



INFLATABLE: One of the portable light towers to be used by outdoor crews.

Quiet lights to guide workers

IT looks a little like a giant candle and promises to be almost as quiet while lighting up Newcastle streets for night works.

The new portable, inflatable light towers are designed to illuminate areas where outdoor crews work at night.

Newcastle City Council recently bought seven of the light towers.

City wide services manager Shane Humphries said the

devices were used for emergency lighting during call outs, night-time sign and line marking and mowing median strips during winter afternoons when light was fading.

The light towers consist of an inflatable, adjustable, semi-transparent tube, stand up to five metres high and can illuminate an area of up to 10,000 square metres.

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