

Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund

Questions and Answers 2018



What Is The Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund?

The Newcastle Port Community Contribution is an annual grant scheme of at least \$1 million funded under the Port lease arrangements.

The scheme is administered by Hunter Development Corporation.

As the name suggests, the Community Contribution is a mechanism to enable funds to be invested back into the areas surrounding the Port for the benefit of the wider community.



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1. How Much Money Is There In This Round?

There is \$1,002,024 available for allocation in Round 4.

If the full balance of the fund isn't allocated in this round, the balance will be rolled over into the next round.

2. Who Is Eligible To Apply?

The Applicant must be a community group, not-for-profit, local council, state government agency, or other organisation or corporation that owns, manages or occupies land subject to a lease or license within the Project Area.

[Refer to the Newcastle Port Community Contribution Guidelines for 2018.](#)

3. How Do Eligible Groups Apply?

By filling out an application form available on the HDC website.

[Download the form here.](#)

4. When Do Applications Close?

Applications close 5pm, Friday 13 July 2018.

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5. How Can I Ask Questions?

You can email hdc@hdc.nsw.gov.au or call HDC on (02) 4904 2750.

HDC is holding a community briefing session at 10am, Tuesday 5 June at Rydges Hotel Newcastle.

[Register for the information session here.](#)

6. What Kinds Of Projects Can Be Funded?

- Projects that benefit the community within the environs of the Port of Newcastle.
- Projects could be environmental, community infrastructure, tourism-related, amenity improvements and so on.
- They could be such things as pollution mitigation and control, new boat ramps, port-side landscaping, heritage restoration, place activation or smart city technology initiatives.

7. Who Determines What Projects Are Funded?

The assessment process is conducted against set criteria which are published in the Guidelines document.

An independent Evaluation Panel assesses the applications and makes recommendations to the Government for final approval.



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8. What Projects Have Been Funded Previously?

Projects that have previously received NPCC funding include;

- **Nobbys Pavilion / Clubhouse Upgrade, Nobbys Beach**
Nobbys Surf Life Saving Club Inc., completed October 2017.
- **Stockton Historical Walk, Ballast Grounds of Stockton, West of Fullerton Street**
Stockton Historical Society, completed February 2018.
- **Carrington Community Cricket Nets, Pat Jordan Oval, Carrington**
Carrington Community Council, completed December 2017.
- **Honeysuckle Winter Heat Festival 2017**
Honeysuckle Community Group, completed July 2017.
- **Light Up Newcastle Lantern Walk 2018**
Rotary Club of Newcastle, completed February 2018.

9. Where Does The Money Come From?

The NPCC is funded by the NSW Government through the long-term lease of the Newcastle Port.

10. What Are The Eligibility Criteria?

Projects must be:

- Public projects for the benefit of the community.
- Located around Newcastle portside lands.
- Projects where funding sought in between \$10,000 and \$500,000 ex GST.
- Permitted by landowner in writing.

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11. What Are The Assessment Criteria?

- Economic and social benefits of the project and the stakeholders who stand to benefit.
- How the project will contribute to realising or increasing local tourism, activation of community lands or enhancing heritage or community infrastructure capacity.
- The degree to which it improves local amenity, including environmental quality, for residents and/or businesses.
- The degree to which it addresses a demonstrated need or infrastructure requirement.
- Project attributes including affordability, method of delivery, extent of co-funding and financial management arrangements and project risks.

12. What Is The Evaluation Process?

Projects are recommended following an evaluation process conducted by an evaluation panel against the fund's eligibility and assessment criteria.

13. Who Will Be On The Evaluation Panel?

The Evaluation Panel will be made up of at least three representatives from various State Government offices, Port of Newcastle and Hunter Development Corporation.

The deliberations of the evaluation panel will be overseen by an independent probity auditor.

