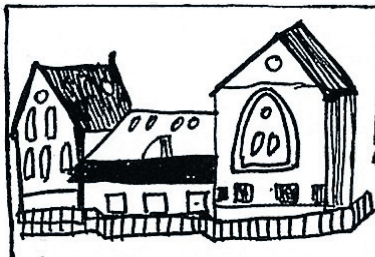


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CHECKING IT OUT: School librarian Dr Hanks searches the Honour Roll. Picture: Eben Taylor

The soldiers' tales shared years later

By EBEN TAYLOR and DANNY MOLLOY

JUST in time for the Anzac centenary in 2014, students at Newcastle East Public School have been discovering part of their school's secret history. In World War I, ex-students fought in other countries; some of them died and were buried there.

Recently, current students found out information about those men and women who fought for their country during World War I, including their address, regimental number, occupation, religion and many other details.

Some ex-students had very odd war experiences. Phillip Sutcliffe was in the First Camel Corps, training in the deserts of Egypt. He was there when the nose of the famous Sphinx was accidentally shot off by Australians in training. Many fought on horseback and were a part of the charge of the Light Horse Brigade.

Some people were blacksmiths, forging weapons and horseshoes. One was an explosive expert; another person was a waterman, emptying the sewage tanks.

One ex-student named Clarence Jeffries was honoured with a Victoria Cross. He received his medal for throwing himself in front of a German machinegun and capturing many German soldiers. He called his men up and then died.

Of all the ex-students that went to war, one in eight would have died.

By JAMIE LYLE, DANNY MOLLOY and EBEN TAYLOR

AFTER years without progress or change, the "New Newcastle" is busy rebuilding itself.

There are many major construction projects going on in Newcastle, involving the railway, the university and the law and business faculties moving into town.

All these changes are expected to raise the population and bring more students into the city.

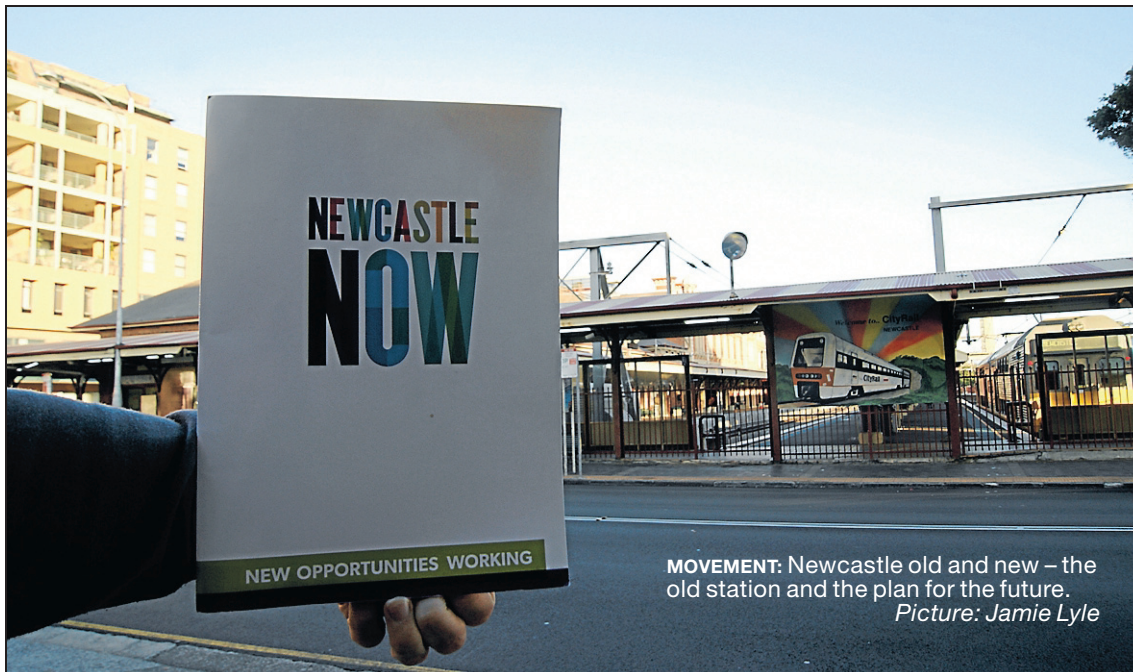
Some changes involve the railway being replaced by light rail, running from Wickham Station, a fresh new look for the Hunter Street mall, a transport interchange at Wickham, and many more makeovers to brighten up Newcastle.

All of these constructions will cost \$950 million. The funding for these projects is coming from the state and federal governments.

This money will be used to update Newcastle, attracting new residents and bringing in tourists from all over the country.

Also, as part of rejuvenating Newcastle, an extension of the city university campus is being built. This will greatly increase the number of students in Newcastle. In fact, the university will attract about 6000 more students on to its new central Newcastle campus.

The plan includes boosting its research rankings, having enrol-



MOVEMENT: Newcastle old and new – the old station and the plan for the future. Picture: Jamie Lyle

ments top 40,000, an increase of international and disadvantaged students and an expansion of the city campus.

State member for Newcastle Tim Owen was asked how Newcastle will look in 10 years.

"It will be a beautiful harbour-side city, full of students, workers and shoppers," he said.

The railway line that runs from Wickham to Newcastle will be replaced by light rail, opening up lots of land for a park. It will also get rid of time-consuming railway crossings. There will also be a new transport interchange at Wickham.

The people of Newcastle have wanted a new look for the Hunter Street Mall for many years. Many

plans for brightening up the mall have been put forward but it has never been done. Finally, after a lot of waiting, the mall will get its makeover.

Although it is expensive, this rejuvenation project is going to be a great change for Newcastle, making it an even more welcoming city for people live or learn in.



STREET ART: The red Citroen bike rack grabs the attention in King Street. Picture: Wil Knott

Newcastle now driving forwards

By NEVENYA CAMERON and WIL KNOTT

IN downtown Newcastle, a cut-out of an old French Citroen car has been placed in front of popular cafe Saluna and the Newcastle Now building.

Attached to the back of the cut-out are three bike racks, which can hold up to 10 bikes. Newcastle Now has put the car cut-out there to

encourage more bike riders in the city.

Newcastle Now supports businesses based in Newcastle's CBD, from Pacific Street to Selma Street. They get their funding from the Newcastle City Council, and the Newcastle City Council gets the money from taking a levy from small businesses, called the Small Business Rate.

"The Citroen car was spe-

cially built by Bernie Hockings as a bike rack to increase the number of bike riders in Newcastle," said Nicole Hellyier, in marketing at Newcastle Now.

According to Nicole, the bike rack is used regularly.

Many small businesses have requested that the car be temporarily moved in front of their shops, as it is portable, and brings more customers.

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