

Bathers Way – King Edward Park Community Reference Group

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. Bathers Way is being delivered in stages, in line with the [Bathers Way Public Domain Plan \(2012\)](#).

CRG members will have the opportunity to help shape renewed concept designs for the King Edward Park section of Bathers Way, which is one of the final sections to be upgraded. This section 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.

The CRG will act as a consultative body, providing feedback to the project team as concept designs are developed. The CRG is one element of our community engagement program and will be complemented by other engagement activities with the broader community.

Purpose

This document outlines the objectives and structure of the Bathers Way – King Edward Park Community Reference Group (Bathers Way - KEP CRG, or the CRG).

The purpose of the CRG is to enable two-way communication and engagement between CN and community representatives as CN develops concept plans for the Bathers Way – King Edward Park upgrade.

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference will be used to guide each meeting of the CRG and inform the members of their responsibilities.

Objectives

- Contribute to the planning of facilities that balance the needs of current and future Bathers Way users
- Facilitate the sharing of information between the project team and broader community. This includes sharing information about project objectives, status and outcomes with the community and informing the project team of any feedback that community members share.

Functions of the CRG

- Provide information on current usage and areas for improvement of Bathers Way infrastructure within King Edward Park
- Provide feedback to City of Newcastle (CN) on proposals
- Provide information and updates to the community
- Represent your stakeholder/user group (where applicable)

CRG Reporting Structure

The CRG is part of CN's review process and is not a decision-making body. Outcomes of CRG meetings will be reported to the Coastal Revitalisation Project Control Group.