
Bathers Way – King Edward Park Community Reference Group (CRG) Information Pack

Introduction

Bathers Way is a continuous path linking our iconic beaches of Merewether, Dixon Park, Bar Beach, Newcastle and Nobbys, and is a flagship project of our Coastal Revitalisation program. The [Bathers Way Public Domain Plan \(2012\)](#) guides the delivery of the Bathers Way, previously completed sections include Merewether Beach, Dixon Park, Bar Beach, Nobbys Beach and Newcastle Beach.

City of Newcastle (CN) would like to engage members of the community to contribute to one of the final Bathers Way sections to be completed. The King Edward Park section of Bathers Way will extend from previous works at The Terrace carpark, through King Edward Park, connecting to Shortland Esplanade, and the path which continues onto South Newcastle Beach.

CN is seeking to renew a Community Reference Group (CRG) as part of our community engagement program that represents both key stakeholders and user groups of King Edward Park, along with community members of a broad range of ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

The purpose of the CRG is to enable two-way communication and engagement between CN and representatives of the Newcastle community as we develop concept designs for the Bathers Way section running through King Edward Park.

The CRG will act as a consultative body, providing feedback to the project team as concept designs are developed. CRG members will provide feedback to CN on current usage, areas of improvement and draft concepts, as well as share information with community members and represent their stakeholder or user group (where applicable). For more information, see the [CRG Terms of Reference](#).

Group Selection Process

CN is seeking expressions of interest to form a CRG which has approximately equal representation from stakeholders/user groups and the broader community. As Bathers Way and King Edward Park are assets enjoyed by the community of Greater Newcastle, membership of the CRG will reflect the diversity of our community.

The overall number of members will be limited to an amount that ensures the CRG remains workable and effective. Should CN receive nominations in excess of the number required, a process will be carried out to assess applications using a selection criteria assessment matrix.

Selection criteria include:

- Ability to attend Bathers Way – King Edward Park CRG meetings
- Representation from a range of suburbs to ensure representation from all wards
- Representation from a range of ages (above 18yrs of age)
- People who identify as having lived experience with a disability
- Represent diverse areas and interests such as, but not limited to: environment and sustainability, urban planning, business and industry, neighbourhood or community groups, young people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, cultural communities
- Demonstration of ties to their community
- Demonstration of a commitment to working collaboratively with others

Application Outcome

Applications will be reviewed by a CN panel. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome.

How to submit your application

To allow your application to be properly assessed, please ensure you provide all information requested in the application form.

Applications close 5pm **Wednesday 15 February 2023**.

Apply online:

Submit your application using the online form at newcastle.nsw.gov.au/yoursay

Apply by email:

You can submit your application by email to bathersway@ncc.nsw.gov.au

Please use heading *Bathers Way – King Edward Park Community Reference Group (CRG)* in the subject of the email.

Apply by post:

You can submit your application by post to:

City of Newcastle
Attention: Luke Jones
PO Box 489, Newcastle NSW 2300.

All applications become the property of the City of Newcastle.

Contact

For further information or enquiries about the proposed **Bathers Way – King Edward Park Community Reference Group (CRG)** please contact Luke Jones on 4974 2000 or email bathersway@ncc.nsw.gov.au

Application for Bathers Way – King Edward Park CRG

Please use this application form if submitting your expression of interest via email or post. Write or mark an 'X' in the boxes below.

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/etc)

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other

Surname

Given name(s)

Home address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Preferred contact number

Alternative contact number (optional)

Email address

Preferred meeting day of the week (Monday-Friday)

☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday

What is your gender?

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate/intersex/unspecified ☐ Other ☐ Prefer not to say

Please select your age from the groups below:

- ☐ 18-25
☐ 26-35
☐ 36-45
☐ 46-55
☐ 56-65
☐ 66+

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

Do you identify as having lived experience with a disability?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

If 'yes' to having lived experience with a disability, please provide more information:

Profession/job

Do you agree to attend all meetings? Meetings will be held in person unless they are required to be held online due to COVID-19 requirements.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide any examples of community involvement (i.e. group or club membership, volunteering, etc)

Please explain in 200 words or less why you would like to be involved in the Bathers Way – King Edward Park CRG.

Privacy Statement:

The City of Newcastle recognises that privacy is important to you. In accordance with the *Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act 1998*, we will only use your personal information for the purpose of assessing your application for membership of The City of Newcastle's Community Reference Group. The assessment of your application may require the disclosure of your personal information (limited to your name and category) at an **open meeting of Council**. Information provided by unsuccessful applicants will be destroyed after six months. Information provided by successful applicants will be retained on file.