



City of
Newcastle



CITY OF NEWCASTLE

PUBLIC VOICE COMMITTEE

Councillors,

In accordance with section 367 of the Local Government Act, 1993 notice is hereby given that a Public Voice Committee will be held on:

DATE: Tuesday 16 March 2021

TIME: 6.00pm

VENUE: Council Chambers
Level 1
City Administration Centre
12 Stewart Avenue
Newcastle West NSW 2302

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Chief Executive Officer

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9 March 2021

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**PUBLIC VOICE COMMITTEE
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PUBLIC VOICE SESSIONS

ITEM-1 **PV 16/03/21 - NOMINATION TO LIST NEWCASTLE RECREATION RESERVE (KING EDWARD PARK) ON THE STATE HERITAGE REGISTER**

REPORT BY: **GOVERNANCE**
CONTACT: **DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE / MANAGER REGULATORY, PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT**

PURPOSE

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 February 2021, Council considered a nomination to list Newcastle Recreation Reserve (King Edward Park) on the State Heritage Register (SHR). The report recommended that Council endorse the nomination (**Attachment A**). Council resolved to 'lay the matter on the table to allow for a Public Voice session to be held'.

Applications requesting Public Voice were received from Friends of King Edward Park (FoKEP) on 5 March 2021 and from the Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) on 8 March 2021.

THE SITE

With reference to the SHR curtilage plan dated 14 October 2020 (**Attachment B**), the proposed SHR listing includes the following sites:

- i) King Edward Park (Crown Reserve 570075, including Bogey Hole Baths, Lot 7004, DP1077043 including public reserve, drinking fountain and rotunda, with CN as owner and as the Crown land Reserve Manager, (with the exception of Bogey Hole Baths which is Crown land under the care and control of the NSW Government);
- ii) Arcadia Park (Crown Reserve 570075, Lots 7003 and 7004, DP1077043 with CN as owner and as the Crown land Reserve Manager);
- iii) The Obelisk Tennis Courts (Crown Reserve 570075, Lot 7004, DP1077043 with CN as owner and as the Crown land Reserve Manager);
- iv) Obelisk Park (Lot 1238, DP1096744, Community Land vested in CN);
- v) Shepherds Hill Defence Reserve Military Installations (Crown Reserve 170100, Lot 3116, DP755247 including residence, observation post and gun emplacement, with CN as owner and as the Crown land Reserve Manager), Aboriginal name Khanterin; and

- vi) Cliffside above South Newcastle Beach (abutting Crown Reserve 570019 ie. the eastern boundary of Lot 7059 DP 1116454, to the foot of the cliff-face ie. to the western kerbside of Shortland Esplanade, thence adjoining King Edward Park), Aboriginal name Yi-ran-na-li.

This SHR nomination excludes the King Edward Headland Reserve (former Newcastle Bowling Club – Lot 3109 DP755247), which is owned by the Awabakal LALC).

CONSULTATION

The Heritage Council invited written submissions regarding the nomination during a public exhibition period held between 13 November 2020 and 7 January 2021. Submissions made by FoKEP and the Awabakal LALC to the Heritage Council are at **Attachment C** and **Attachment D**.

BACKGROUND

The sites within the curtilage of the Newcastle Recreation Reserve SHR nomination that are currently identified in Schedule 5 of the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 are listed as follows:

- i) Item I460 - Shepherds Hill Defence Group Military Installations – State significance.
- ii) Item I579 – King Edward Park Group (Bogey Hole Public Baths) – State significance.
- iii) Item I580 - King Edward Park Group (includes public reserve, drinking fountain and rotunda) – State nominated.
- iv) Item I581 – Obelisk – Local significance.

In July 2012, an application was submitted to the Heritage Council by the University of Newcastle's Coal River Working Party to nominate Newcastle Recreation Reserve on the SHR. This SHR nomination included the Headland Reserve (former Newcastle Bowling Club site). At the Ordinary Council Meeting held in June 2016, Council resolved to support the Newcastle Recreation Reserve SHR nomination.

Following the Aboriginal land claim of the Headland Reserve site in June 2018 and objection to its inclusion in the SHR nomination by the new owner, the Minister determined in September 2020 not to list the Newcastle Recreation Reserve on the SHR. Instead, the Minister recommended the Heritage Council give fresh consideration to list the Newcastle Recreation Reserve on the SHR.

The Heritage Council resolved in November 2020 to consider a new SHR nomination for the Newcastle Recreation Reserve excluding the Headland Reserve site.

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ATTACHMENTS

Item 1 Attachment A: Newcastle Recreation Reserve Listing (under consideration) February 2021

Item 1 Attachment B: State Heritage Register – Proposed Curtilage for Investigation dated 14 October 2020

Item 1 Attachment C: Friends of King Edward Park Submission to Heritage Council, December 2020

Item 1 Attachment D: Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council Submission to Heritage Council, February 2021

Item 1 Attachments A – D distributed under separate cover