islander	<1%

Do you, or the people you will use CN coastal buildings with identify as living with disability?

20% of participants identify as, or visit the CN coastal building with someone, who identifies as living with disability.

Table 4: Identify as having a disability

	N=696
Yes	20%
No	80%

What is your relationship to the Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA)?

89% of participants live in the Newcastle LGA. 5% are visitors.

Table 5: Relationship to the Newcastle LGA

	N=708
I live in the Newcastle LGA	89%
I own a property in the Newcastle LGA	41%
I work in the Newcastle LGA	37%
I represent a local community group / agency / sporting organisation	12%
I own/operate a business in the Newcastle LGA	10%
I am a visitor	5%

6. What we heard

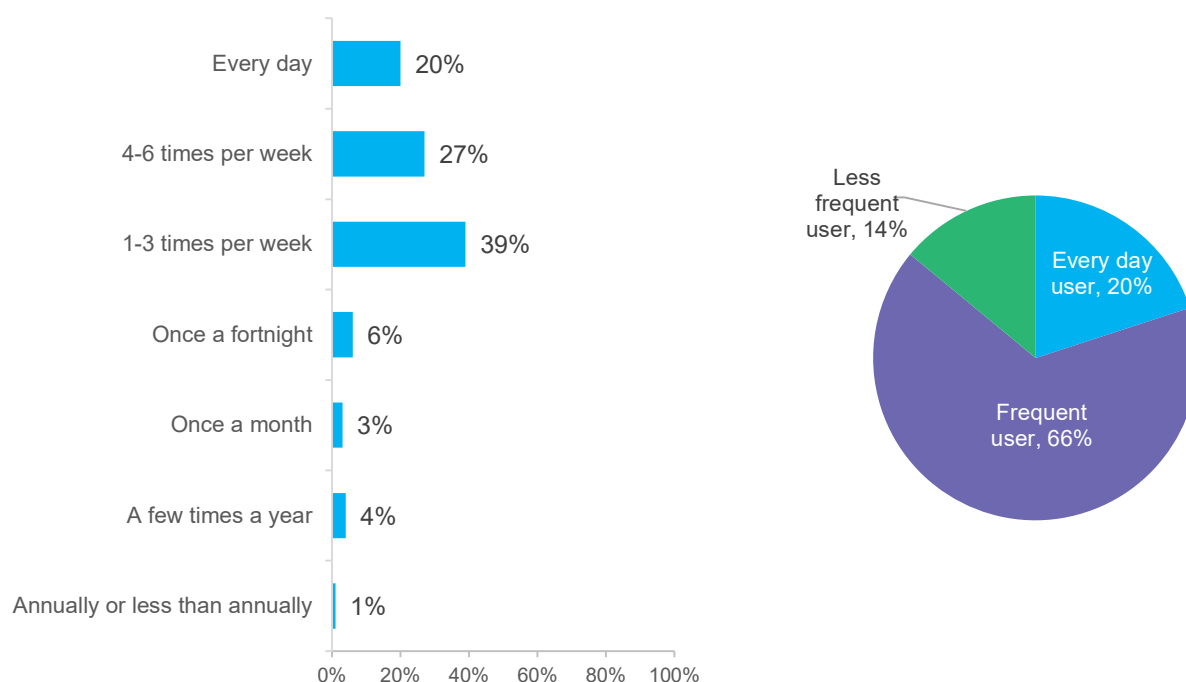
The following section presents the key questions from the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan survey. These questions were designed to gather insights into how the community currently uses coastal buildings, what they value most, and how they would like to see these spaces evolve in the future.

Participants were asked about their frequency of visits, modes of transport, and the activities they engage in while at coastal locations. By analysing these responses, we can better understand community needs and priorities, ensuring that future planning efforts align with public expectations.

How often do you use / visit / patronise the coastal buildings (surf clubs, beachside amenities (toilets / showers / changerooms))?

1 in 5 participants stated they use/visit/patronise the coastal buildings every day and 66% are using these facilities at least once a week.

Figure 1: Usage frequency



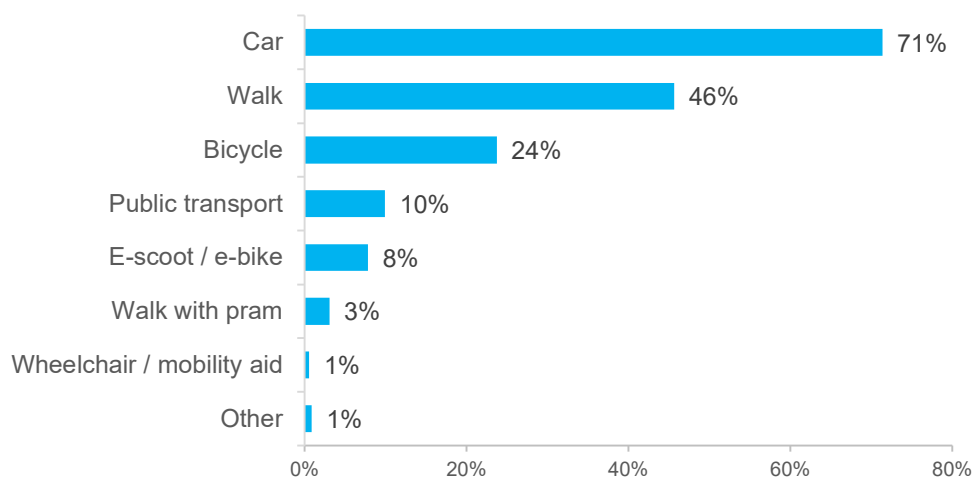
Frequent user = At least once a week

Base: N = 716

When visiting, how do you get there?

The vast majority (71%) of participants stated they travel to CN coastal buildings/locations by car and just under half (46%) walk. Those who attend alone are significantly more likely to travel by walking (53%), bicycle (32%) or public transport (13%). Every day users are significantly more likely to walk (68%) to the coastal buildings.

Figure 2: Mode of travel

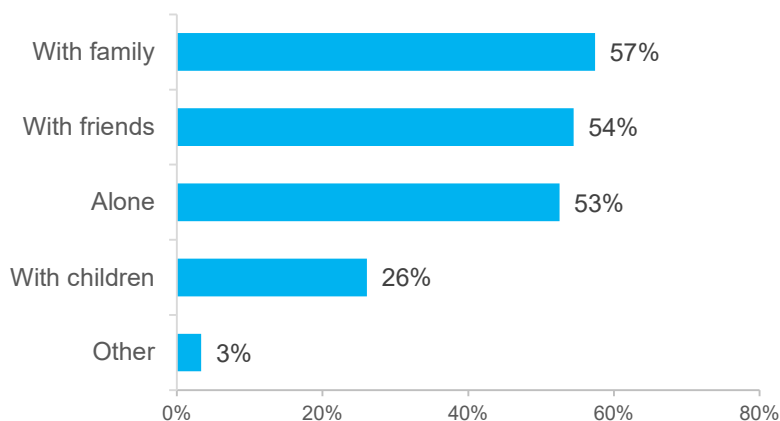


Base: N = 716 Multiple responses enabled

When visiting, are you:

57% of participants visit coastal buildings/locations with family, 54% with friends and 53% alone.

Figure 3: Visiting coastal buildings



Base: N = 716

Please select your top 5 activities when visiting our coastal locations?

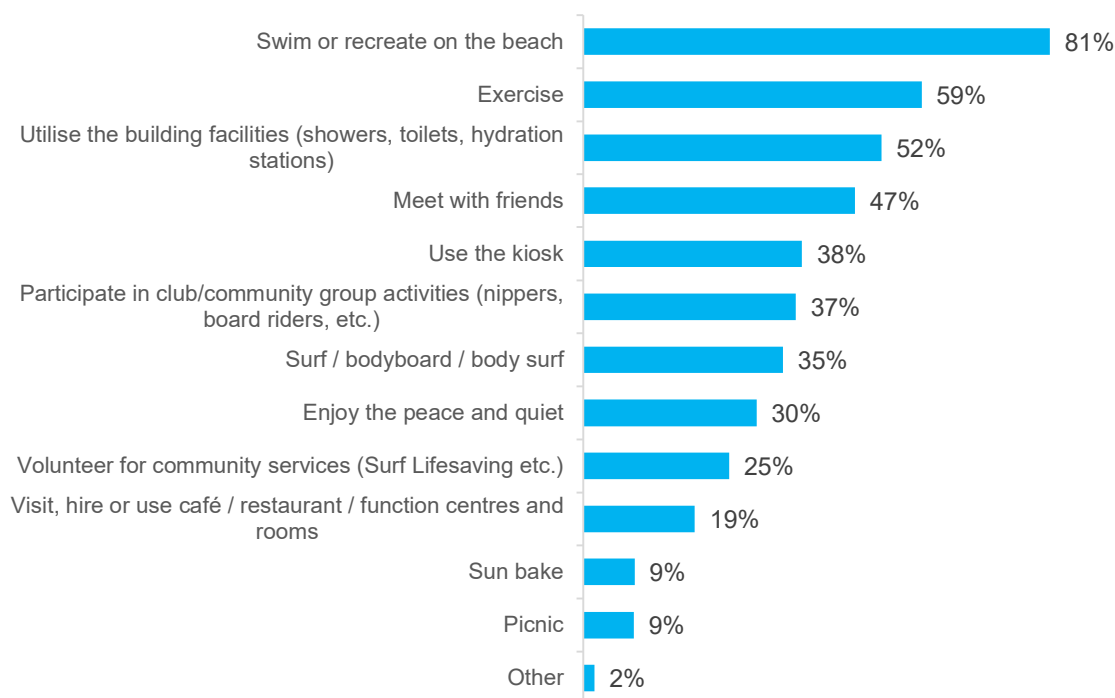
81% of participants visit coastal locations to swim or recreate on the beach. Other common activities include exercise (59%), utilise the building facilities (52%) and meet with friends (47%). Less common activities undertaken include sunbaking (9%) and picnicking (9%).

Those attending with family/children are significantly more likely to participate in club/community group activities (44%) and visit, hire or use café/restaurant/function centres and rooms (22%).

Those attending alone are significantly more likely to swim or recreate on the beach (84%), exercise (64%) and enjoy the peace and quiet (34%).

Every day users are significantly more likely to surf/bodyboard/body surf (47%) and volunteer for community services (38%).

Figure 4: Main activities



Base: N = 716

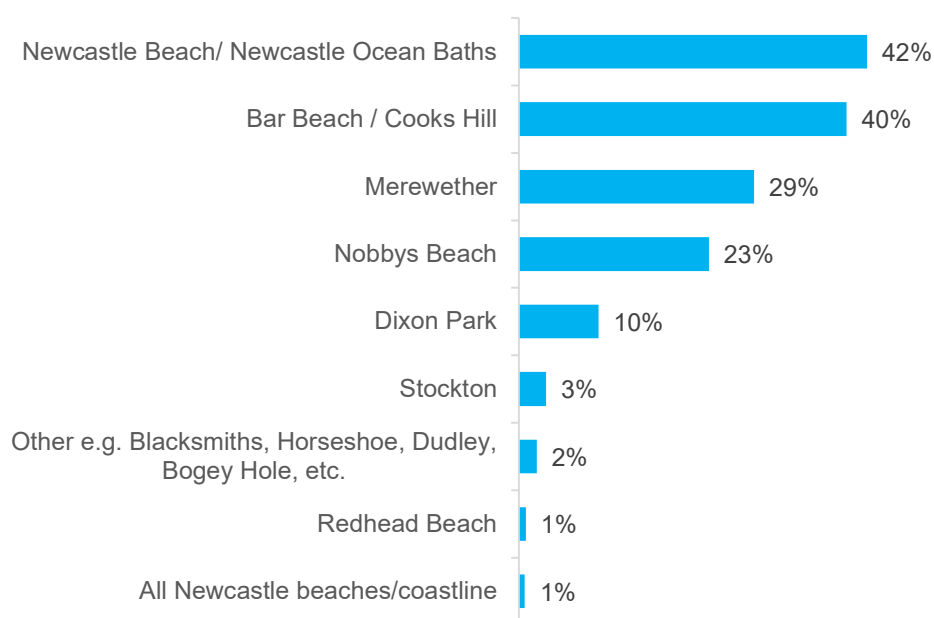
When visiting, where are you most likely going?

Newcastle Beach/Newcastle Ocean Baths (42%) and Bar Beach/Cooks Hill (40%) are the most commonly visited locations. Those who are a visitor to the LGA (based on Q15 – relationship to the LGA) are significantly more likely to visit Nobbys Beach.

Older residents (60+) and those who identify as living with disability (or visiting with someone who does) are significantly more likely to visit Nobbys Beach – likely influenced by the building facilities available (showers, toilets, etc.).

Those visiting Newcastle Beach/Newcastle Baths are significantly more likely to be volunteering for community services (Surf Lifesaving).

Figure 5: Area most likely visited



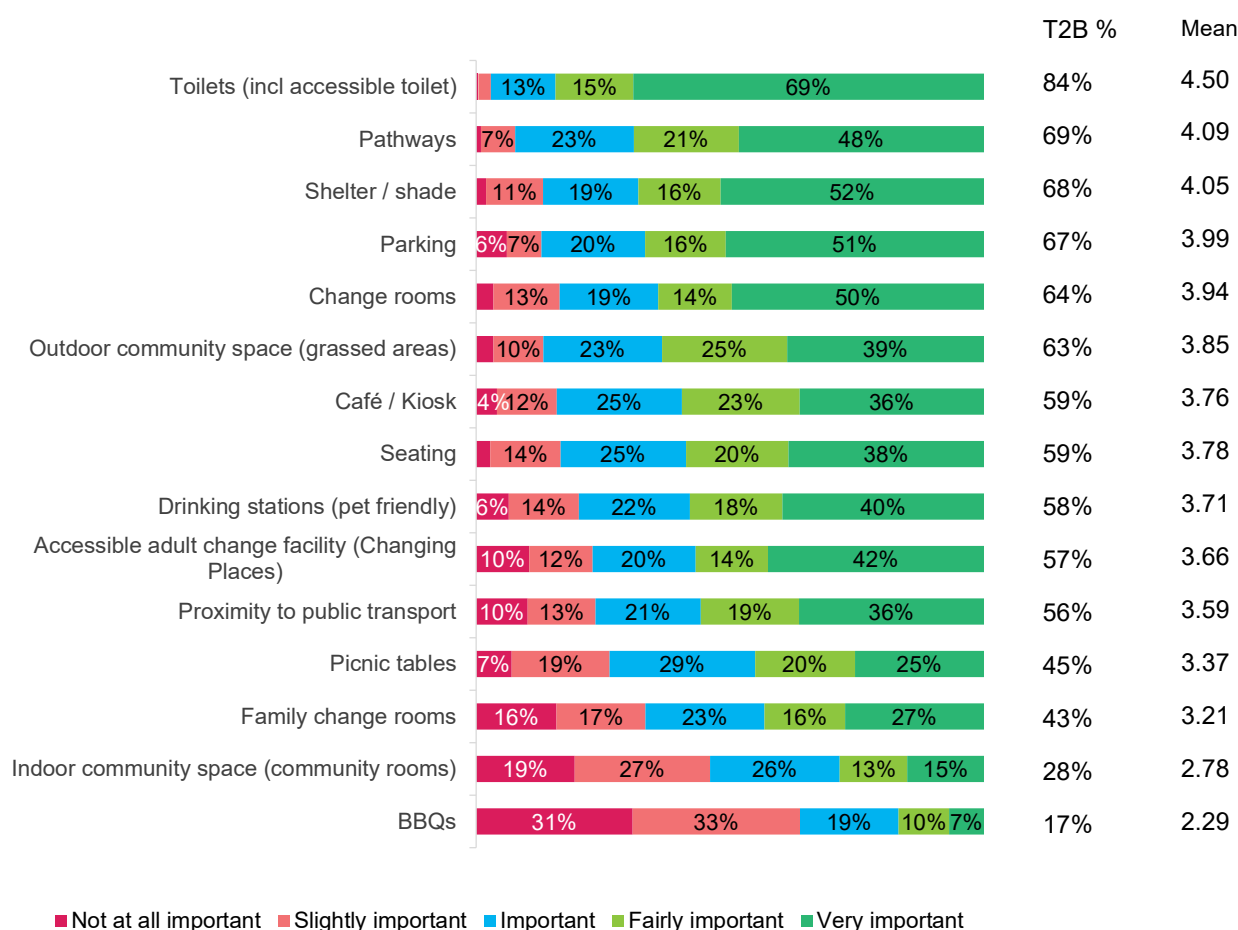
Base: N = 691

Please let us know how important the following elements are when choosing to visit our coastal locations such as our beaches, surf clubs and beachside amenities (toilets / showers / changerooms):

Participants believe toilets (including accessible toilets) are most important, overall, with 84% stating this amenity is fairly/very important. Moderate importance ratings were seen for pathways, shelter, parking, change rooms and outdoor community space (top 2 box score between 63% and 69%). Lower importance placed on BBQs and indoor community space.

Every day users are significantly more likely to place a higher level of importance on shelter/shade (77%), outdoor (73%) and indoor (35%) community space and picnic tables (54%). Less frequent users (using no more than once a fortnight) rated parking (75%) as significantly more important than more frequent users.

Figure 6: Importance of elements at coastal locations



Base: 684-714

Scale: 1=not at all important, 5=very important

Top 2 Box % = 'fairly important'/'very important'

Note: Data labels are not shown for results <4%

Please rank the following options based on their importance to you when visiting our coastal locations:

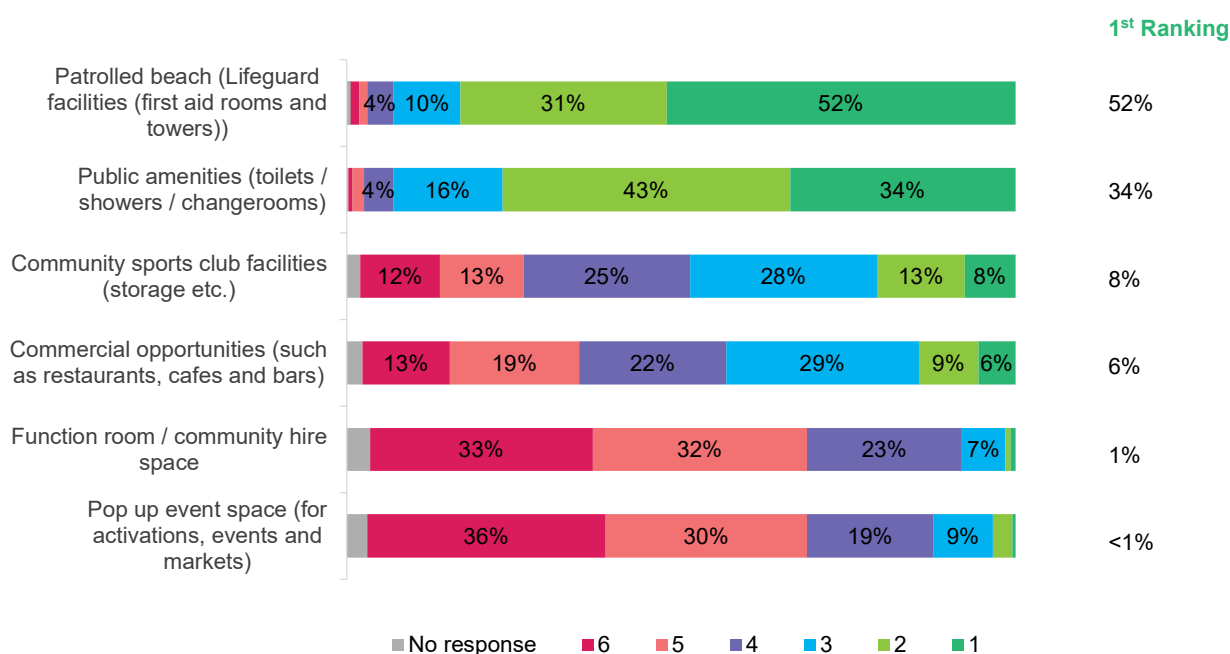
When asked to rank the importance of different coastal infrastructure types, patrolled beach facilities (e.g. lifeguard towers and first aid rooms) stood out as the clear top priority, with 52% of participants ranking it first. This was followed by public amenities (toilets, showers, changerooms), which was ranked first by 34% of participants, reinforcing participants' strong preference for safety and essential services.

Facilities that support community recreation or economic activity, such as sports club storage (8%), commercial spaces (6%), function rooms (1%), and pop-up event space (<1%), were seen as significantly lower priorities.

The findings suggest that participants value safety and basic infrastructure more than other spaces in coastal areas.

Participants who are visiting with family and/or children are significantly more likely to have selected patrolled beaches as their first preference. Those aged under 30 were significantly more likely to have ranked community sports club facilities and commercial opportunities as first preference than other age groups.

Figure 7: Ranking of importance of coastal building offerings



Base: N = 687

Note: Data labels are not shown for results <4%

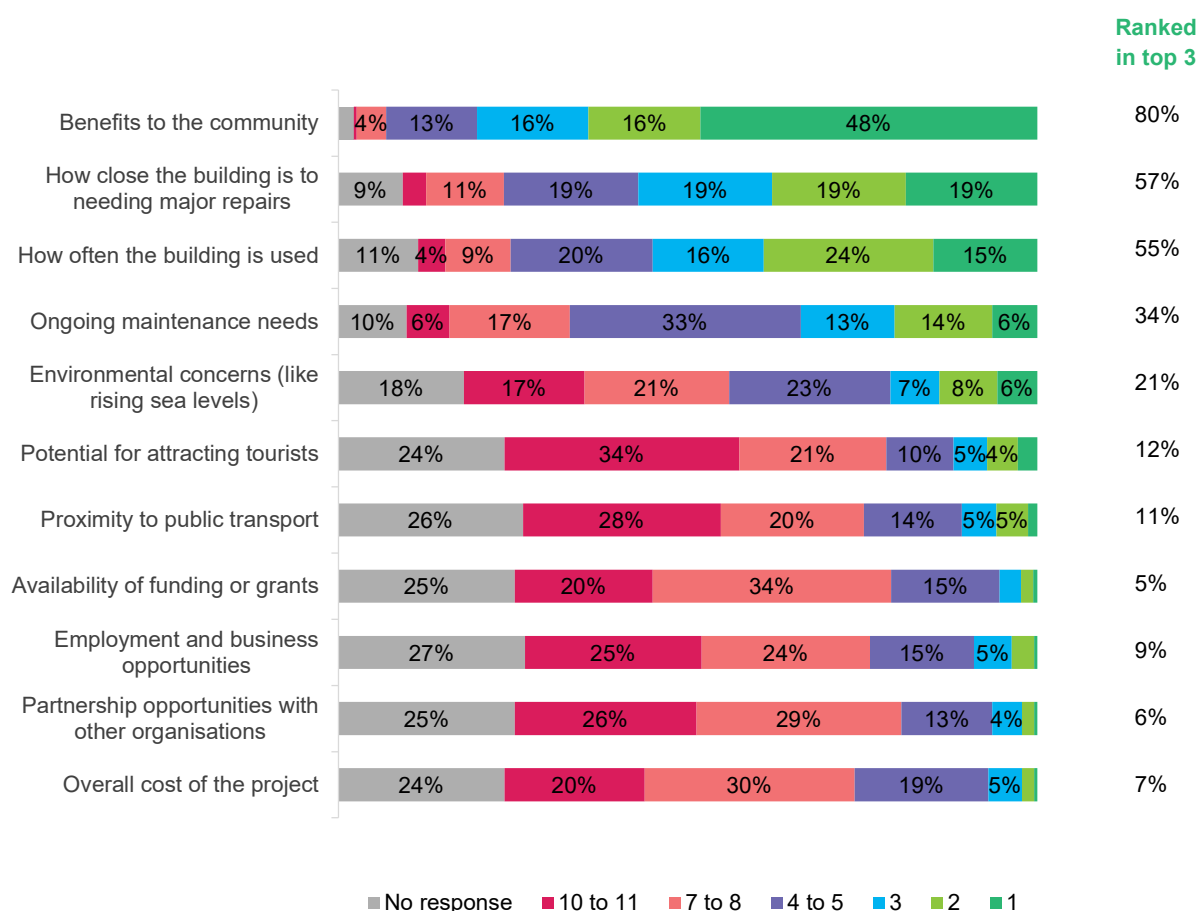
Note: 'No response' means that only respondents who ranked at least one option are included in the above, however, if an option was not given a rank by the respondent, those options can be assumed to be low ranking.

Please rank the following criteria for how you think the renewal, upgrade, and maintenance of coastal buildings should be prioritised.

Benefits to the community emerged as the clear top priority for participants, ranked in the top 3 by 80% of respondents. This was followed by how close the building is to needing major repairs (57%) and how often the building is used (55%), both indicating a strong preference for practical, usage- and condition-based decision-making.

Lower priorities included partnership opportunities (6%), employment and business opportunities (9%), proximity to public transport (11%) and tourism potential (12%), suggesting that economic development considerations were less of a focus than direct community value and structural integrity for respondents.

Figure 8: Ranking of priority



Base: N = 685

Note: Data labels are not shown for results <4%

Note: 'No response' means that only respondents who ranked at least one option are included in above, however, if an option was not given a rank by the respondent, those options can be assumed to be low ranking.

Are there any inclusive features that you would like to see incorporated into the standard building designs, so people of all abilities can fully enjoy our coastal assets.

Participants provided a range of suggestions focused on improving inclusivity in building designs, with an emphasis on accessibility. Many called for better physical access, such as ramps, elevators, and smooth pathways that cater to people using wheelchairs, prams, or mobility aids.

There was also a desire for more accessible, and well-maintained, amenities, particularly public toilets and change rooms that accommodate diverse needs, including family and gender-neutral options. Comments also highlighted the importance of enabling access to the water itself, with ideas such as beach wheelchairs and gentle ramps into pools or beaches.

Other themes included the need for accessible parking, safer navigation features like lighting and signage, and creating welcoming, multi-use spaces with shade, seating, and community facilities.

Overall, respondents expressed a desire for inclusive environments that promote dignity, independence, and shared enjoyment of coastal assets.

Table 6: Suggested inclusive features

Suggested inclusive features (open ended question)	N=716
Ramps/accessible pathways/wheelchair and pram access	18%
Improvements to/accessible toilets/change rooms (including family change facilities)	14%
More accessible in general	5%
Parking/disabled parking	4%
Beach wheelchairs/ways to get closer to the water	3%
General improvements/maintenance i.e. cleaner, smoother pavement, safer	3%
Shade and seating	3%
Lifts/elevators	3%
Space activation such as cafes, restaurants, tables, BBQs, pool and play equipment	2%
Improved signage/speaker system	2%
Secure bicycle, pram and wheelchair parking/secure lockers	1%
Safer spaces	1%
Bigger facility	<1%
Drinking fountains	<1%
Patrolled beaches	<1%
Other comments	5%
No response	55%

Table 7: Examples of ramps/accessible pathways verbatims

Examples: Ramps/accessible pathways/wheelchair and pram access (18%)

"Easy access ramps so people can get in and out regardless of whether there is a power outage"

"Yes, accessible access into venues, as well as to/from the beach (stairs etc) for people with mobility issues"

"Getting prams/wheelchairs safely to the beach for Merewether pedestrians. Cannot go through the underpass and crossing at Frederick St, it is extremely dangerous if slow or bulky (pram or wheelchair) in median strip. Safety hubs don't feel safe"

"Rails, slopes for wheelchairs all buildings and areas. Slopes into water for those in wheelchairs, easy access for all"

"Ensuring all facilities offer accessible paths of travel"

Table 8: Examples of toilet/change room improvements verbatims

Examples: Improvements to/accessible toilets/change rooms (14%)

"Hooks to hang towels, clothes etc. when changing & showering. Indoor shower facilities and change rooms for all city beaches"

"Parent rooms with toilets and change rooms for children, separate from adult areas"

"Old style showers and change areas with open air and plenty of room instead of rows of tiny foul smelling airless toilets and showers with broken locks please"

"Hygienic toilets and change rooms that are family and disability friendly"

"Toilets and separate change rooms essential"

Please let us know if you have any other comments in relation to our coastal buildings?

Based on the open-ended responses, themes emerged regarding inclusivity and the future of coastal buildings in the area. Many emphasised the need for upgraded and well-maintained facilities, particularly toilets, showers, and change rooms, highlighting concerns around cleanliness, accessibility, and modern standards.

The Newcastle and Merewether Ocean Baths were frequently referenced, reflecting their importance to the community and the need for them to be inclusive, welcoming, and fit for purpose. There is also a need for improving access for all, especially for people with disabilities and families, alongside preserving the communal, volunteer-driven nature of surf clubs and coastal spaces.

Participants want buildings that support public use, community life, and social vibrancy, often suggesting things like cafes, bars, or multi-use spaces, while also maintaining the charm and function of Newcastle's unique coastal identity.

Table 9: Further comments on coastal buildings

Further comments (open ended question)	N=716
Bathrooms/change rooms	19%
General maintenance and upgrades	17%
Space activation for tourists and generating income e.g. events, cafes, restaurants, amenities (tables, BBQs), etc.	8%
Support the Surf Clubs more (money, equipment, space, storage, etc.)	4%
Embrace the heritage	4%
Functional/well-designed	3%
Open/green space/embrace the environment	3%
Shade and seating	3%
Safer spaces/more enforcement	3%
Do not over-commercialise	2%
Be more accessible	2%
Storage/lockers	2%
Better connectivity (transport, walkways and cycleways)	2%
Improved parking	1%
Signage	1%
Water stations	<1%
Other comments	5%
No response	49%

Table 10: Examples of bathroom/ change room verbatims

Examples: Bathrooms/change rooms (19%)

"...people are trying to shower sand off small children in full view of the car park, or line up for the single-family change room. So, you strip under your towel because the toilet doors don't lock and anyone can look straight in and there is nowhere to put your clothes"

"Put soap in the dispensers!"

"Absolutely need indoor showers and change rooms at Nobbys Beach"

"Please give us more public toilets in Stockton along the beach and little beach"

Table 11: Examples of general maintenance and upgrades verbatims

Examples: General maintenance and upgrades (17%)

"Keep up the maintenance of the buildings and infrastructure"

"Preserving the heritage of our coastal buildings should be a priority in relation to renewal, upgrade and maintenance"

"Better cleaning schedules especially tables/chairs"

"...stop doing small 'patch up' works to this beach and invest in a full revitalisation for the good of the community"

"Providing a safe area. Maintenance of the facilities, cleanliness & functionality. Providing small conveniences of hooks for towels & clothes, hand soaps & adequate lighting & ventilation"

7. What we heard breakout - under 30 years old

A short summary of key takeouts from participants aged under 30:

- 43% of those aged under 30 are using/visiting coastal buildings 4-7 times a week (13% every day). 69% are attending alone and 89% visit with friends.
- This cohort is significantly more likely to undertake the following activities: meet with friends (67%), sunbake (33%) and have a picnic (17%) at coastal spaces.
- Those aged under 30 years most commonly visit Newcastle Beach/Newcastle Ocean Baths (37%) and Bar Beach/Cooks Hill (37%), and are significantly more likely to visit Dixon Park (24%) than other age groups.
- They place a significantly higher level of importance on coastal spaces having drinking stations (pet friendly) (73%), close proximity to public transport (77%) and access to BBQs (27%).
- They are significantly more likely to have environmental concerns in their top 3 priority ranking

8. What we heard breakout - respondents who identify as living with disability or utilise the building/location with someone who lives with disability

A short summary of key takeouts from participants who identify as living with disability:

- 44% are using/visiting coastal buildings 4-7 times a week (21% every day). 55% attend alone and 55% visit with friends.
- These participants are significantly less likely to be visiting these spaces to swim or recreate on the beach (75%) and significantly more likely to go and enjoy the peace and quiet (40%).
- They most commonly visit Newcastle Beach/Newcastle Ocean Baths (48%), and are significantly more likely to visit Nobbys Beach (31%).
- These participants place a significantly higher level of importance on seating (67%), accessible adult change facilities (65%), indoor community space (40%) and BBQs (23%). This group also placed a significantly lower level of importance on the need for a café/kiosk (50%).
- These participants are significantly more likely to have ranked the proximity to public transport in their top 3.
- When asked to provide further feedback regarding inclusive features that need to be incorporated in standard building designs, this cohort was significantly more likely to have mentioned accessible toilets and change rooms (19%), parking/disabled parking (7%), general improvements (e.g. smooth pavement) (8%) and improved signage/speaker system (6%).

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We will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses and provide further opportunities for the community to have their say at key stages of the project.

Appendix

Appendix I – Promotional materials

Have your say webpage

Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan

You're invited to have your say on how we plan for the future of our coastal buildings. Get involved before 29 March 2025!



[Home](#) / Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan

We're planning for the future of our coastal buildings.

We are developing a Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan, which will help us effectively plan for, deliver and manage our coastal buildings in the short, medium and long term.

The Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan will include Surf Life Saving Clubs, lifeguard towers, beach kiosks, ocean bath pavilions, and amenities pavilions stretching from Stockton to Merewether. These buildings provide essential services to our community while we spend time at our beloved beaches. They provide space for the community to gather, for our lifeguards to keep watch from, amenities for our day at the beach, a spot to enjoy a coffee and catch up with friends, and much more.

We recently hosted a series of focus groups with key stakeholders such as Surf Life Saving Clubs, Ambulance NSW, nippers groups and kiosk operators to detail the scope of the Plan and seek their input on what we should consider when planning for the revitalisation of our Coastal Buildings.

A key objective of the Plan is to review the existing coastal buildings and determine what upgrades need to take place to improve the facilities for both locals and visitors, and that's where we need your help. We want to hear from you about how you use our coastal buildings, and what you value about them.

Have your say

We understand that the best outcomes are generated when CN and the community work together. Help shape the future of our coastal precincts by:

- Reading the information available on this page
- Completing the community survey

Together we can plan for the future of our coastal buildings.

Survey closes 29 March 2025.

[Open](#)

Come and chat to us!

 **10am - 12pm Thursday 16 January 2025**
Corner of Nelson and Cowper Streets,
Wallsend



We Love Our Coast

We love our coast, and our beaches are part of Novocastrian culture, which is why we need to proactively plan for our coastline to ensure that it meets the needs of our growing community and visitor economy now and for generations to come.

[Find out how we're planning for our coast! >](#)

Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan survey

Welcome to the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan survey!

City of Newcastle is developing a plan for future planning, management and prioritisation of coastal buildings infrastructure.

This survey will explore how you use, what you value and how you wish to use the city's coastal buildings into the future.

Your results will help develop a Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan.

The survey will take around 7 minutes to complete.

Usage

How often do you use / visit / patronise the coastal buildings (surf clubs, beachside amenities (toilets / showers / changerooms))? Required

- ☐ Every day
- ☐ 4-6 times per week
- ☐ 1-3 times per week
- ☐ Once a fortnight
- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Annually
- ☐ Less than annually

When visiting, how do you get there: Required

- ☐ Walk
- ☐ Walk with pram
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ E-scoot / e-bike
- ☐ Car
- ☐ Public transport
- ☐ Wheelchair / mobility aid
- ☐ Other (please specify)

When visiting, are you: Required

- ☐ Alone
- ☐ With friends
- ☐ With children

FAQ

- ? What is the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan?
- ? Why is a Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan needed?
- ? Which coastal precincts will be included in the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan?
- ? Why are the Newcastle Ocean Baths included in the plan?
- ? Will the Surf Life Saving Clubs have input on this Plan?

[See more](#)

Timeline

-  **Commence User Needs Analysis**
April 2024
-  **Consult with key stakeholders**
November to December 2024
-  **Consult with the community**
December 2024 to March 2025

[See more](#)

Contact us

Have questions or want to learn more about a project, contact us below:

 Name Engagement Team

 Phone 02 4974 2000

 Email engage@ncc.nsw.gov.au

Flyer and onsite signage



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Have your say before 29 March 2025 at haveyoursay.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/CBRP



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December 10, 2024 · 🌐

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We're planning for the future of our coastal buildings



City of Newcastle

February 2 · 🌐

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Do you use or visit our coastal buildings such as surf clubs and beachside amenities? 🌊

We want to hear from you about how you use these buildings, and what you value about them.

Help inform our Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan 📋

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City of Newcastle

March 16 at 10:30 AM · 🌐

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Help inform our Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan - get involved before 29 March by visiting:

<https://haveyoursay.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/CBRP> 📱





City of Newcastle

March 17 at 11:30 AM · 🌐

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Love the coast? We're popping up around Newcastle this week to hear your thoughts on two key coastal projects:

- 🌊 Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan - open until Saturday 29 March 2025
- 🌊 Extended Stockton Coastal Management Program - open until Monday 31 March 2025.

Come and have your say, to help us make informed decisions about our coastline at:

📅 Wednesday 19 March 2025, 10am - 12pm

🌳 Carnley Reserve, Blackbutt Reserve

📅 Thursday 20 March 2025, 9:30am - 12pm

🌳 Gregson Park Playspace

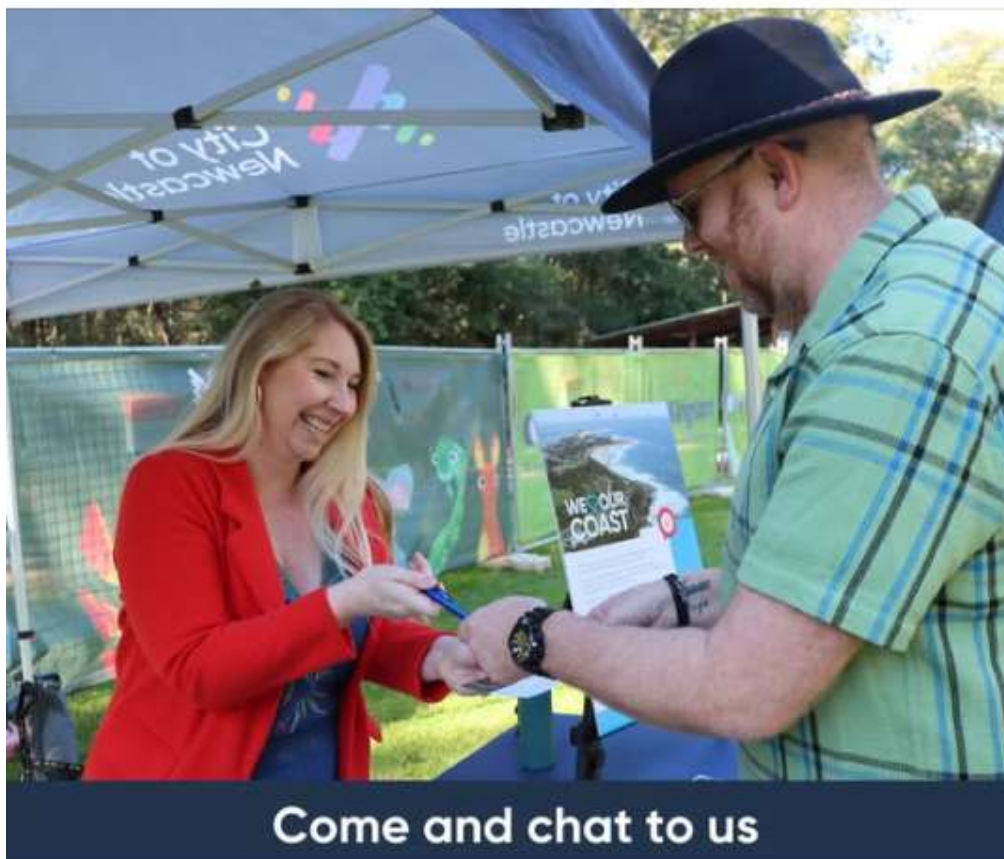
📅 Friday 21 March 2025, 6:30am - 9:00am

🏖️ Nobbys Beach

📅 Sunday 23 March 2025, 10am - 12:30pm

🌳 Rawson Park, Stockton.

Weather permitting



Come and chat to us



Newsletter

December 2025



Thanks for having your say in 2024!

Thank you for sharing your thoughts, opinions and ideas throughout 2024. Your feedback is vital in shaping the future of our city. This year you have provided feedback on a number of significant projects, such as the:

 Broadmeadow Place Strategy

 Bathers Way, King Edward Park and Newcastle Ocean Baths Revitalisation Stage Two

 Islington Cycleway Improvements

 Walking and Mobility Plan and many more!

There's plenty happening across our city and as we head into the holiday season there are still a number of ways you can get involved!



Have we got it right?

We listened to your aspirations for the future of Newcastle, and we've updated our **Community Strategic Plan** to ensure we're heading in the right direction towards a city that we can all be proud of.

Newcastle 2040 - our Community Strategic Plan is the highest level of planning undertaken by City of Newcastle (CN). It is our 10-year roadmap identifying where we are now, where we want to be in the future, and how we'll get there.

It's a plan that represents our shared vision for Newcastle, bringing together who we are, what we love, our challenges, and our opportunities. We all have a role to play in shaping the future of our city.

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Review the plan and let us know if we've got it right



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Have your say

How can I make a difference?



Use your experience and knowledge to help make a difference

Share your knowledge and expertise to help make Newcastle a liveable, sustainable, inclusive global city by joining one of our eight Advisory Committees.

We are seeking expressions of interest from community members with relevant experience and qualifications to provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities for Newcastle.

Find out more and express your interest



Join Newcastle's growing movement of climate leaders

Applications are now open for **Empowering Climate Champions**, our first of its kind community net zero training program.

The **free 6-week program** delivered by expert facilitators representing leading climate organisations across Australia will equip you with the tools and strategies to create projects that support the shift to renewable energy, electrification, and energy efficiency in Newcastle.

Spaces are limited! Don't miss the chance to turn your climate project idea into meaningful local action.

[Learn more and apply](#)

Looking for something fun to do these holidays?



Encore! One Song Sing - How To Make Gravy

Newcastle's own enormously popular pop-up community choir returns to help us celebrate the end of the year.

Join us on the 19 December at 5.30pm for a special encore One Song Sing rendition of **Paul Kelly's How to Make Gravy** in Wheeler Place. Learn the song, in a three-part harmony, in one hour with friends, family and complete strangers.

In true Sum of the Parts (music) style, the song lyrics will be mashed up with a good lashing of Christmas cheer. Civic Theatre Bar will be open from 4:30pm for refreshments.

This is a FREE event, but don't forget to register to receive the song lyrics.

[Register here](#)



Join the party on the Newcastle foreshore for an inclusive celebration of community, creativity and fun!

Queens Wharf Precinct will be transformed into a welcoming and vibrant community party featuring family-friendly activities, bike parades, live music, local food providers, and **the must-see 9pm fireworks**.

NEWY NYE 24/25 is **proudly an inclusive and accessible event**, with a dedicated drop off zone, accessible pathways, a dedicated fireworks viewing area, audio descriptions of the fireworks and a quiet zone for visitors to reset during the party.

 Kids zone, inflatables, wish walk, bike decorating, retro jukebox, live music, DJ's, eat street, picnic zones

 Accessible quiet zone near The Station

 The Big Bike Parade

 9pm NYE fireworks!

[Find out more and plan your night](#)

Where to next?



Planning for Mayfield

A few months ago, we worked with businesses and residents to explore how we can make **Maitland Road, Mayfield** a more vibrant and active space to visit and spend time in. We heard a range of ideas throughout engagement.

To learn more about what we heard and the next steps for the project, click [here](#).



Parkway Avenue Roundabout Safety Improvements

We recently sought your feedback on **safety and active transport infrastructure** improvements at two key roundabouts on Parkway Avenue.

Click [here](#) to discover the next steps and find out what we heard.



Walking and Mobility Plan

Earlier this year, we invited you to have your say on the Draft Walking and Mobility Plan; a **10-year strategy** designed to increase pedestrian activity in Newcastle by building and supporting **walkable neighbourhoods**.

To find out more and see a quick snapshot of the engagement, click [here](#).

Key dates



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Latest opportunities to get involved

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[GET INVOLVED](#)



Want to use your experience and knowledge to help make a difference?

Expressions of interest are now open for our eight advisory committees. **Our Standing and Strategic Advisory Committees** provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities for City of Newcastle.

These provide an opportunity to have a **direct impact** on local issues, policies and initiatives that **make a difference** in the community whilst expanding your network, learning about governance and providing advocacy for areas you have experience in.

These include:

- Access Inclusion Advisory Committee
- Guraki Aboriginal Standing Committee
- Youth Council Standing Committee
- Public Art Standing Committee
- Community and Culture Strategic Advisory Committee
- Infrastructure Strategic Advisory Committee

- Liveable Cities Strategic Advisory Committee
- Strategy and Innovation Strategic Advisory Committee

Hurry, applications close this Friday 24 January!

APPLY NOW

Love where you **Live. Work. Play.**



Show us what you love about Newcastle and win!

With your feedback, we've updated our long-term plan, which sets the shared vision and direction for where we want our city to be in 10 years' time.

Get involved for your chance to win with \$1,500 in prizes up for grabs!

How to participate:

💡 Have your say and complete our online survey.

📷 Tell us what you love about your local community, and the places where you live, work and play. Get creative and submit a photo, artwork, video, short story or poem.

🏆 Vote for your favourite entry in the art competition and help us decide the winners of the People's Choice category!

Make sure to get your submission in before 30 January.

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Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme

Help us shape the future of affordable housing in Newcastle.

The draft Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme is part of our plan to address the critical need for affordable housing in Newcastle.

It proposes changes to the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 that will allow us to apply conditions on certain new residential and mixed-use developments for affordable housing contributions.

This is an important step towards ensuring Newcastle remains a liveable, inclusive city where everyone can find a place to call home.

Complete the quick poll or share your submission before 2 February.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Closing the loop



Thanks for your feedback on National Park!

Last month, we asked you to help us enhance the northwest corner of National Park by providing feedback on our **Draft Landscape and Park Improvement Plan**.

We are currently considering how we can integrate your feedback into detailed design, before installing the new features mid-2025.

Check out the **Summary Engagement Report** on our website.

FIND OUT WHAT WE HEARD



Newcastle Canopies Photo Competition

Thanks to everyone that helped us celebrate the beauty of our trees in Newcastle!

We loved seeing your creative entries, and how you connect to the natural environment. It was great to see participation from people of all ages.

Check out the photos from our competition winners and runners up.

Photo: 'My paperbark' by Iris Alder.

[VIEW THE WINNING ENTRIES](#)

Events



Ngarrama 2025

Saturday 25 January from 7pm to 9pm

King Edward Park

This free public event, in partnership with Awabakal Ltd, Port Waratah Coal Services, the City of Newcastle and NGM Group (Newcastle Greater Mutual Group), will return to King Edward Park on 25 January.

Ngarrama is an invitation for all to bring along your friends, family and a picnic blanket to engage in meaningful reconciliation through truth-telling, performances, song, and historical acceptance.

Ngarrama is an opportunity for the Newcastle community to come together on the eve of Australia/Survival Day to reflect on traditional life in Mooloobinba before 1788 and to celebrate the richness and resilience of First Nations culture - in particular the Awabakal and Worimi people, the traditional custodians of the land upon which Newcastle now stands.

Artwork: Created by Belle Leonard, Guuguu Yimithirr artist

[BOOK YOUR TICKET](#)



Beach 5s Festival

Saturday 25 January 12pm to 7.30pm | Sunday 26 January from 10am to 4pm

Nobbys Beach

The Beach 5s Australia Day Weekend Festival is a celebration of togetherness, harmony, and inclusivity.

This year's All-Star Legends Charity Game features **All-Nations Legends V's NRL Newcastle Knights Legends, Captained by Kurt Gidley**.

This is a festival for everyone, where all are welcome to join in the fun and excitement.

Register a team or cheer from the sidelines (free entry for spectators).

There will be fun for all ages, from Under 12s Juniors to Men's and Women's.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

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From **lifeguard towers and surf clubs** to **ocean bath pavilions and beach kiosks**, these buildings play a vital role in our community - providing amenities, gathering spaces, and essential services that keep our beaches safe and enjoyable.

Now, we want to hear from you! How do you use these coastal buildings, and what improvements would make them even better? Your feedback will help shape the future of our coastline from Stockton to Merewether.

GET INVOLVED



Extended Stockton Coastal Management Program

Our beaches and coastal areas are central to the Novocastrian lifestyle, making it essential to plan for their future.

We've been working closely with stakeholders to develop the draft **Extended Stockton Coastal Management Program (CMP)**, which sets out a long-term, coordinated strategy for managing our coastline.

The CMP identifies key coastal risks such as **erosion and sea level rise**, outlines the actions needed to address them, and details how and when these actions will be implemented, including potential funding mechanisms.

The Extended Stockton CMP will be presented at the **February Ordinary Council Meeting for endorsement for public exhibition**. We encourage the community to stay informed and have their say on the future of Stockton's coastline.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Have you thought about what you'd do in an emergency?

Join us to 'Walk the Big Map' on **Saturday 22 March** - an **interactive** activity to explore ways to build **community resilience** in Newcastle and help reduce the impacts of future disaster events.

It's an opportunity for our community to come together with emergency management experts and identify risks, share experiences, and discuss ways we, as a community, can better prepare ourselves for events that may occur in the future. Whether you're new to emergency planning or already involved, your input matters.

Come along and help us build a safer, stronger Newcastle!

10am - 2pm Saturday 22 March 2025

Newcastle Exhibition Centre

REGISTER NOW



Essential preparation work to kick off the western corridor road upgrades

We've been upgrading key intersections across the western road network to enhance access for Wallsend, Minmi, Fletcher, and Maryland. These upgrades are designed to **ease congestion** and **enhance traffic flow** in preparation for the Western Corridor Road Upgrades project.

With these improvements in place, Daracon, our delivery partner, is now set to begin preparations for the upgrade and widening of Longworth Avenue and Minmi Road.

From Friday, 21 February, at 8pm, Daracon will start night work. During this initial phase, the northbound lane of Longworth Avenue will be closed.

We're committed to delivering infrastructure that benefits the community today and supports future growth.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Closing the loop



Newcastle Ocean Baths Revitalisation - Stage Two

Thanks for having your say on the concept plans for Newcastle Ocean Baths, Stage Two which includes the revitalisation of the pavilion buildings and surrounds.

The detailed design phase will explore the **results of the community consultation** and **technical studies** to inform how, what, and where refinements and enhancements can be facilitated.

We are already exploring how we can:

- Revise the layout of change rooms, returning to a north-south changeroom split within the northern pavilion.
- Explore further ways to deliver open-air amenity of the change rooms with ventilation and natural lighting through the roof design.

- Consider options for seating that are more inclusive and suitable for picnics.

Interested to know what others have said?

READ THE CONSULTATION REPORT



Newcastle Show 2025

We recently sought feedback from you as to whether you support a Local Public Holiday for the Newcastle Show. Thank you for having your say.

The NSW Minister for Industrial Relations has declared **Friday 28 February 2025** as a **Local Event Day** within the Newcastle Local Government Area for the Newcastle Show, which runs from 28 February - 2 March 2025.

A local event day is **not** a public holiday but can be considered as one for those employees who have agreed to observe the day in their relevant industrial agreement.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



Empowering Climate Champions

Earlier this year, we asked for applications for the community net zero training program. Applications were encouraged from enthusiastic people who are committed to taking action on climate change in Newcastle and have an interest in contributing to a community project. The program suits those who just starting out on their climate and environmental journey, all the way through to those who have been engaged for a long time.

Thank you for your applications. Successful applicants have been notified and will begin training from 6 March until 10 April 2025.

Interested in the next program?

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



Young waste warriors go behind-the-scenes at Summerhill

More than eighty-five attendees took part in two free visits to Summerhill Waste Management Centre last weekend, allowing children to have a **close-up look at the daily operations** of a landfill and resource recovery facility.

The tour of Summerhill was guided by the waste services team and covered various areas of the facility, including the Resource Recovery Centre, Green Waste, Landfill and Solar Farm.

As part of the tours, children also participated in an education session that covered interesting waste facts such as the growing issue of how to properly dispose of batteries found in children's

toys, as well as problem waste such as takeaway coffee cups.

FIND OUT ABOUT LOW WASTE LIVING

Key dates



Newcastle Toy Library's 50th Birthday Celebration



Come and join us from 9:30am - 11:30am this **Saturday 22 February** at New Lambton Library for some free fun and entertainment including:

- Face painting
- Birthday cake
- Creative play stations
- Fun tattoos

The Toy Library will also be open for borrowing and returning toys.

CHECK OUT THE DETAILS

Time to shine at the 2025 Seniors Festival



Join us at Seniors Festival to celebrate **the invaluable role and contributions of older adults in our local community**. Running **3 March to 16 March 2025**, the two-week festival is all about **connection and discovery**. The theme for 2025 is '**Time to Shine!**' There will be many opportunities to **reunite with old friends, meet new ones, learn and enjoy shared experiences**.

City of Newcastle is planning a *shining* Seniors Festival full of interesting and entertaining activities and events across Newcastle Libraries, Museum and in collaboration with leading community-focused organisations. Launching the 2025 Festival will be a new-look Festival Expo on **Tuesday 4 March**.

[EXPLORE THE FULL DETAILS](#)

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Love Stockton?

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We've achieved a lot to combat erosion in Stockton since the 2020 CMP was developed. In late 2023, our collaboration with the NSW Government saw an initial 130,000 cubic metres of amenity sand delivered to help renourish Stockton Beach.

We've also progressed a number of actions from the Stockton CMP 2020, including construction of a rock bag structure at Barrie Crescent, new protection structures at Mitchell Street, repairs to the Stockton breakwater, and sand scraping along Stockton Beach.

Despite the progress, there's still more to do to **safeguard the coastal community of Stockton**, which is why the CMP contains a revised list of **management actions** to establish a holistic and integrated program for the **delivery, funding and maintenance** of mass sand nourishment, to buffer the **impacts of erosion** and **preserve the coastline** adjacent to the suburb of Stockton.

It also **extends the geographical boundary** of the program to include complementary actions for the northern end of Stockton Beach from Meredith Street to the Newcastle - Port Stephens Local Government Area boundary.

At this key milestone, it's important we hear from you. Be sure to read the CMP and have your say before 31 March 2025.

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Tell us how you use our coastal buildings, and what you value about them before 29 March 2025.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



The Youth Climate Action Grant program is now open!

Young people around the world are concerned about the impacts of climate change on people and the planet. We are currently offering microgrants of \$1,500 to \$7,500 to young individuals or organisations that represent youth to fund climate initiatives.

The program works to support young people to design, produce and govern urgent climate solutions that advance our Newcastle Climate Action Plan targets of a net-zero emissions community by 2040.

Want to get involved?

Attend an online information session to find out more about this new grant program including an overview of the application process:

12pm - 1pm Wednesday 2 April 2025

Submit your application before 13 April 2025.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, join us on the **Big Map**



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Let's prepare together for emergencies

Join us to 'Walk the Big Map' this Saturday- an **interactive** activity to explore ways to build **community resilience** in Newcastle and help reduce the impacts of future disaster events.

It's an opportunity for our community to come together with emergency management experts and identify risks, share experiences, and discuss ways we, as a community, can better **prepare ourselves** for events that may occur in the future.

Whether you're new to emergency planning or already involved, **your input matters**. Come along and help us build a safer, stronger Newcastle,

Join us at the Newcastle Exhibition Centre on Saturday 22 March 2025 from 10am - 2pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Key dates



Come and chat to us

We'll be out and about across Newcastle to catch you where you are! If you see us, make sure you come and speak with our team.

6.30am - 9.30am Friday 21 March 2025 at Nobbys Beach*

10.00am - 12.30pm Sunday 23 March 2025 at Rawson Park, Stockton*

**Weather permitting*

Last chance:

Saturday 29 March 2025

To have your say on the future of our coastal buildings

Monday 31 March 2025

To submit feedback on the draft Extended Stockton Coastal Management Program

Sunday 13 April 2025

To apply for the Youth Climate Action Grants

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Media release



9 December 2024

Community use of coastal buildings in focus to aid future planning

City of Newcastle is leading the way in coastal infrastructure planning by kicking off consultation with the community on its Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan, the first of its kind in the state.

The Plan will incorporate a range of structures along the various coastline precincts from Stockton to the Merewether Ocean Baths Pavilion, and include lifeguard facilities, surf club pavilions and clubhouses, beach kiosks, shade shelters and amenities, as well as seawalls.

It will be guided by Newcastle's Coastal Management Programs and input from the local community, alongside a comprehensive review of existing facilities, as part of a strategic effort to enhance and maintain the city's iconic coastal assets.

City of Newcastle Executive Director City Infrastructure Clint Thomson said the community is at the heart of the trailblazing work on the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan.

"We're leading the way with our work, which will ensure that the maintenance, renewal and upgrade of Newcastle's coastal buildings is planned and delivered in a sustainable, strategic and considered manner, and benefits the wider community," Mr Thomson said.

"If you've swam at a local beach or ocean baths, enjoyed coffee and a snack from a beach kiosk, asked a lifeguard in blue for advice, been involved with nippers or other surf lifesaving club activities, then you'll be no stranger to the importance of the buildings situated along the city's iconic coastline.

"To inform the development of the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan, we recently hosted a series of focus groups with key stakeholders, and now we want to hear from you to help us understand your needs and aspirations for our coastal buildings.

"Community insight is crucial to help inform the new plan, which will provide clear guidance for the maintenance, renewal and upgrade of coastal buildings and assets over the short, medium and long term."

In addition to the user needs analysis currently underway, a review of existing infrastructure is also being undertaken.

This important feedback will contribute to a considered framework for future planning, management and prioritisation of infrastructure, balancing the views of users, and considering social, environmental and technical constraints.

The Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan will also support City of Newcastle to apply for and secure NSW and Federal Government funding for projects that enhance access to our coastal areas.

Councillor Jenny Barrie said Newcastle's beaches, baths and coastal areas are spectacular precincts that contribute to the wellbeing of our community and attract visitors to our city, and planning for their future will serve the community and visitors now and into the future.

"We love our coast, and our beaches are a big part of our local culture, which is why we need to proactively plan for coastal infrastructure that supports the needs of our growing community and visitor economy now, and for generations to come," Cr Barrie said.

"Located along arguably one of the most incredible coastlines in the country, these buildings and facilities are essential community spaces that bring people together, while also providing a base for vital surf lifesaving services."

To find out more and have your say visit <https://haveyoursay.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/CBRP>

Coastal Management Program

To continue to guide the ongoing management of Newcastle's coastline and related projects and planning, City of Newcastle is also in the process of developing the Southern Beaches Coastal Management Program, which covers the coastline from Nobbys Headland to Glenrock Lagoon, and the Extended Stockton Coastal Management Program.

Coastal Management Programs set the long-term strategy for the coordinated management of the coast, to protect coastal environments, manage the risk of coastal hazards, respect Aboriginal values and uses of the coastline, and ensure all use and development of the coastal environmental occurs in an ecologically sustainable way, while balancing the needs of the community.

Partner campaign

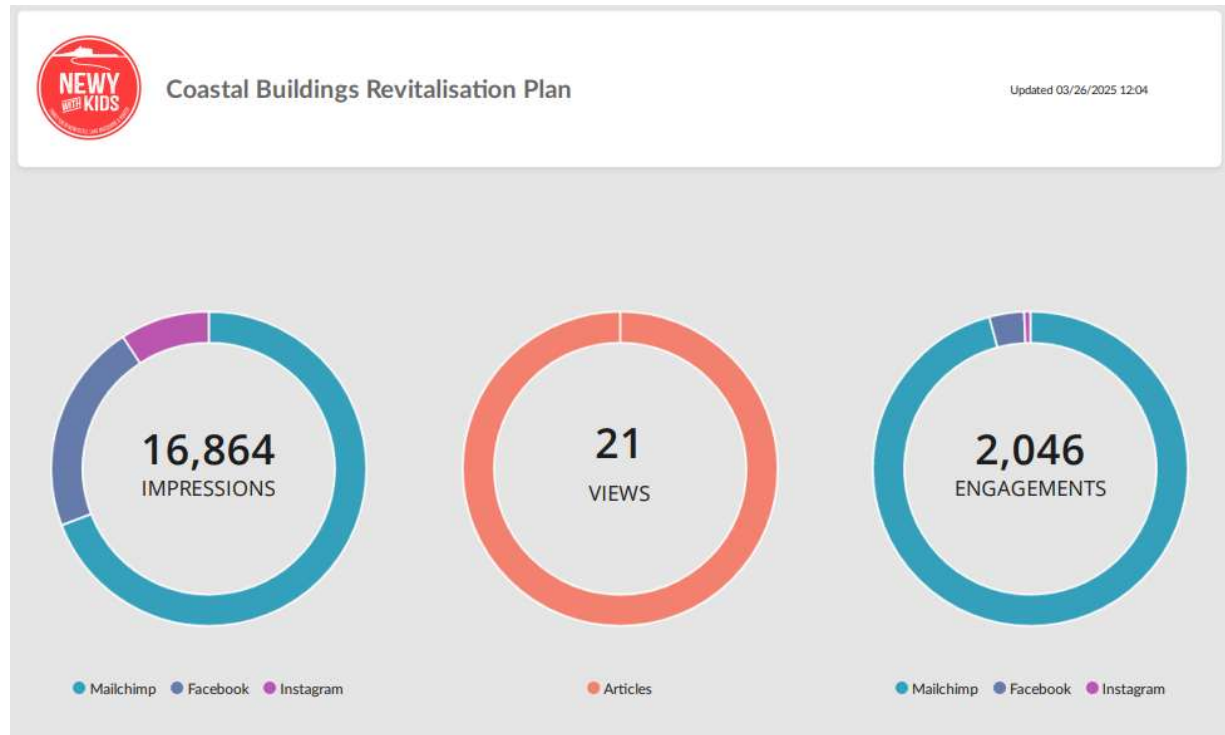
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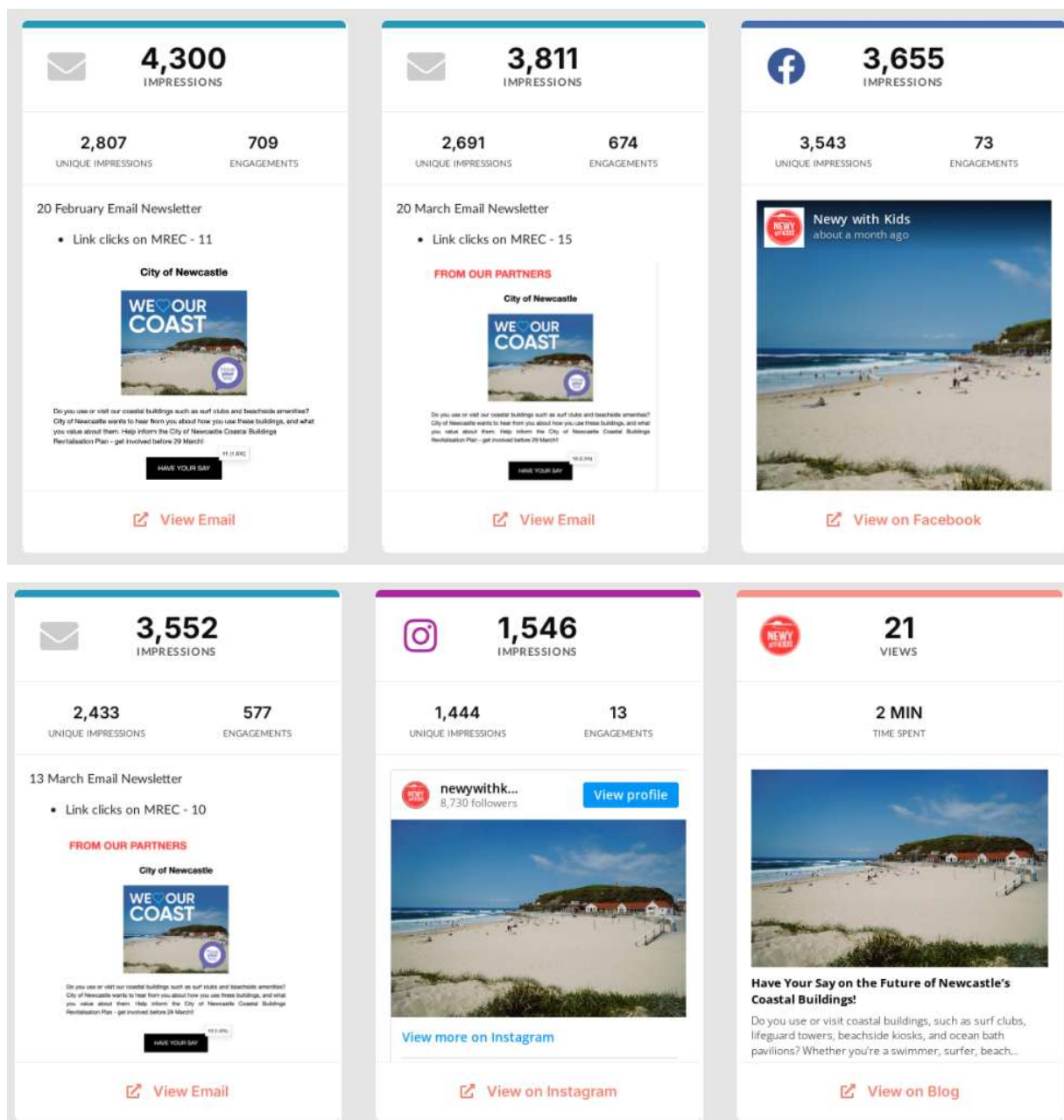
Coastal Revival Survey - CON - Campaign Report

E-NEWSLETTER TAKEOVER SUMMARY											
Campaign Title	Date	Cost	Total Opens	Total Clicks	Open Rate	Click Rate	Total Link Clicks	CPM	CPC		
Coastal Revival Survey	26/02/2025	\$1,000.00	17,576	4,370	12,381	44.3%	2,049	7.3%	55	1.3%	\$56.90 \$18.18

Data as at 18/03/2025

Newy with kids





Appendix II – Survey

Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan survey

Welcome to the Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan survey!

City of Newcastle is developing a plan for future planning, management and prioritisation of coastal buildings infrastructure.

This survey will explore how you use, what you value and how you wish to use the city's coastal buildings into the future.

Your results will help develop a Coastal Buildings Revitalisation Plan.

The survey will take around 7 minutes to complete.

Usage

How often do you use / visit / patronise the coastal buildings (surf clubs, beachside amenities (toilets / showers / changerooms))? Required

- ☐ Every day
- ☐ 4-6 times per week
- ☐ 1-3 times per week
- ☐ Once a fortnight
- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Annually
- ☐ Less than annually

When visiting, how do you get there: Required

- ☐ Walk
- ☐ Walk with pram
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ E-scoot / e-bike
- ☐ Car
- ☐ Public transport
- ☐ Wheelchair / mobility aid
- ☐ Other (please specify)

When visiting, are you: Required

- ☐ Alone
- ☐ With friends
- ☐ With children
- ☐ With family
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Please select your top 5 activities when visiting our coastal locations? Required

- ☐ Sun bake
- ☐ Swim or recreate on the beach
- ☐ Surf / bodyboard / body surf
- ☐ Participate in club/community group activities (nippers, board riders, ocean swimmers etc.)
- ☐ Volunteer for community services (Surf Lifesaving etc.)
- ☐ Enjoy the peace and quiet
- ☐ Exercise
- ☐ Meet with friends
- ☐ Utilise the building facilities (showers, toilets, hydration stations)
- ☐ Picnic
- ☐ Use the kiosk
- ☐ Visit, hire or use café / restaurant / function centres and rooms
- ☐ Other (please specify)

When visiting, where are you most likely going?

For example - Merewether, Stockton or Bar Beach.

Values

Please let us know how important the following elements are when choosing to visit our coastal locations such as our beaches, surf clubs and beachside amenities (toilets / showers / changerooms):

	Not at all important	Slightly Important	Important	Fairly Important	Very Important
Shelter / shade	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Toilets (incl accessible toilet)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Accessible adult change facility (Changing Places)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Change rooms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Family change rooms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pathways	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Seating	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Picnic tables	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
BBQs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Drinking stations (pet friendly)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Café / Kiosk	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Outdoor community space (grassed areas)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Indoor community space (community rooms)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Parking	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Proximity to public transport	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please rank the following options based on their importance to you when visiting our coastal locations:

Assign a rank from 1 to 6, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important (mobile) OR drag the comments from the left box to the right box and arrange in order of priority with the top being most important to the bottom being least (desktop).

Function room / community hire space	⋮	
Public amenities (toilets / showers / changerooms)	⋮	
Commercial opportunities (such as restaurants, cafes and bars)	⋮	
Pop up event space (for activations, events and markets)	⋮	
Community sports club facilities (storage etc.)	⋮	
Patrolled beach (Lifeguard facilities (first aid rooms and towers))	⋮	

Please rank the following criteria for how you think the renewal, upgrade, and maintenance of coastal buildings should be prioritised.

Assign a rank from 1 to 6, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important (mobile) OR drag the comments from the left box to the right box and arrange in order of priority with the top being most important to the bottom being least (desktop).

How often the building is used	⋮	
Benefits to the community	⋮	
Employment and business opportunities	⋮	
How close the building is to needing major repairs	⋮	
Ongoing maintenance needs	⋮	
Overall cost of the project	⋮	
Partnership opportunities with other organisations	⋮	
Availability of funding or grants	⋮	
Environmental concerns (like rising sea levels)	⋮	
Proximity to public transport	⋮	
Potential for attracting tourists	⋮	

We are committed to improving access to our coastal buildings for people living with disabilities. Are there any inclusive features that you would like to see incorporated into the standard building designs, so people of all abilities can fully enjoy our coastal assets?

Please let us know if you have any other comments in relation to our coastal buildings?

About you!

These questions are not mandatory, however by providing this information CN are able to explore who we are hearing from and further analyse the feedback you provide.

Suburb

Age Group

Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, Aboriginal
- ☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander

Do you, or the people you will use CN coastal buildings with identify as having a disability?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

What is your relationship to the Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA)?

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ I live in the Newcastle LGA
- ☐ I work in the Newcastle LGA
- ☐ I own/operate a business in the Newcastle LGA
- ☐ I own a property in the Newcastle LGA
- ☐ I am a visitor
- ☐ I represent a local community group / agency / sporting organisation

Would you like to stay updated?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes (please supply your email address)