

SINGLETON ARTS + CULTURE CENTRE

TOWNHEAD PARK - PLAY | VISIT | EXPERIENCE

Following several decades of community requests, Singleton Council is progressing construction of an arts and culture centre to be built adjoining the Visitor Information Centre in Townhead Park.

The \$4.08million project is funded by a \$2.787million NSW Government grant from Create NSW (announced by Member for Upper Hunter Michael Johnsen MP in December 2018) with the remainder by Council.

There has been considerable community input into the need for the centre and in developing the design, with a Community Advisory Committee established to help guide the project.

The final design has now been received, and includes more than 200m² of gallery space, two artists' studios including a wet space and digital space, work room and storage.

The building will connect to the existing Visitor Information Centre via an entrance court that will also be a space for sculptural artworks and a place for people to meet.

The design also incorporates a number of sustainable and environmental elements including solar energy.

The Arts and Culture Centre has been designed in keeping with the Townhead Park MasterPlan, and in conjunction with existing facilities on the site including the Visitor Information Centre, café and playground. It will transform this important location off the Hunter Expressway and New England Highway into a hub for visitors, the arts and culture, recreation and leisure.



Council is working to ensure minimal disruptions to neighbouring residents during construction. Ongoing updates will be provided as the project progresses.



What's in a name?

If you have a suggestion for the name for the Singleton Arts and Culture Centre, or ideas for exhibitions or activities to utilise the space, we want to hear them!

Head to <https://mysay.is/TownheadPark> to tell us what you think and remember – we're all participants in arts and culture. You might have a burning desire for a retro kitchen appliance exhibition, a showcase of beer labels or a hankering to view the Archibald Prize winning painting.



**The survey closes:
27 September 2020**



Find out more

There are a number of ways to find out more information:

Take a guided tour of the site with Council's Specialist Arts and Culture – email: E_council@singleton.nsw.gov.au with **Arts + Culture tour in the subject line** before **Sunday 20 September 2020**

Come along to a **drop-in session** at Townhead Park on **Sunday 13 September 2020 | 9am-11am**

Contact us on:

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Indicative timeframe

* Indicative only and may be subject to change

- 15 September: Tender for construction opens
- 16 November: Tender to be considered by Council
- Mid Decembr/January: Construction to commence
- July 2021: Construction completion