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Executive summary

To inform future night time economy strategic planning, Council undertook a survey of the Newcastle community regarding their experiences of Newcastle after dark including visitation patterns, motivations and preferences, safety and surveillance. It is envisaged the survey will be conducted annually to track community perceptions of Newcastle at night.

Not surprisingly, most night time visits to Newcastle are on Friday and Saturday nights. The main activities undertaken in Newcastle after dark are dining at a restaurant/café or going to pub or bar. Overall, results indicate that Newcastle after dark is safe, inclusive, diverse and vibrant. Results were highest for inclusive (mean score of 4.0 out of five), suggesting that respondents agree that all kinds of people are welcome in Newcastle after dark. Agreement was also high for safe (mean score of 3.7 out of five), indicating that, on balance, respondents feel confident that they will not experience threat or harm when visiting Newcastle at night. More specifically at the precinct level:

- **Civic/CBD precinct:** 58% of survey respondents have visited this precinct in the past 12 months. This precinct draws an older demographic. The area suffers somewhat unfairly in terms of safety perceptions- incidences of antisocial behaviour are quite low compared to other precincts, however overall safety perceptions are one of the lowest.
- **Darby Street:** with 63% of survey respondents visiting Darby Street in the past 12 months, it is one of the most highly visited precincts drawing a younger crowd, with strong perceptions of safety, inclusivity, diversity, and vibrancy.
- **Hamilton:** 57% of survey respondents visited this precinct in the past 12 months. Hamilton has the highest incidence of antisocial behaviour and the lowest safety perceptions of all precincts.
- **Honeysuckle:** is the most visited precinct, with 71% of survey respondents visiting here in the past 12 months. Honeysuckle draws a younger crowd and has strong perceptions of safety, inclusivity, and vibrancy. Perceptions of diversity are lower in comparison. Visitation is strongly concentrated to weekends, with below average weeknight visitation.
- **Newcastle East:** 53% of survey respondents had visited here in the past 12 months. It is a favourite amongst males residing close to the town centre for wining and dining purposes.
- Visitation to **Newcastle West** is low compared to other precincts (32% visitation in past 12 months) and is one of the least positively perceived precincts in terms of safety, diversity and vibrancy. This area is yet to establish its identity, with current activities here quite mixed.
- **The Junction** is niche in terms of the visitors it attracts (39% of survey respondents overall), most are aged 40-69yrs living close to The Junction. Those who report visiting here most often are less likely than average to want to see new initiatives such as creative lighting or gourmet food vans in Newcastle after dark.

Questions on surveillance were also included in the survey to gauge community sentiment towards the use of surveillance in Newcastle after dark. In brief, support for surveillance increases with age. There was general agreement that surveillance prevents crime and makes people feel safer in public places at night.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

In conjunction with other authorities and organisations, Council strives to help ensure that Newcastle offers a safe, accessible and enjoyable experience at night time. To inform future night-time economy strategic planning and alcohol management, Council's Strategic Planning unit engaged Council's Community Engagement team to undertake a survey of the community regarding their visits to, and perceptions of, Newcastle after dark. Additionally, Council is currently considering applying for funding for an integrated surveillance and lighting system in Newcastle. To aid in funding preparation, information regarding community sentiment towards surveillance systems was required.

1.2 Engagement objectives

The Newcastle after dark engagement sought to:

- Track evening/night visits to Newcastle precincts in terms of frequency, day of the week, reason for visit
- Monitor community perceptions regarding elements of the night time economy over time (including safety perceptions)
- Determine community sentiment towards the use of surveillance systems in public places
- Identify key messages regarding the installation of surveillance systems in public places

2 Methodology

2.1 Survey

A structured online survey with a total of 15 questions was created using a mix of closed questions (with pre-determined response options) and open-ended questions. Questions were broadly structured around four areas: visitation patterns, motivations and preferences, safety and surveillance. The survey was programmed using Sparq software. To control order bias, the Sparq system automatically rotated the presentation of items within certain questions on a random basis. A copy of the questionnaire is provided in Appendix I.

2.2 Sampling

To gather community feedback regarding visits to and perceptions of Newcastle after dark, the online survey was emailed to online members of Council's community reference panel, Newcastle Voice (n= 2,159). Offline Newcastle Voice members were not sent the survey given staff resourcing constraints.

The broader community also had the opportunity to participate via a survey link on Council's website. The survey was promoted via Facebook, media releases and at community events (including O week at the University of Newcastle).

2.3 Data collection

The online survey was open from 5 February 2015 until 22 February 2015. All active online Newcastle Voice members were emailed the survey invitation on 5 February 2015. Online Newcastle Voice members who had not yet completed the survey were emailed reminders to complete the survey on 13 and 19 February 2015.

2.5 Respondents

In total, n= 831 completed surveys were received. Of these, n= 693 were Newcastle Voice members, representing a response rate of 32%. The remaining n= 138 responses were from members of the broader community who accessed the survey via the link available on Council's website.

2.6 Data handling and analysis

Weighting has been applied to the data post collection by location and age distribution of the population. The weights include Ward (25% each Ward) and age based on 2011 Newcastle LGA ABS census data. Those not indicating their location (suburb) and/or age, as well as those not living in the Newcastle LGA were excluded from the analysis, resulting in an effective sample size of n= 755. Further information on the weighting applied can be found in Appendix II. Data handling and analysis was also carried out using Sparq software. Trend analysis was conducted from the open-ended question responses. All responses are treated in confidence to ensure the anonymity of respondents, and edited only for grammar and spelling if inserted as verbatim comments into the body of the report.

3 Overview – Newcastle after dark

Of those responding to the survey, 92% reported having visited Newcastle after dark within the past 12 months¹ (figure 1). Just under half of survey respondents (44%) said they had visited Newcastle at night in the past week, with a further 28% saying they had visited Newcastle at night in the past month (72% of respondents in total reported visiting Newcastle after dark in the past month).

A similar survey conducted by Council in 2010 (Newcastle by Night), respondents were asked when they last visited Newcastle at night separately for weekdays and weekends. In total, 67% indicated they had visited Newcastle at night on a weekday in the last month and 62% indicated they had visited Newcastle at night on a weekend in the last month. Further analysis of the 2010 Newcastle by Night data revealed that 72% of respondents had visited Newcastle at night on either a weekday or weekend. While not directly comparable to the current survey, the results from the 2010 survey suggest that frequency of visitation to Newcastle after dark has not changed notably over time.

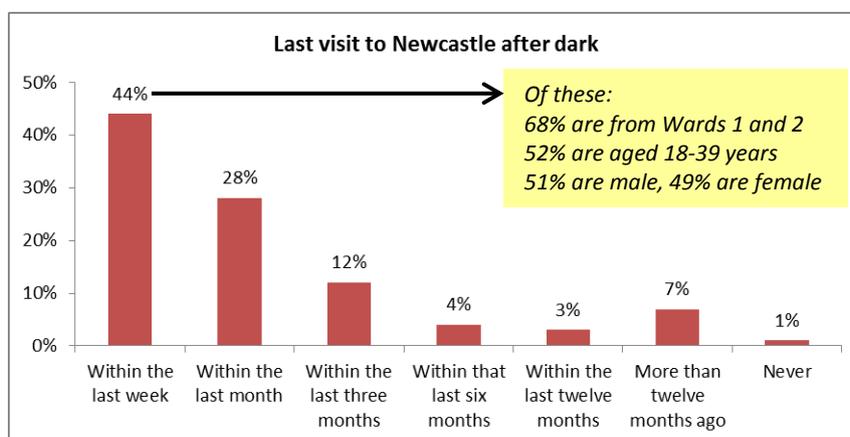


Figure 1: Last visit to Newcastle after dark

Among the 8% of respondents in the current survey who visited Newcastle at night more than 12 months ago or never, the key reasons cited for not visiting included parking difficulties (67%), safety concerns (51%), and a lack of interest (32%) (figure 2).

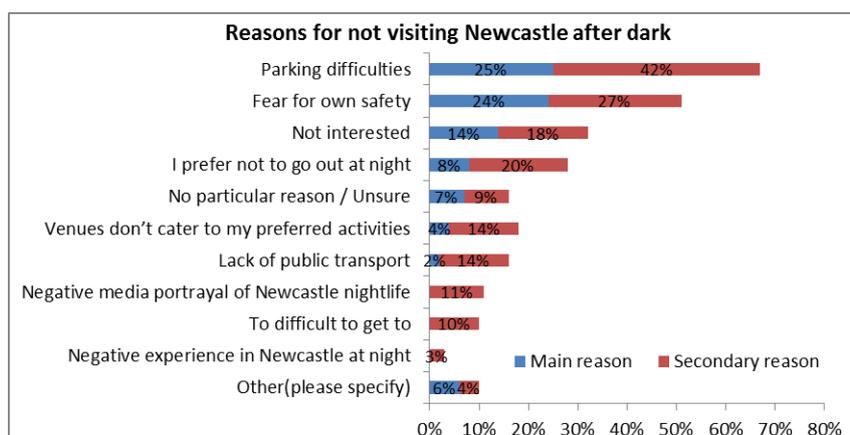


Figure 2: Reasons for not visiting Newcastle after dark

¹ Please note, as a self-selecting sample, this figure cannot be considered representative of the population.

These respondents who visit Newcastle infrequently or never were also asked whether they had any other comments about Newcastle after dark in an open ended question. In total, 18 respondents left a comment- 22% cited parking difficulties, 22% noted safety concerns and 17% commented on anti-social behaviour in Newcastle at night, for example:

“A trip to the Civic Theatre or the cinema can be difficult at night when you are alone because of having to park too far away and walking back to the car can be a bit daunting”

“Newcastle is not a safe place to visit after dark to many young people just looking for a fight”

Please refer to Appendix III for verbatim responses. Respondents who had not visited Newcastle after dark in the last year were disqualified from the survey at this point. The remainder of the report focuses on those who visit Newcastle after dark at least annually.

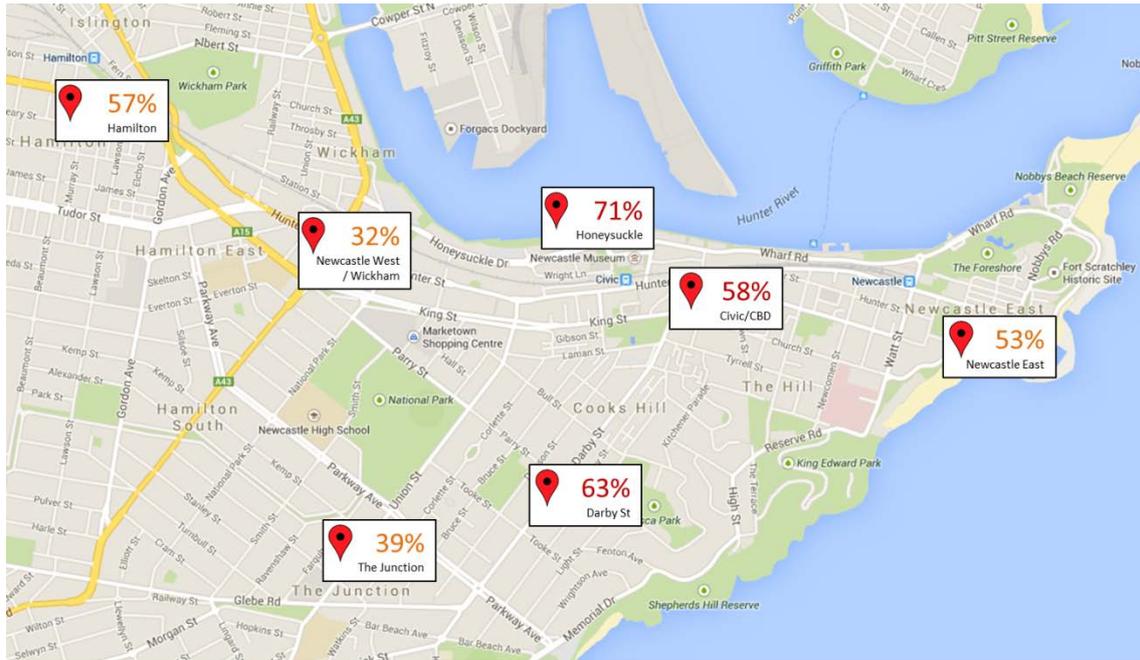
3.1 Where do people go in Newcastle after dark?

3.1.1 Areas visited in past 12 months

Respondents who visited Newcastle at night in the past 12 months were asked to indicate which precincts they have visited in that time (figure 3). The precincts included in the survey were:

- Civic/CBD
- Darby Street
- Hamilton
- Honeysuckle
- Newcastle East
- Newcastle West/Wickham
- The Junction

Honeysuckle received the highest level of visitation, with 71% of respondents having visited in the past 12 months. Darby Street was the second most visited precinct (63% visited in the past 12 months). Visitation was lowest for the Newcastle West/Wickham and The Junction precincts.



Other locations visited included Merewether (1%) and Broadmeadow (1%), and Mayfield, Carrington, Adamstown and Lambton (<1%).

Figure 3: Precincts visited in past 12 months

Table 1 presents visitation in the last 12 months by key demographics, age and location. The top two locations visited by each group are shaded red. Analysis reveals the 18-39 year age group have visited 4.2 precincts in the past 12 months, with Honeysuckle and Darby Street being the most popular destinations (83% and 71% had visited these areas respectively). These precincts also received the highest levels of visitation amongst the 40-69 years age group (65% and 59% respectively). Respondents aged 70+ years visited, on average, 2.6 precincts in the past 12 months. Civic/CBD and Hamilton were the most visited precincts among this age group (57% and 43% had visited respectively).

Analysis by location reveals some subtle differences between Wards². Not surprisingly, those living closer to the CBD visited more precincts than those living further west. Civic/CBD and Darby Street were the most popular destinations among Ward 1 residents (76% and 73% respectively had visited in the past 12 months). The Honeysuckle and Darby Street precincts received the highest visitation among ward 2 and ward 3 residents.

² Ward 1: Bar Beach, Carrington, Cooks Hill, Islington, Maryville, Mayfield, Mayfield East, Mayfield West, Newcastle, Newcastle East, Newcastle West, Stockton, The Hill, The Junction (part), Tighes Hill, Warabrook, Wickham

Ward 2: Adamstown, Adamstown Heights, Broadmeadow, Hamilton, Hamilton East, Hamilton South, Hamilton North, Merewether, Merewether Heights, The Junction (part)

Ward 3: Georgetown, Jesmond, Kotara, Lambton, New Lambton, New Lambton Heights, North Lambton, Waratah, Waratah West, parts of Wallsend

Ward 4: Beresfield, Birmingham Gardens, Black Hill, Callaghan, Elmore Vale, Fletcher, Hexham, Lenaghan, Maryland, Minmi, Rankin Park, Sandgate, Shortland, Tarro, Wallsend

%	TOTAL	AGE			LOCATION			
		18-39yrs	40-69yrs	70+yrs	ward 1	ward 2	ward 3	ward 4
Base	697	325	304	68	182	184	171	160
Honeysuckle	71%	83%	65%	38%	72%	70%	75%	66%
Darby Street	63%	71%	59%	36%	73%	69%	59%	49%
Civic/CBD	58%	63%	54%	57%	76%	55%	48%	53%
Hamilton	57%	63%	54%	43%	59%	63%	54%	51%
Newcastle East	53%	63%	46%	36%	67%	56%	48%	39%
The Junction	39%	37%	43%	26%	38%	58%	35%	21%
Newcastle West / Wickham	32%	37%	29%	22%	43%	36%	26%	20%
Other	5%	4%	6%	6%	7%	6%	5%	1%
# precincts visited:		4.2	3.6	2.6	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.0

Table 1: Precincts visited in the past 12 months by age and location

3.1.2 Areas visited most often

To further drill down on which precincts represent the ‘hotspots’ in Newcastle after dark, respondents were also asked to indicate the precinct(s) they visit most often (figure 4). Honeysuckle received the greatest endorsement, with 42% of respondents indicating they visit here most often. Hamilton and Darby Street also received high endorsement, with approximately one-in-three respondents saying they visit these precincts most often (30% and 29% respectively). In comparison, The Junction and Newcastle West/Wickham were less popular with 12% and 8% respectively stating they visit these areas most often.

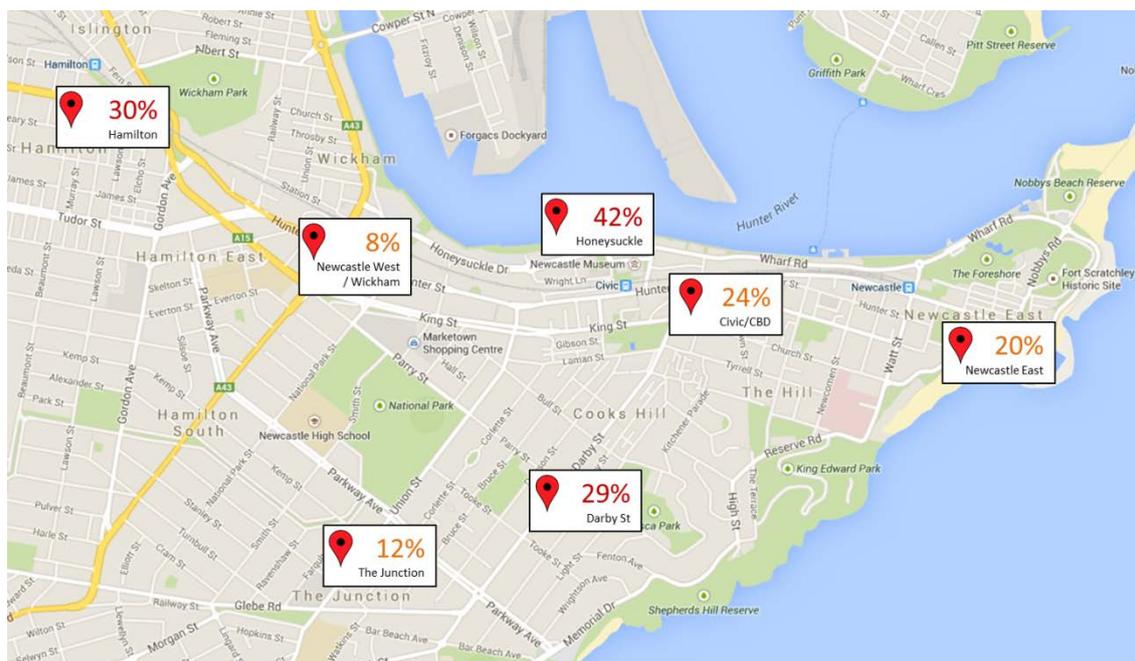


Figure 4: Precincts visited most often

Analysis by age and location (table 2) reveals Honeysuckle and Darby Street as the areas visited most often by those aged 18-39 years (51% and 32% respectively) and 40-69 years (37% and 30% respectively). Amongst those aged 70 years plus, Hamilton (38%) and Civic/CBD (35%) were the areas visited most often. In terms of location, Honeysuckle featured in the top two areas visited most often across all wards. Residents of wards 1 and 2 also visited Darby Street most often, whereas residents from wards 3 and 4 claimed to visit Hamilton most often.

%	TOTAL	AGE			LOCATION			
		18-39yrs	40-69yrs	70+yrs	ward 1	ward 2	ward 3	ward 4
Base	697	325	304	68	182	184	171	160
Honeysuckle	42%	51%	37%	23%	36%	29%	53%	53%
Hamilton	30%	30%	28%	38%	22%	25%	33%	42%
Darby Street	29%	32%	30%	9%	35%	40%	26%	14%
Civic / CBD	24%	21%	25%	35%	33%	18%	22%	21%
Newcastle East	20%	19%	20%	20%	30%	18%	13%	17%
The Junction	12%	6%	18%	16%	5%	27%	13%	3%
Newcastle West / Wickham	8%	10%	6%	9%	11%	9%	5%	7%
Other	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%

Table 2: Precincts visited most often by age and location

3.2 When do people go out in Newcastle after dark?

Not surprisingly, the majority of visits to Newcastle after dark occur on Friday and Saturday nights- 64% and 62% of respondents respectively claim to visit their preferred precincts on these nights. As shown in figure 5, visitation on weeknights is lower in comparison but builds as the work week progresses.

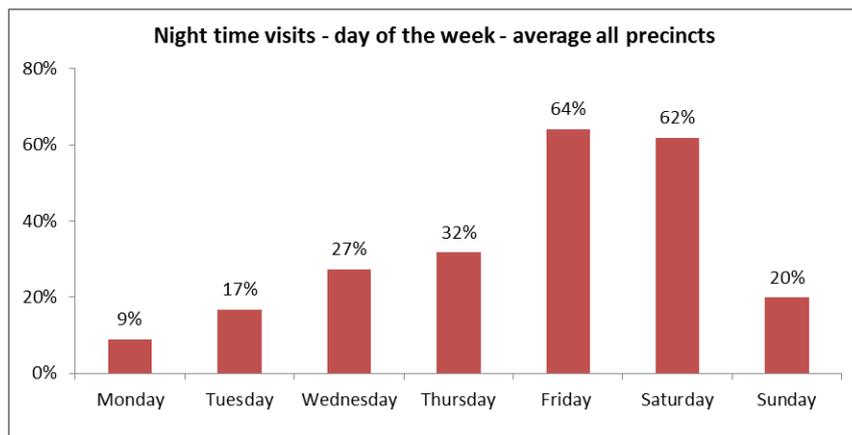


Figure 5: Night time visits by day

Respondents were also asked to indicate what times they generally arrive at and leave the precincts they visit most often. Results are shown in Figure 6. The majority of respondents (88%) arrive at their destination between 6:00-8:00pm, and typically leave between 8:00-10:00pm (37%) or between 10:00pm to midnight (41%).

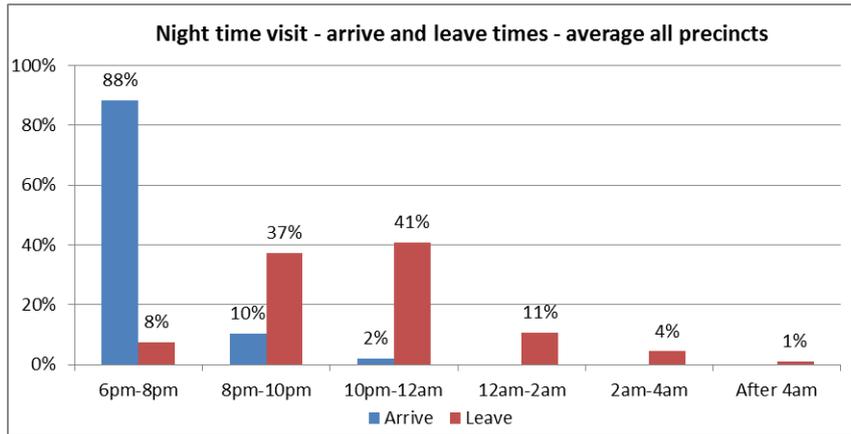


Figure 6: Night time visits- arrival and leaving times

3.3 What do people do in Newcastle after dark?

To better understand the reasons for visiting Newcastle after dark, respondents were asked to indicate what activities they participated during their last visit to Newcastle at night (figure 7). The most common activity was dining at a restaurant, which was reported by 64% of respondents, with a further 21% dining at a pub. The next most common activities were going to a pub (37%) or wine bar/small bar (27%).

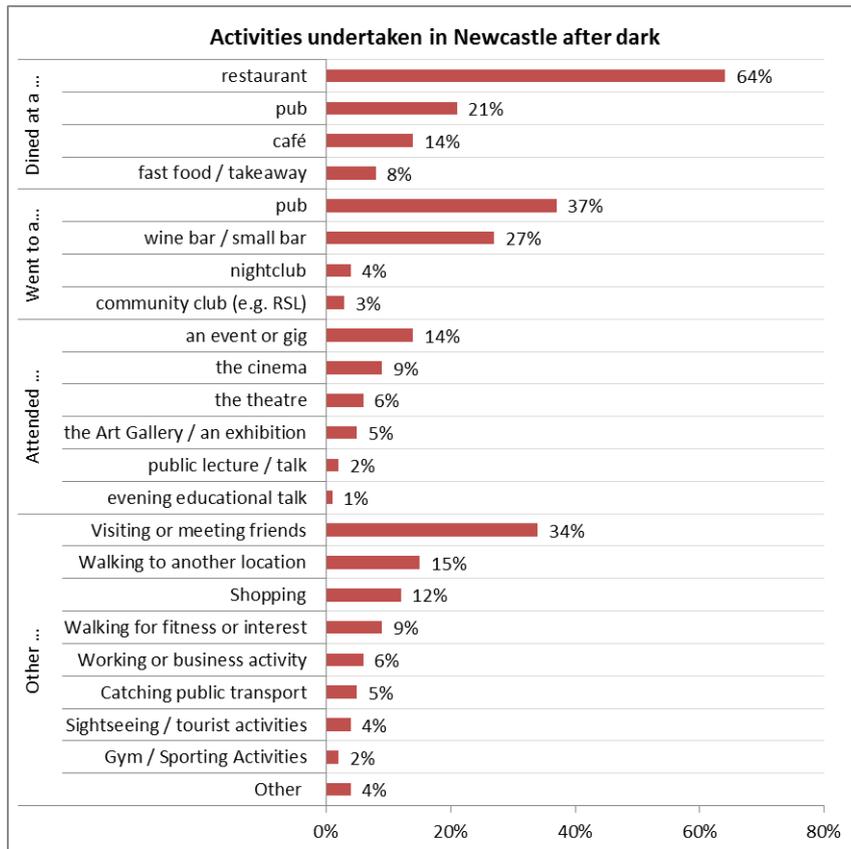


Figure 7: Activities undertaken in Newcastle after dark

Further analysis revealed a similar pattern of results across the age groups. Dining at a restaurant is the main activity for all age groups. Propensity to go to a pub or a small bar decreases with age, with the older age group more likely to be out at night to attend the cinema or to shop.

%		TOTAL	AGE			LOCATION			
			18-39yrs	40-69yrs	70+yrs	ward 1	ward 2	ward 3	ward 4
	Base	697	325	304	68	182	184	171	160
Dined at a ...	restaurant	64%	65%	66%	52%	62%	63%	74%	58%
	café	14%	11%	16%	17%	17%	11%	15%	12%
	fast food / takeaway	8%	11%	6%	4%	9%	8%	8%	7%
	pub	21%	27%	17%	5%	22%	23%	14%	23%
Went to a ...	pub	37%	44%	35%	15%	36%	40%	37%	35%
	wine bar / small bar	27%	38%	19%	8%	36%	24%	27%	20%
	nightclub	4%	8%	1%	0	2%	2%	5%	7%
	community club (e.g. RSL)	3%	0%	3%	10%	3%	3%	3%	0
Attended ...	the cinema	9%	5%	10%	23%	15%	7%	6%	6%
	an event or gig	14%	18%	12%	3%	11%	14%	12%	19%
	the theatre	6%	3%	7%	12%	5%	5%	7%	6%
	the Art Gallery / an exhibition	5%	3%	7%	9%	8%	4%	7%	1%
	public lecture / talk	2%	0	2%	8%	3%	1%	0	2%
	evening educational talk	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0
Other ...	Shopping	12%	10%	10%	29%	13%	15%	13%	8%
	Walking through to another location	15%	17%	15%	14%	20%	16%	16%	10%
	Gym / Sporting Activities	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	4%	1%	0
	Sightseeing / tourist activities	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	2%	6%	6%
	Visiting or meeting friends	34%	39%	29%	35%	36%	29%	30%	41%
	Working or business-related activity	6%	7%	5%	0	5%	6%	7%	5%
	Walking for fitness or interest	9%	8%	9%	15%	15%	8%	10%	4%
	Catching public transport	5%	5%	6%	2%	7%	4%	4%	5%
	Other (please specify)	4%	4%	4%	6%	5%	3%	3%	6%

Table 3: Activities by age group and location.

A similar question regarding reasons for visiting Newcastle at night was asked in the 2010 Newcastle by night survey. The results from that question are compared to the current survey results in figure 8. While not directly comparable due to different ways in which the question was asked and additional answer options included in the current survey, overall the pattern of results from 2010 vs 2015 are fairly consistent with a few notable differences. Dining at a restaurant, café or takeaway venue was the top activity reported in both surveys and remains the key reason driving visits to Newcastle at night. There has been a dramatic increase in the proportion of respondents reporting they went to a club, pub or bar in the current survey, and this likely has been driven by the introduction of wine bars/small bars which were not as prevalent in 2010. There has been a decrease in the proportion of respondents saying they attended the theatre/cinema/gallery or events/gigs since 2010. This too may be partially attributable to the growing prevalence of wine bars and small bars, which has changed the night time activity landscape in Newcastle.

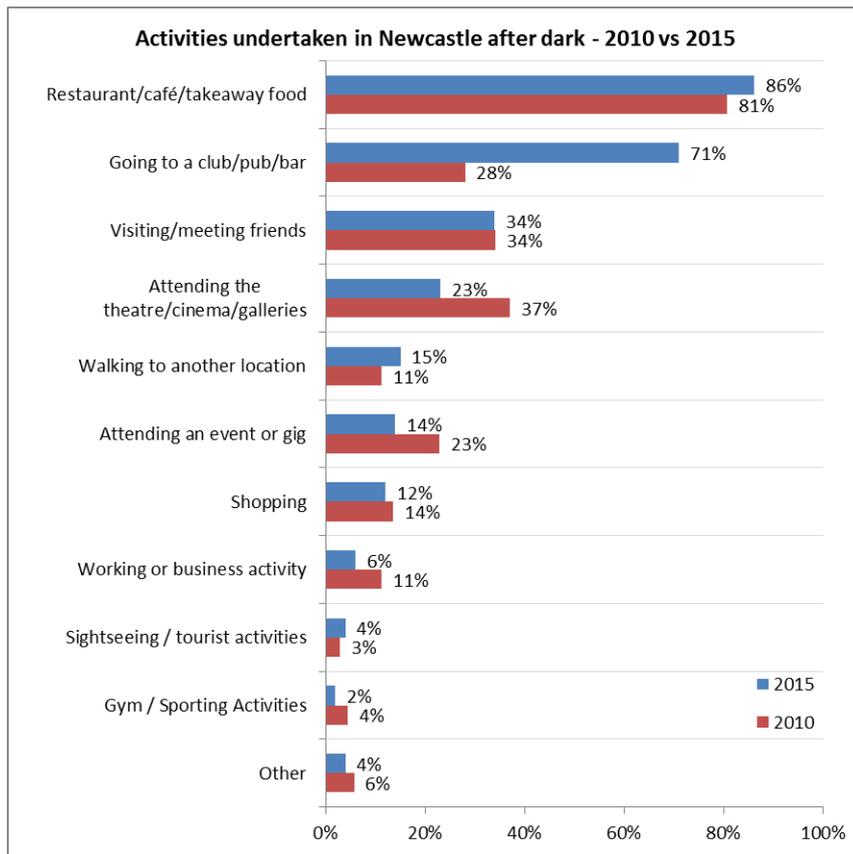


Figure 8: Activities in Newcastle at night 2010 vs 2015

3.4 What do people think about Newcastle after dark?

Respondents were asked to indicate the extent to which they agree or disagree with the following statements (using a five point scale) for the precinct(s) they visit most often:

- *Safe*: I feel confident I will not experience threat or harm
- *Inclusive*: all kinds of people are welcome here and able to participate
- *Diverse*: a wide range of options and offerings are available
- *Vibrant*: a lively and energetic atmosphere or ambience

Mean scores were calculated for each statement, where a score of 1 indicates complete disagreement with the statement and a score of 5 represents complete agreement with the statement. A mean score of 3 represents the midpoint of the scale where respondents neither agree nor disagree with the statement. Figure 9 shows the mean scores averaged across all precincts. This provides a high level overview of perceptions of Newcastle at night overall.

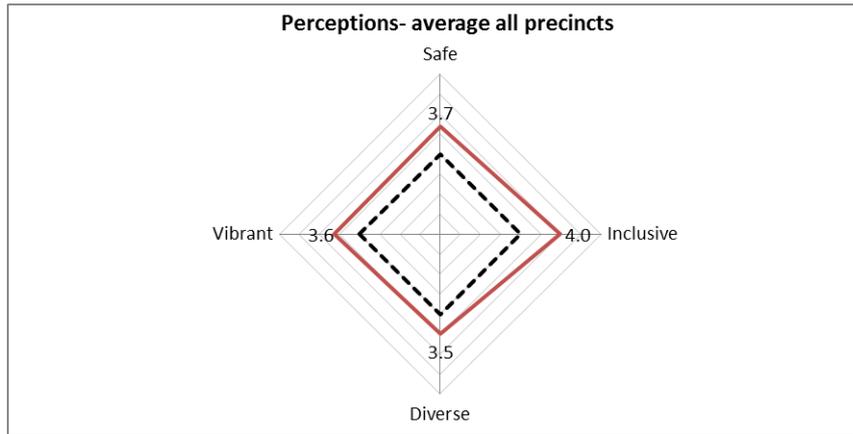


Figure 9: Perceptions of Newcastle at night

Overall, mean scores on all four attributes indicate that respondents tend to agree that Newcastle at night is safe, inclusive, diverse and vibrant. Agreement was highest for inclusive (mean score 4.0), suggesting that respondents agree that all kinds of people are welcome in Newcastle after dark. Agreement was also high for safe (mean score 3.7), indicating that, on balance, respondents feel confident that they will not experience threat or harm when visiting Newcastle at night. Perceptions were consistent across age and location.

3.5 Negative experiences after dark

Respondents were asked to indicate whether they had a negative experience on their last visit out in Newcastle at night. Results are presented in figure 10. Overall, the majority of respondents (71%) did not experience any threat to their safety. Just under one in five respondents (18%) experienced some form of anti-social behaviour. Over-intoxication (15%) and incivility (14%) were also reported.

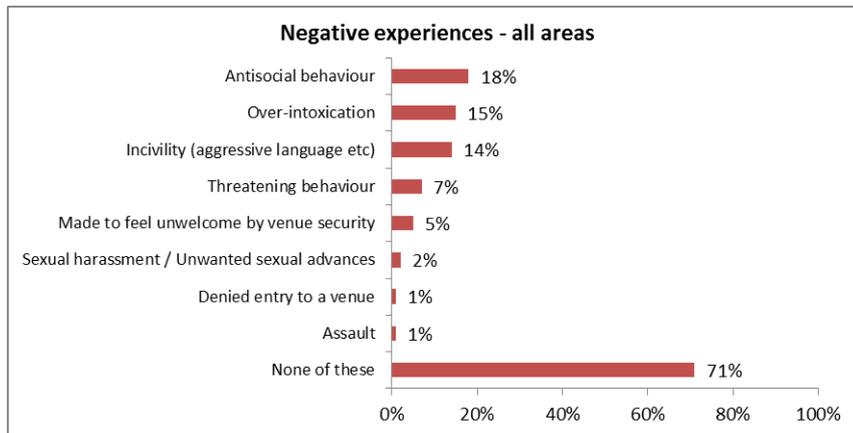


Figure 10: Negative issues encountered on last visit

Analysis by age shows that 18-39 years have slightly more negative experiences than respondents in the other age groups. Similarly, respondents who live in ward 4 seem to encounter more negative experiences than those from other areas, particularly in respect to antisocial behaviour, over-intoxication, and incivility.

%	TOTAL	AGE			LOCATION			
		18-39yrs	40-69yrs	70+yrs	ward 1	ward 2	ward 3	ward 4
Base	697	325	304	68	182	184	171	160
Antisocial behaviour	18%	20%	15%	20%	17%	12%	17%	25%
Over-intoxication	15%	13%	16%	22%	12%	16%	11%	20%
Incivility (aggressive language etc)	14%	14%	15%	10%	13%	12%	14%	19%
Threatening behaviour	7%	7%	6%	13%	6%	3%	7%	13%
Made to feel unwelcome by venue security	5%	9%	2%	3%	7%	5%	3%	7%
Sexual harassment / Unwanted sexual advances	2%	4%	1%	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Assault	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Denied entry to a venue	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
None of these	71%	67%	75%	71%	72%	73%	74%	63%

Table 4: Negative issues encountered on last visit by age and location

3.6 Activities and initiatives the community wants to see more of after dark

The top five things respondents would like to see in Newcastle after dark are place activation events (78% would like to see more of this), improved transportation options (68%), restaurants and cafes open for late night meals (65%), public spaces designed for night time use (64%) and creative lighting (60%). Please see figure 11 for results for all options included in the survey.

Amongst those aged 18-39 years, place activation events and late night restaurants or cafes were the two most desired options. Among those aged 40-69years and 70+ years, police foot patrol was the option that received the highest level of support, followed by improved transportation for the 40-69 year group and surveillance systems amongst those aged 70+ years. A similar pattern of results was observed by respondent location, please refer to table 5.

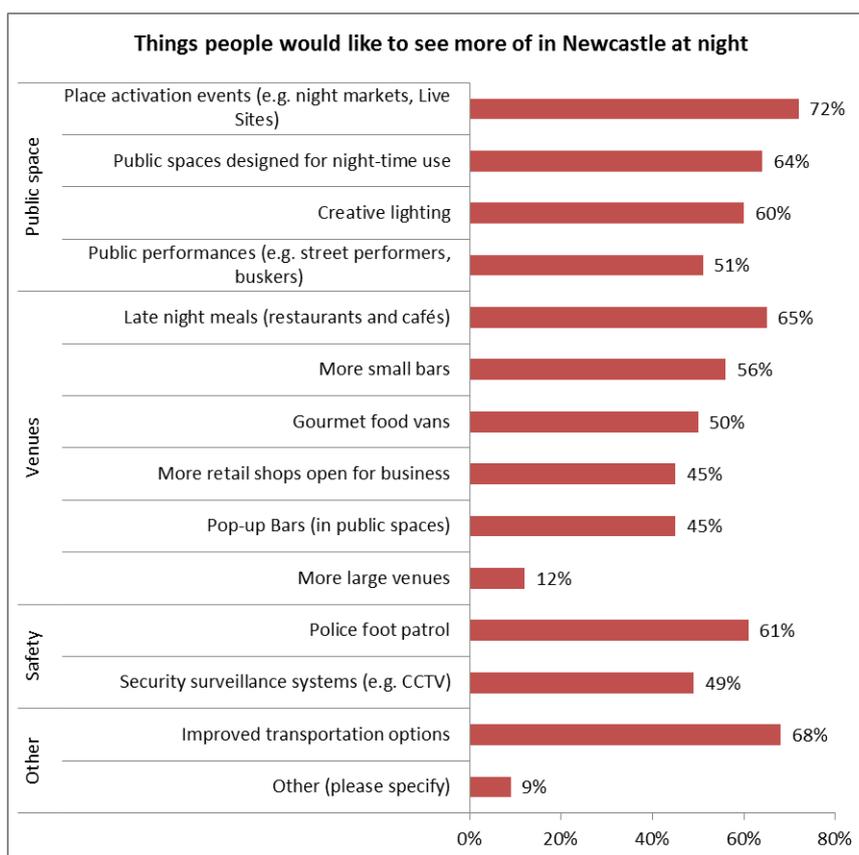


Figure 11: Activities would like to see more of

%		TOTAL	AGE			LOCATION			
			18-39yrs	40-69yrs	70+yrs	ward 1	ward 2	ward 3	ward 4
	Base	697	325	304	68	182	184	171	160
Public space	Place activation events (e.g. night markets, Live Sites)	72%	81%	67%	48%	75%	66%	72%	73%
	Public spaces designed for night-time use	64%	68%	62%	57%	70%	66%	59%	61%
	Creative lighting	60%	59%	61%	57%	64%	54%	55%	65%
	Public performances (e.g. street performers, buskers)	51%	51%	55%	33%	52%	49%	47%	57%
Venues	Late night meals (restaurants and cafés)	65%	69%	64%	49%	69%	67%	57%	64%
	More small bars	56%	68%	51%	18%	61%	62%	57%	41%
	Gourmet food vans	50%	61%	42%	32%	54%	44%	51%	50%
	Pop-up Bars (in public spaces)	45%	61%	36%	11%	55%	47%	44%	34%
	More retail shops open for business	45%	50%	42%	41%	49%	42%	44%	48%
	More large venues	12%	18%	7%	7%	10%	9%	9%	21%
Safety	Police foot patrol	61%	47%	71%	86%	61%	59%	60%	66%
	Security surveillance systems (e.g. CCTV)	49%	38%	56%	77%	43%	45%	48%	62%
Other	Improved transportation options	68%	67%	68%	69%	75%	63%	71%	63%
	Other (please specify)	9%	9%	9%	7%	11%	5%	13%	7%

Table 5: Activities would like to see more of by age and location

4 Precincts after dark

This section of the report provides deeper insight into the visitor profiles, visitation patterns, activities, perceptions, and reports of antisocial behaviour for each of the seven night time precincts included in the survey.

How to read the precinct summaries

A summary table is provided for each precinct, with key measures derived as follows:

Who visits?	Key demographics based on respondents who visit the given precinct most often.	
When do people visit?	Nights and times visited based on respondents who indicated they visit the precinct most often	
What do people do there?	Top 5 activities amongst respondents visited the precinct on their last night out	Summary of key differences in activities undertaken in the given precinct vs all precincts. Provides an indication of the activities that make the given precinct unique. <i>For example, 9% of respondents overall reported attending the cinema on their last visit to Newcastle at night. Of those who visited the Civic/CBD precinct on their last visit, 23% reported attending the cinema. Thus, Civic/CBD over represents on this activity (9% vs 23% = difference of +14%)</i>
What do people think of [PRECINCT]?	Perceptions of safe, inclusive, diverse, and vibrant based on those who visit the given precinct most often. Colour coding indicates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● strong perception, mean score greater than 4.00 (out of five) ● moderate, mean score of 3.00-3.99 ● weak perception, mean score less than 3.00 	
Any trouble here?	Incidence of negative experiences reported in the survey based on those who visited the precinct on their last night out	
What do people want to see here?	Top 5 activities or initiatives respondents who visit the given precinct most often would like to see more of in Newcastle after dark	Summary of key differences in preferred activities or initiatives between respondents who visit this precinct most often vs all respondents. Provides an indication of the activities or initiatives respondents would like to see in the given precinct. <i>For example, 60% of respondents overall would like to see more creative lighting in Newcastle at night. Of those who reported visiting the Civic/CBD precinct most often, 67% indicated they would like to see more creative lighting. Thus, Civic/CBD slightly over represents on this initiative (60% vs 67% = difference of +7%)</i>

4.1 Civic/CBD precinct summary

<p>Who visits? <i>Figure 12</i></p>	<p>Less likely to be visited by the 18-39 year group, more likely to be visited by those aged 70 years+</p> <p>More likely to be from ward 1</p>	
<p>When do people visit? <i>Figure 13,14</i></p>	<p>Close to average weekday visitation, the majority of visits on Friday and Saturday nights</p> <p>Majority (85%) leave before midnight</p>	
<p>What do people do there?</p>	<p><i>Top 5 activities:</i></p> <p>Dining at a restaurant (59%)</p> <p>Going to a pub (37%)</p> <p>Going to a wine bar/small bar (37%)</p> <p>Visiting or meeting friends (34%)</p> <p>Dining at a pub (28%)</p>	<p><i>More likely than average to be:</i></p> <p>Attending the cinema (+14%)</p> <p>Attending the theatre (+13%)</p> <p>Going to a wine bar/small bar (+10%)</p> <p>Walking through to another location (+8%)</p> <p>Dining at a pub (+7%)</p>
<p>What do people think of the Civic/CBD precinct? <i>Figure 15</i></p>	<p>One of the least positively perceived precincts</p> <p>Safe ● Inclusive ● Diverse ● Vibrant ●</p>	
<p>Any trouble here? <i>Figure 16</i></p>	<p>Slightly less likely than average to experience antisocial behaviour, over-intoxication, or threatening behaviour compared to other areas.</p>	
<p>What do people want to see here?</p>	<p><i>Top 5:</i></p> <p>Improved transport options (74%)</p> <p>Place activation events (68%)</p> <p>Creative lighting (67%)</p> <p>Public spaces for night time use (62%)</p> <p>Police foot patrol (62%)</p>	<p><i>More likely than average to want:</i></p> <p>Creative lighting (+7%)</p> <p>Improved transport options (+6%)</p> <p><i>Less likely than average to want:</i></p> <p>Pop-up bars (-7%)</p> <p>Late night meals (-6%)</p>

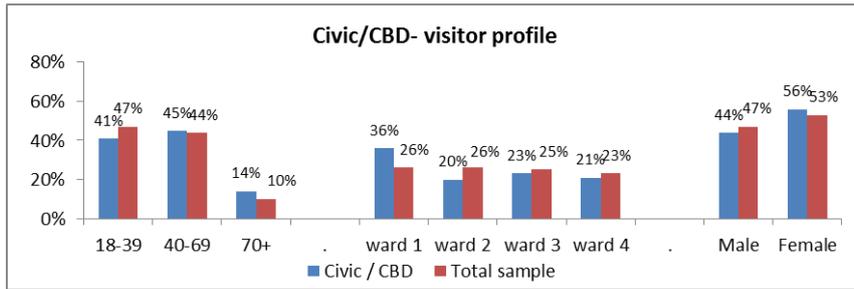


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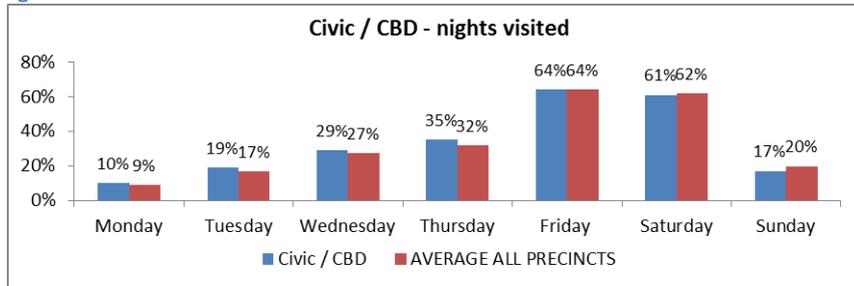


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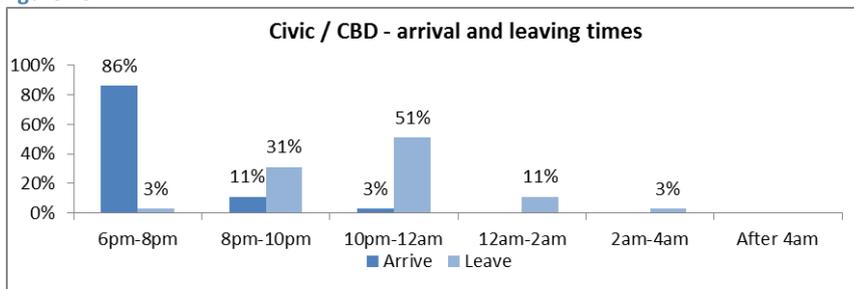


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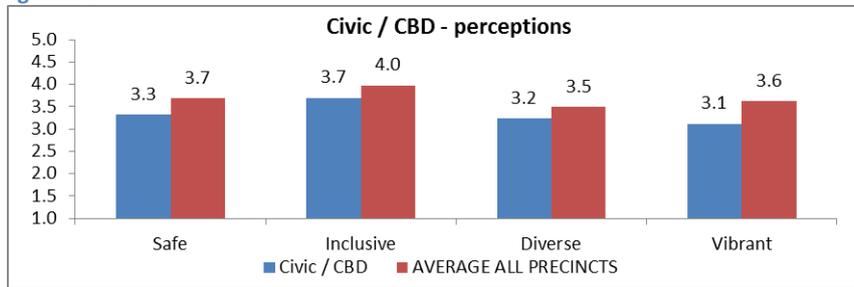


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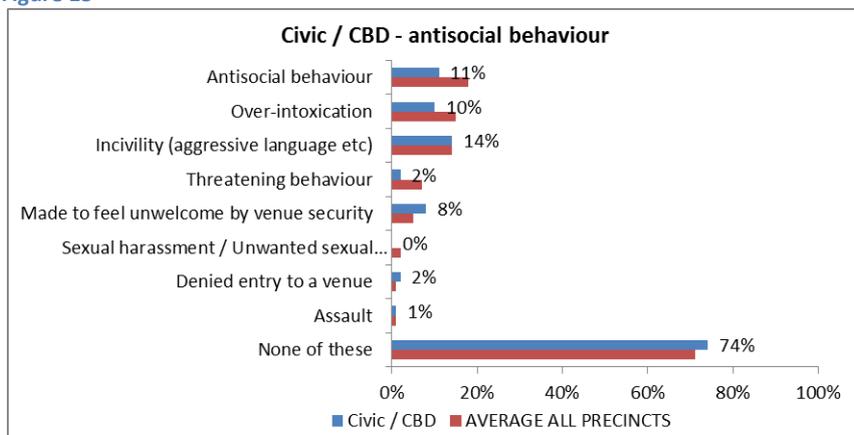


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4.2 Darby Street precinct summary

<p>Who visits? <i>Figure 17</i></p>	<p>Tend to be slightly younger</p> <p>More likely to be from wards 1 and 2 than wards 3 and 4</p> <p>Strong female skew</p>	
<p>When do people visit? <i>Figure 18,19</i></p>	<p>Highest Friday night visitation of all precincts</p> <p>Slightly above average visitation on Wednesdays and Thursdays</p> <p>Majority (88%) have left by midnight</p>	
<p>What do people do there?</p>	<p><i>Top 5 activities:</i></p> <p>Dining at a restaurant (74%)</p> <p>Going to a pub (36%)</p> <p>Visiting/meeting friends (34%)</p> <p>Going to a wine bar/small bar (32%)</p> <p>Dining at a café (31%)</p>	<p><i>More likely than average to be:</i></p> <p>Dining at a café (+17%)</p> <p>Dining at a restaurant (+10%)</p> <p>Shopping (+7%)</p>
<p>What do people think of Darby Street? <i>Figure 20</i></p>	<p>Most positive perceptions of all precincts, strong perceptions overall</p> <p>Safe ● Inclusive ● Diverse ● Vibrant ●</p>	
<p>Any trouble here? <i>Figure 21</i></p>	<p>Slightly less likely than average to experience negative incidents here</p>	
<p>What do people want to see here?</p>	<p><i>Top 5:</i></p> <p>Place activation events (78%)</p> <p>Public spaces for night time use (75%)</p> <p>Late night meals (74%)</p> <p>More small bars (69%)</p> <p>Improved transport options (65%)</p>	<p><i>More likely than average to want:</i></p> <p>More small bars (+13%)</p> <p>Pop-up bars (+12%)</p> <p>Public spaces for night time use (+11%)</p> <p>Late night meals (+9%)</p> <p>Gourmet food vans (+7%)</p> <p>Place activation events (+6%)</p> <p><i>Less likely than average to want:</i></p> <p>Surveillance systems (-8%)</p>

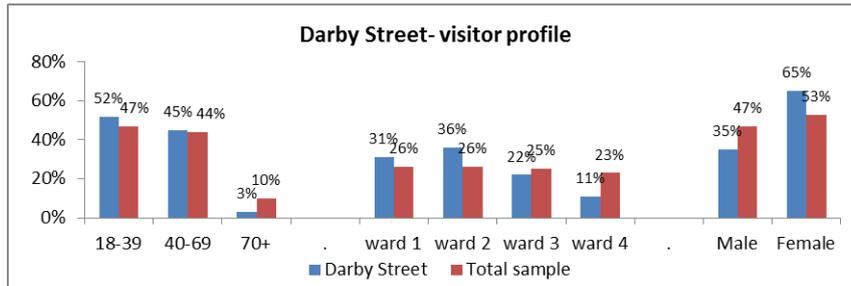


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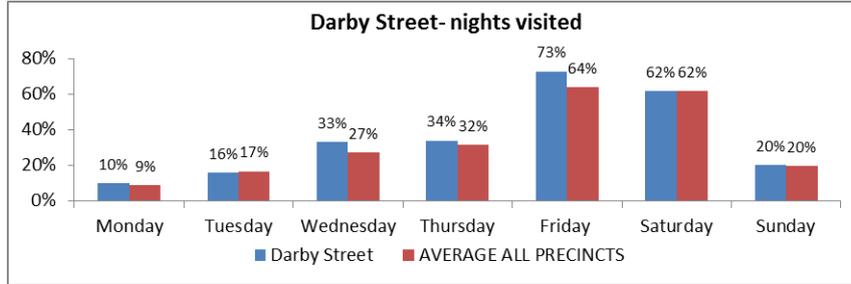


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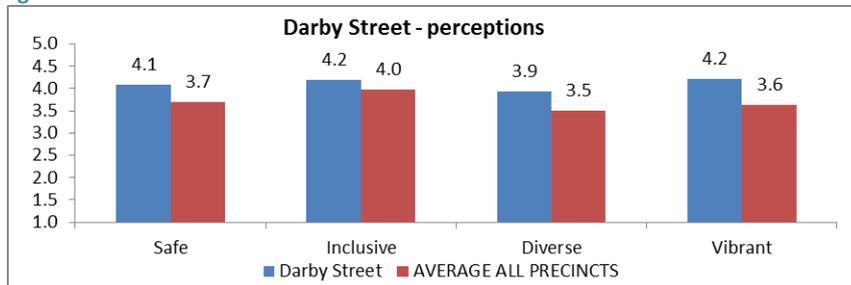


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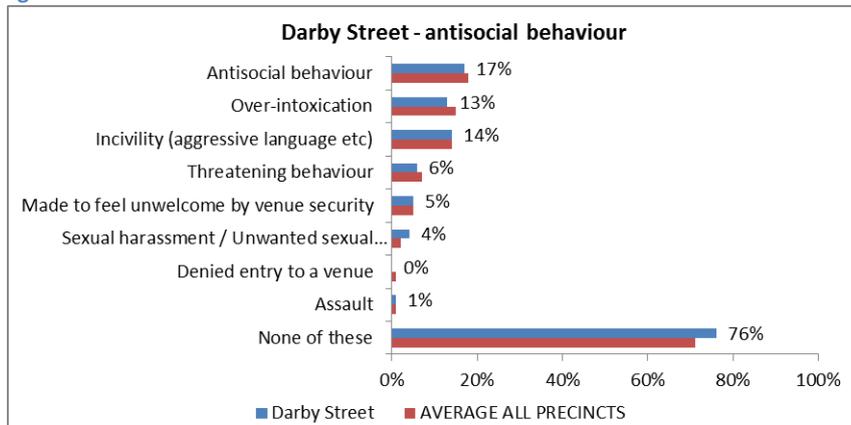


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4.3 Hamilton

Who visits? <i>Figure 22</i>	Those who visit most often are less likely to be from Ward 1 and more likely to be from Ward 4	
When do people visit? <i>Figure 23,24</i>	Marginally higher visitation during weekdays (Monday-Thursday) than other precincts More people leave after midnight (21%) compared to other precincts	
What do people do there?	<i>Top 5 activities:</i> Dining at a restaurant (63%) Going to a pub (38%) Visiting/meeting friends (37%) Dining at a pub (21%) Dining at a café (17%)	<i>More likely than average to be:</i> Getting takeaway food (+8%) Going to a nightclub (+6%) <i>Less likely than average to be:</i> Going to a wine bar/small bar (-13%) Attending the cinema (-6%)
What do people think of Hamilton? <i>Figure 25</i>	Weak safety perceptions relative to other precincts Safe ● Inclusive ● Diverse ● Vibrant ●	
Any trouble here? <i>Figure 26</i>	Highest levels of anti-social behaviour and over-intoxication of all precincts (29% and 27% respectively experience these)	
What do people want to see here?	<i>Top 5:</i> Place activation events (74%) Improved transport options (73%) Late night meals (68%) Police foot patrol (68%) Public spaces for night time use (64%)	<i>More likely than average to want:</i> Police foot patrol (+7%)

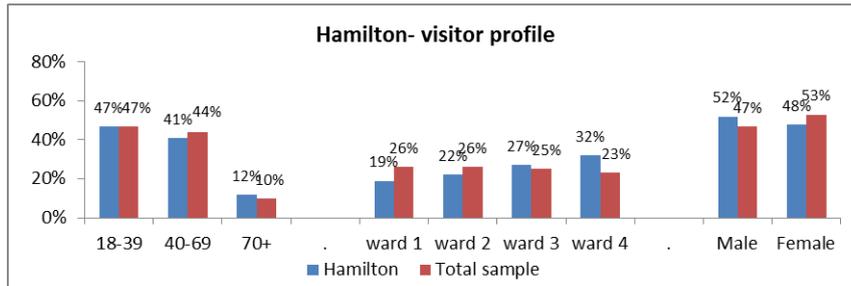


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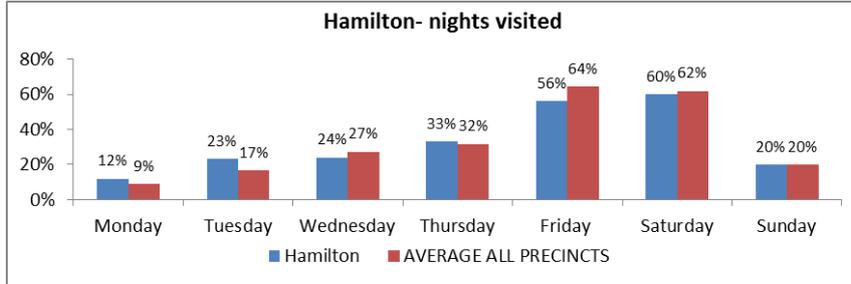


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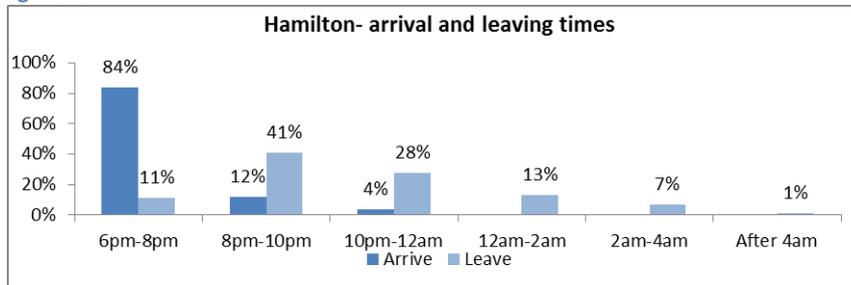


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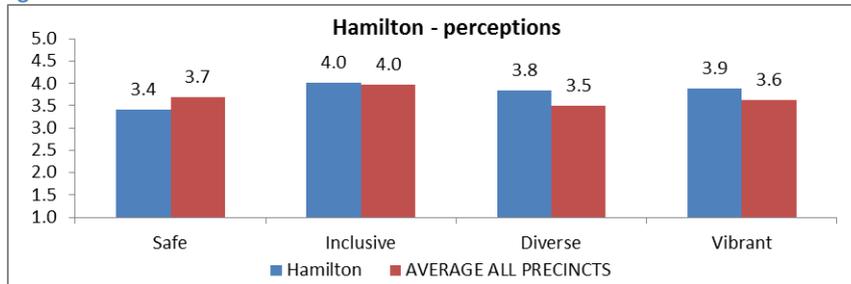


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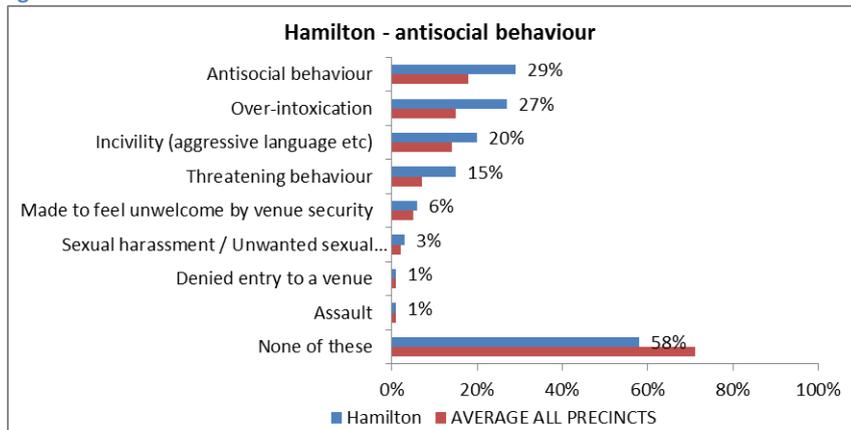


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4.4 Honeysuckle

<p>Who visits? <i>Figure 27</i></p>	<p>Strong skew towards the 18-39 year age group</p> <p>Those who visit here most often are more likely to be from Wards 3 and 4</p>	
<p>When do people visit? <i>Figure 28,29</i></p>	<p>Almost exclusively a weekend venue, highest Saturday and Sunday night visitation of all precincts</p> <p>Lower than average visitation during the week (Mon-Thur)</p> <p>Tendency for visitors to arrive here earlier than other precincts</p>	
<p>What do people do there?</p>	<p><i>Top 5 activities:</i></p> <p>Dining at a restaurant (66%)</p> <p>Visiting/meeting friends (43%)</p> <p>Going to a pub (41%)</p> <p>Going to a wine bar/small bar (29%)</p> <p>Dining at a pub (24%)</p>	<p><i>More likely than average to be:</i></p> <p>Visiting/meeting friends (+9%)</p> <p>Attending an event or gig (+9%)</p> <p>Sightseeing/tourist activities (+6%)</p> <p><i>Less likely than average to be:</i></p> <p>Shopping (-9%)</p> <p>Attending the cinema (-6%)</p>
<p>What do people think of Honeysuckle? <i>Figure 30</i></p>	<p>Above average perceptions on safe, inclusive, and vibrant</p> <p>Safe ● Inclusive ● Diverse ● Vibrant ●</p>	
<p>Any trouble here? <i>Figure 31</i></p>	<p>Average number of negative experiences</p>	
<p>What do people want to see here?</p>	<p><i>Top 5:</i></p> <p>Place activation events (76%)</p> <p>Public spaces for night time use (66%)</p> <p>Creative lighting (63%)</p> <p>Improved transport options (62%)</p> <p>Late night meals (61%)</p>	<p><i>Less likely than average to want:</i></p> <p>Improved transport options (-6%)</p>

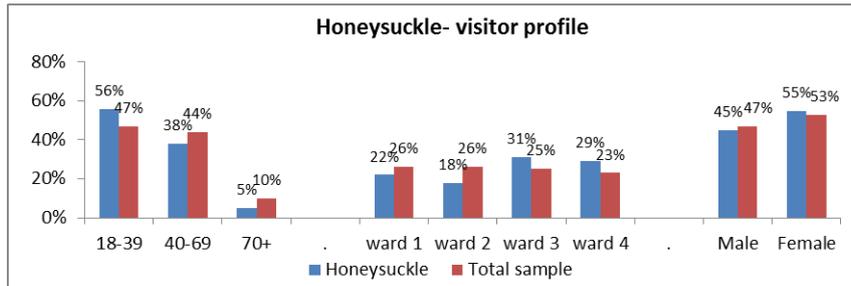


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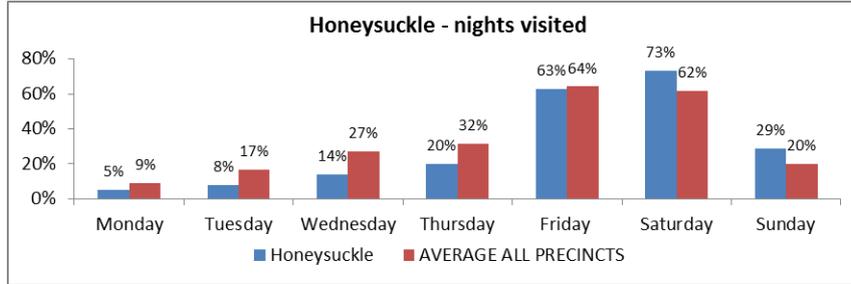


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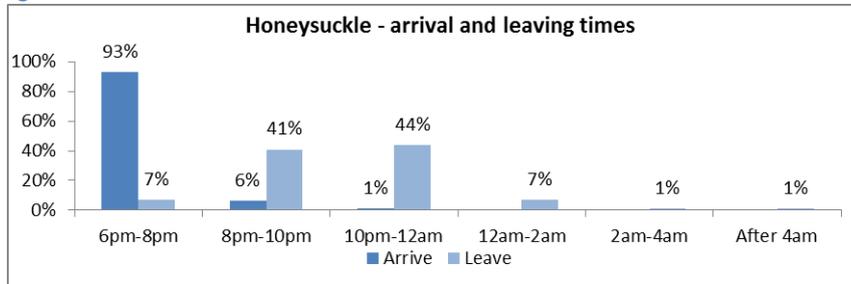


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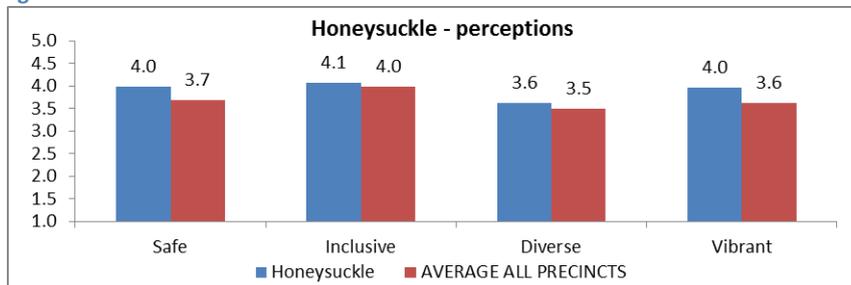


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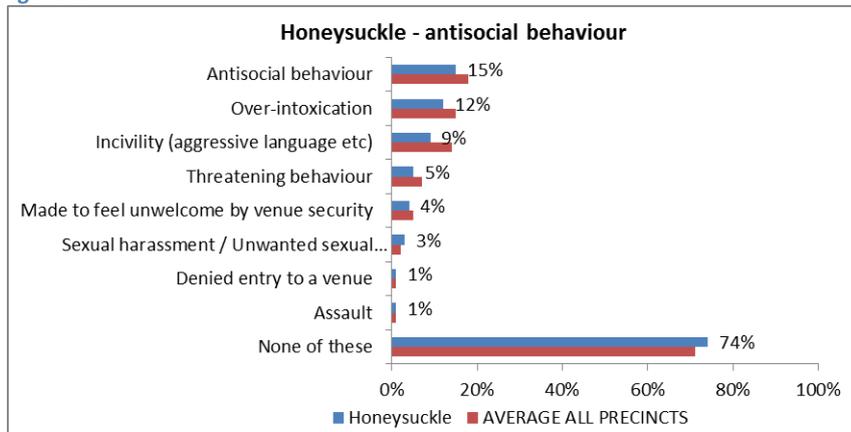


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4.5 Newcastle East

<p>Who visits?</p> <p><i>Figure 32</i></p>	<p>Those who visit here most often are more likely to be from Wards 1</p> <p>Visitor profile shows a male skew</p>	
<p>When do people visit?</p> <p><i>Figure 33,34</i></p>	<p>Close to average weekday visitation, Friday and Saturday night visits are slightly above average</p> <p>Majority (90%) leave before midnight</p>	
<p>What do people do there?</p>	<p><i>Top 5 activities:</i></p> <p>Dining at a restaurant (71%)</p> <p>Going to a wine bar/small bar (51%)</p> <p>Dining at a pub (31%)</p> <p>Visiting/meeting friends (30%)</p> <p>Walking to another location (25%)</p>	<p><i>More likely than average to be:</i></p> <p>Going to a wine bar/small bar (+24%)</p> <p>Walking to another location (+10%)</p> <p>Dining at a restaurant (+7%)</p> <p>Walking for fitness (+6%)</p> <p><i>Less likely than average to be:</i></p> <p>Going to a pub (-6%)</p>
<p>What do people think of Newcastle East?</p> <p><i>Figure 35</i></p>	<p>Slightly below average perceptions of diversity and vibrancy</p> <p>Safe ● Inclusive ● Diverse ● Vibrant ●</p>	
<p>Any trouble here?</p> <p><i>Figure 36</i></p>	<p>Average number of negative experiences</p>	
<p>What do people want to see here?</p>	<p><i>Top 5:</i></p> <p>Place activation events (72%)</p> <p>Late night meals (70%)</p> <p>Public spaces for night time use (67%)</p> <p>Improved transport options (66%)</p> <p>Creative lighting (65%)</p>	<p><i>More likely than average to want:</i></p> <p>Pop-up bars (+12%)</p>

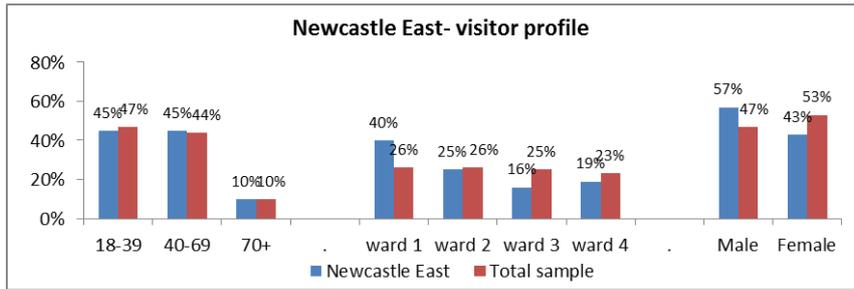


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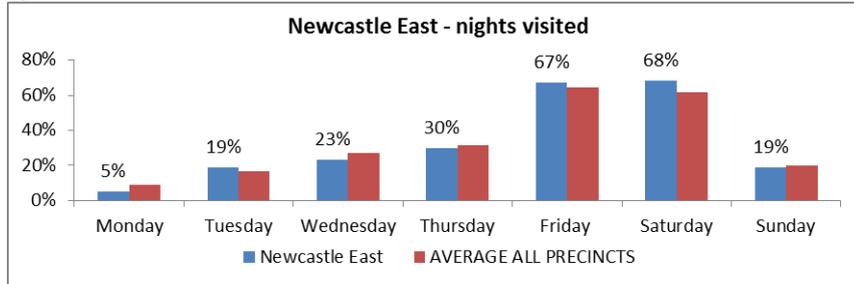


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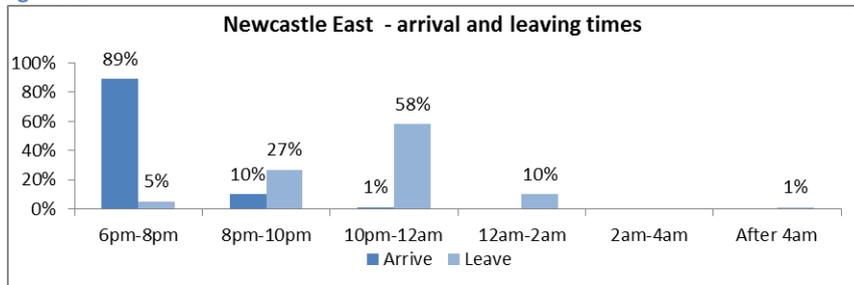


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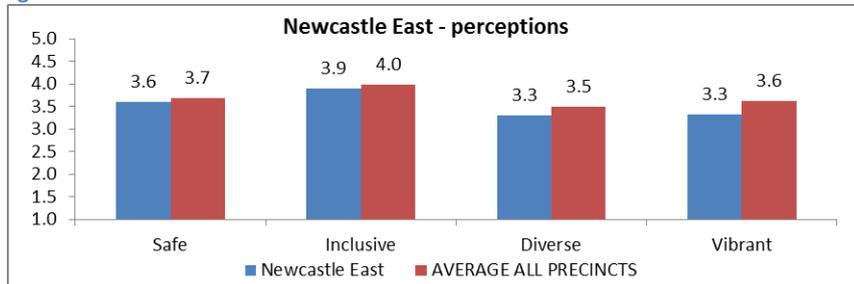


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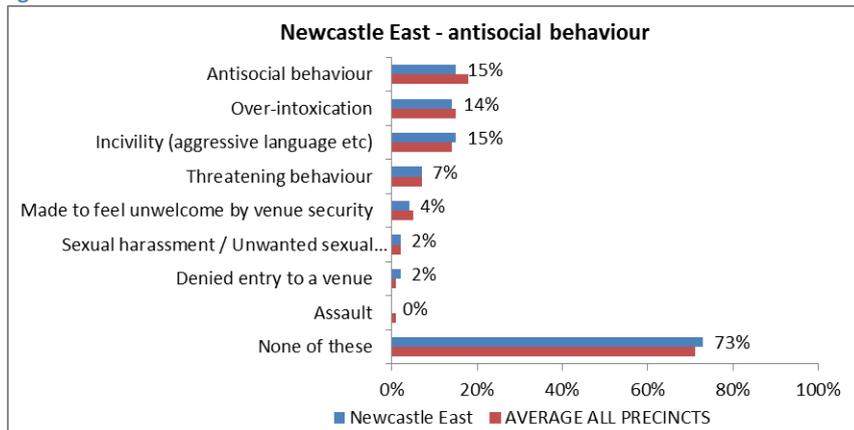


Figure 36

4.6 Newcastle West/Wickham

<p>Who visits?</p> <p><i>Figure 37</i></p>	<p>Strong skew towards 18-39 years</p> <p>More likely to be from Ward 1 than other areas</p> <p>Visitor profile shows a male skew</p>	
<p>When do people visit?</p> <p><i>Figure 38,39</i></p>	<p>Slightly higher than average visitation on Mondays and Wednesdays</p> <p>One-in-three (30%) leave after midnight</p>	
<p>What do people do there?</p>	<p><i>Top 5 activities:</i></p> <p>Dining at a restaurant (49%)</p> <p>Going to a pub (46%)</p> <p>Visiting/meeting friends (34%)</p> <p>Going to a wine bar/small bar (27%)</p> <p>Walking to another location (24%)</p>	<p><i>More likely than average to be:</i></p> <p>Catching public transport (+10%)</p> <p>Going to a pub (+9%)</p> <p>Walking to another location (+9%)</p> <p>Walking for fitness (+9%)</p> <p>Attending an event or gig (+6%)</p> <p>Shopping (+6%)</p> <p><i>Less likely than average to be:</i></p> <p>Dining at a restaurant (-15%)</p>
<p>What do people think of Newcastle West /Wickham?</p> <p><i>Figure 40</i></p>	<p>One of the least positively perceived precincts, particularly in regard to safety and diversity</p> <p>Safe ● Inclusive ● Diverse ● Vibrant ●</p>	
<p>Any trouble here?</p> <p><i>Figure 41</i></p>	<p>Average number of negative experiences</p>	
<p>What do people want to see here?</p>	<p><i>Top 5:</i></p> <p>Improved transport options (76%)</p> <p>Place activation events (70%)</p> <p>Creative lighting (69%)</p> <p>Public spaces for night time use (68%)</p> <p>Late night meals (62%)</p>	<p><i>More likely than average to want:</i></p> <p>Creative lighting (+9%)</p> <p>Improved transport options (+8%)</p> <p>Gourmet food vans (+6%)</p> <p>More large venues (+6%)</p> <p><i>Less likely than average to want:</i></p> <p>Police foot patrols (-14%)</p>

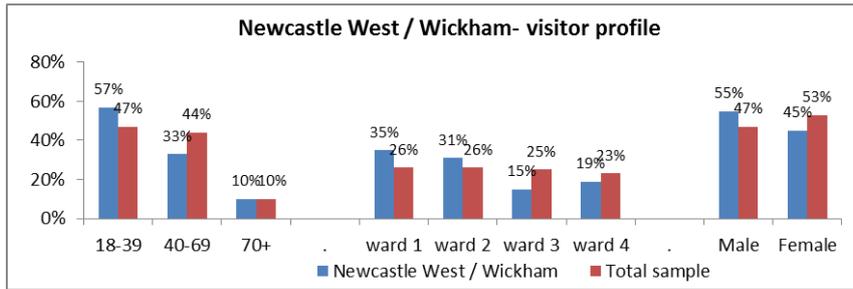


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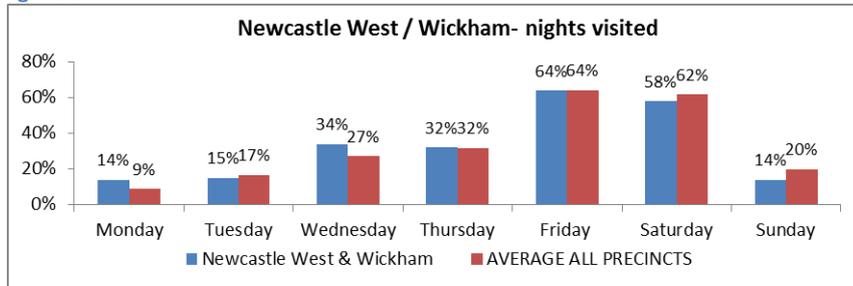


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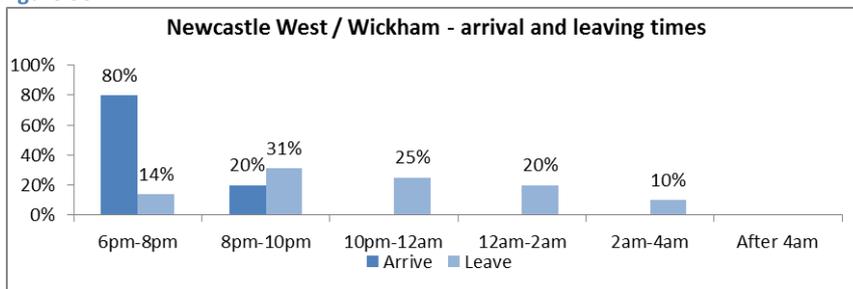


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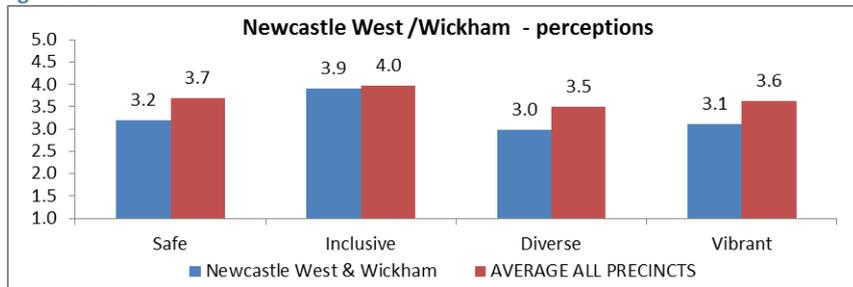


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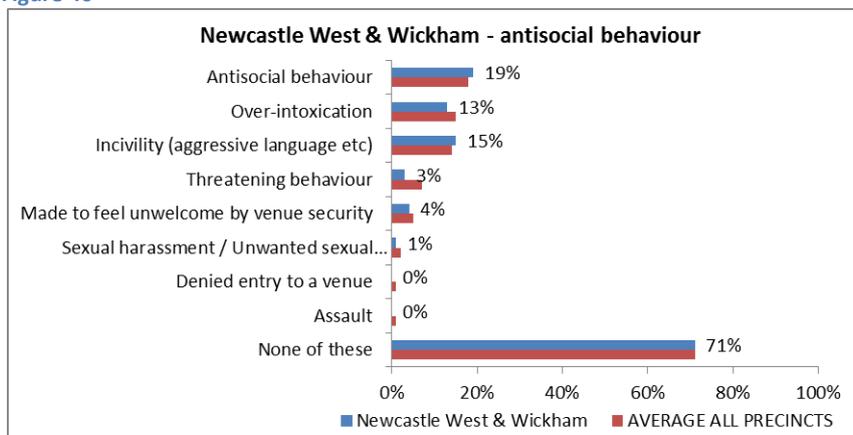


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4.7 The Junction

<p>Who visits? <i>Figure 42</i></p>	<p>Two-thirds of those who visit The Junction most often are aged 40-69 years</p> <p>Over half are from ward 2</p>	
<p>When do people visit? <i>Figure 43,44</i></p>	<p>Slightly higher than average weekday visitation, lower than average Friday and Saturday night visitation</p> <p>Almost all visitors (98%) arrive between 6.00-8.00pm, with the majority (96%) leaving before midnight.</p>	
<p>What do people do there?</p>	<p><i>Top 5 activities:</i></p> <p>Dining at a restaurant (78%)</p> <p>Going to a pub (47%)</p> <p>Visiting/meeting friends (36%)</p> <p>Shopping (33%)</p> <p>Dining at a pub (21%)</p>	<p><i>More likely than average to be:</i></p> <p>Shopping (+21%)</p> <p>Dining at a restaurant (+14%)</p> <p>Going to a pub (+10%)</p> <p><i>Less likely than average to be:</i></p> <p>Going to a wine bar/small bar (-16%)</p> <p>Dining at a café (-9%)</p> <p>Attending the cinema (-9%)</p> <p>Getting takeaway food (-7%)</p> <p>Attending the theatre (-6%)</p>
<p>What do people think of The Junction? <i>Figure 45</i></p>	<p>Above average perceptions of safety, inclusivity, diversity and vibrancy</p> <p>Safe ● Inclusive ● Diverse ● Vibrant ●</p>	
<p>Any trouble here? <i>Figure 46</i></p>	<p>Slightly higher than average levels of antisocial behaviour and unwelcoming venue security</p>	
<p>What do people want to see here?</p>	<p><i>Top 5:</i></p> <p>Improved transport options (64%)</p> <p>Police foot patrol (62%)</p> <p>Place activation events (60%)</p> <p>Late night meals (60%)</p> <p>Public spaces for night time use (59%)</p>	<p><i>Less likely than average to want:</i></p> <p>Creative lighting (-18%)</p> <p>Gourmet food vans (-13%)</p> <p>Place activation events (-12%)</p> <p>Public performances (-8%)</p> <p>Pop-up bars (-6%)</p>

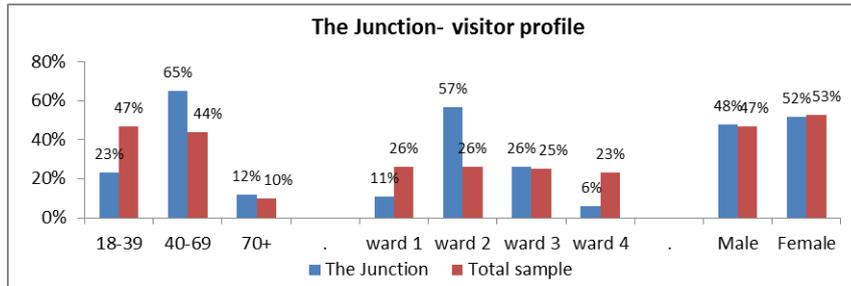


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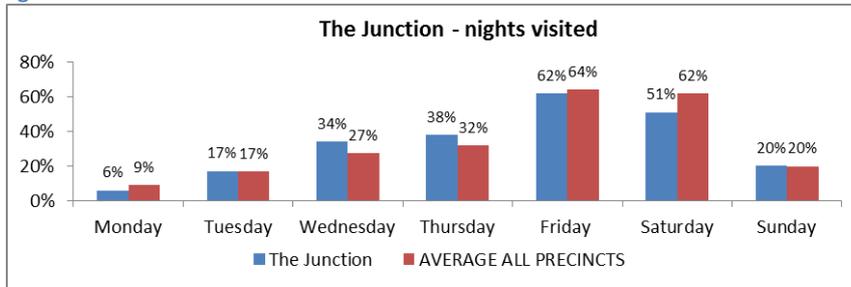


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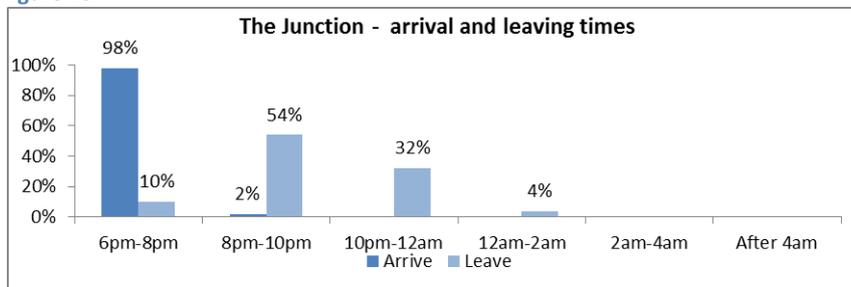


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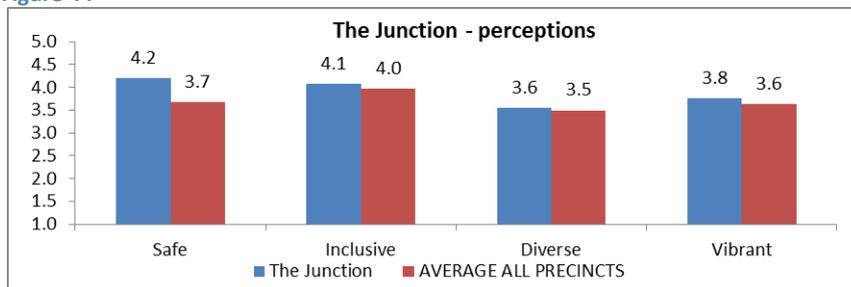


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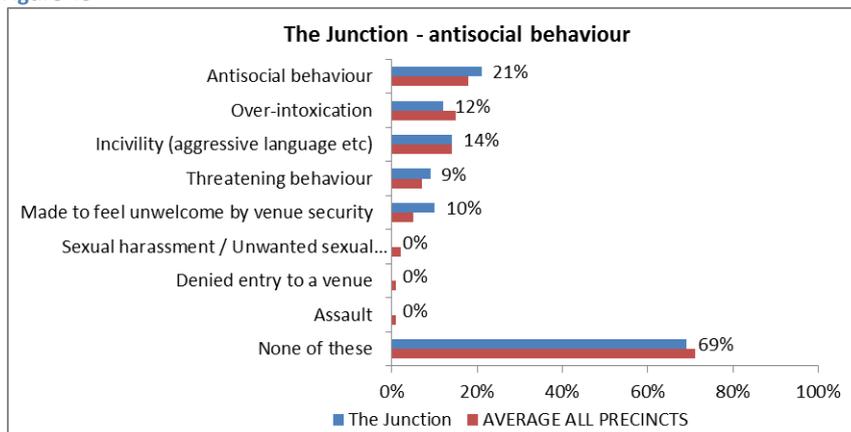


Figure 46

5 Factors important in ensuring an enjoyable and safe night out

To help Council plan future projects for Newcastle at night, respondents were asked to indicate how important they considered a range of factors in ensuring their night out in Newcastle was enjoyable (figure 47). Overall safety was rated as the most important factor in ensuring an enjoyable night out (91% rated this as very or extremely important), followed by a good range of venues. Venue security, a good range of activities, and an inclusive culture rounded out the top five most important factors in ensuring respondents have an enjoyable night out.

The least important factors were venue lock outs and restricted trading hours, with a respective 30% and 29% of respondents indicating that these factors are 'not important at all' in ensuring an enjoyable night out.

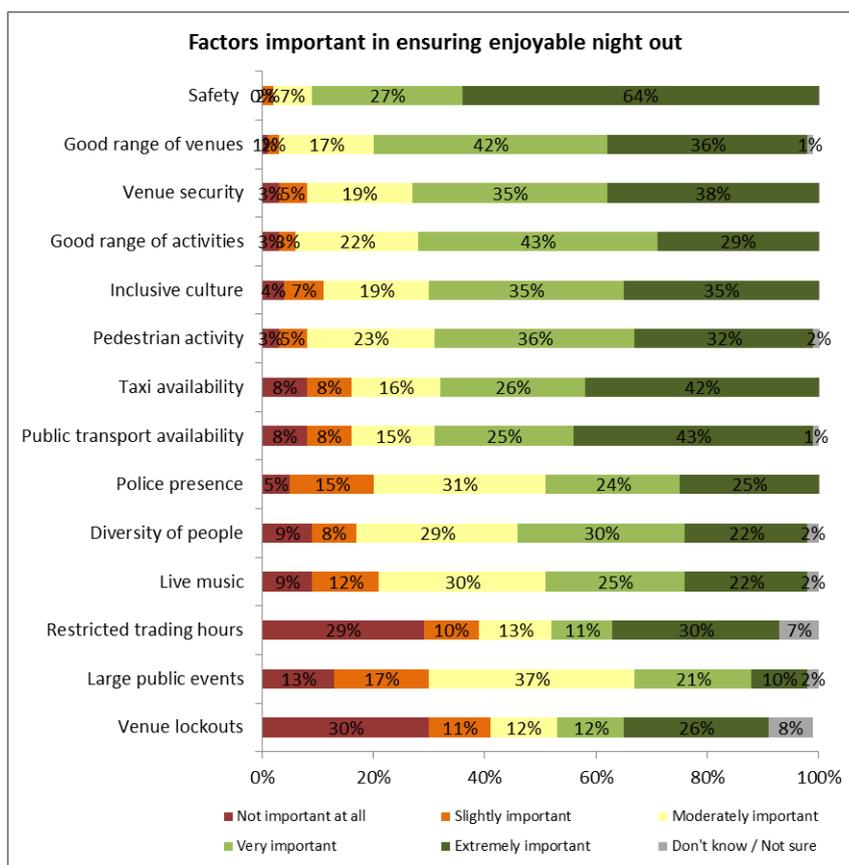


Figure 47: Factors important in ensuring an enjoyable night out

Analysis by age (figure 48) reveals that the importance placed on a good range of venues and activities, an inclusive culture, live music and taxi availability decreases with age, that is, these factors are more important to those aged 18-39 years than those aged 70+ years. Conversely, the importance placed on police presence, venue lockouts and restricted trading hours increases with age.

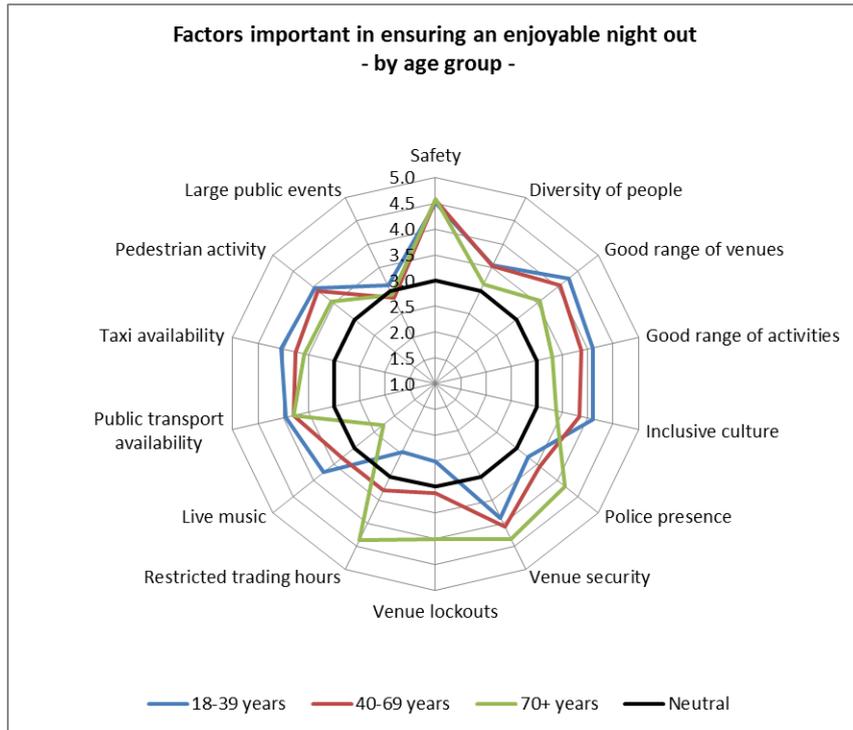


Figure 48: Factors important in ensuring enjoyable night out by age

In addition to gauging what makes for an enjoyable night out in Newcastle, respondents were also asked to rate the importance of a range of factors in ensuring a safe night out. Results are shown in figure 49. All but one of the factors included in the survey were rated as very or extremely important by at least 50% of respondents, suggesting that these factors all have a role in ensuring a safe night out in Newcastle.

The factors to receive the highest importance ratings included footpath lighting (89% of respondents rated this as very or extremely important), good pedestrian access and walkways (87% rated as very or extremely important), and street lighting (84%). Frequent and accessible public transport were also considered important in ensuring a safe night out, with 80% and 81% of respondents respectively rating these as very or extremely important.

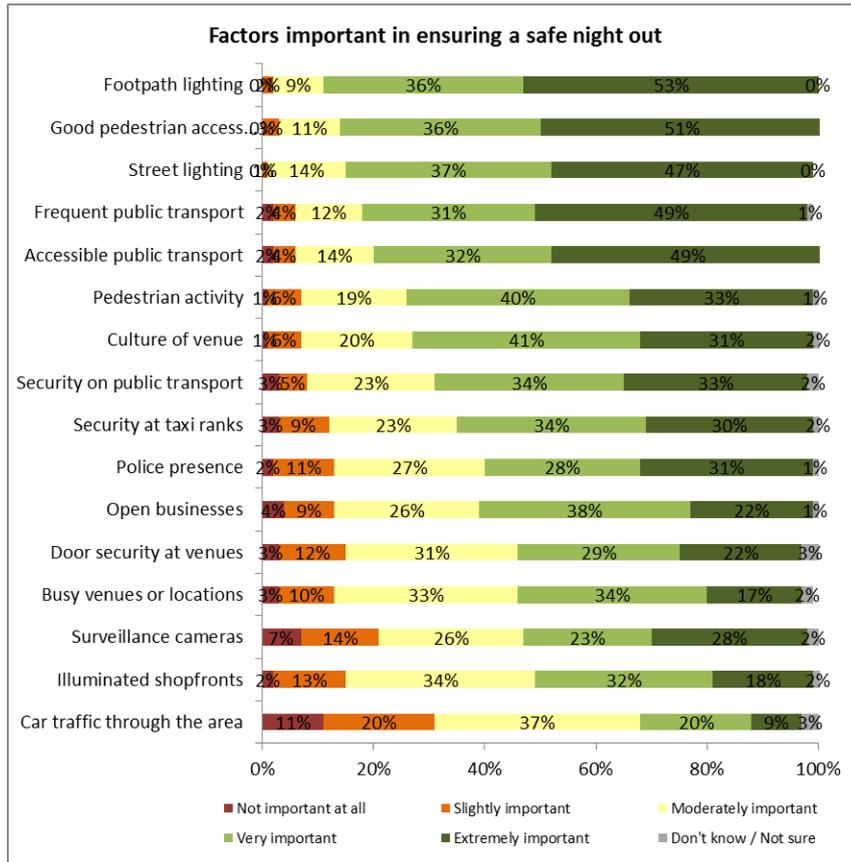


Figure 49: Factors important in a safe night out

When analysed by age group, surveillance systems, police presence, security on public transport and presence car traffic in the area were considered more important by those aged 40-69 years and 70+ years than those aged 18-39years. Conversely, having businesses open at night and the culture of a venue were more important to those aged 18-39years than respondents in other age groups.

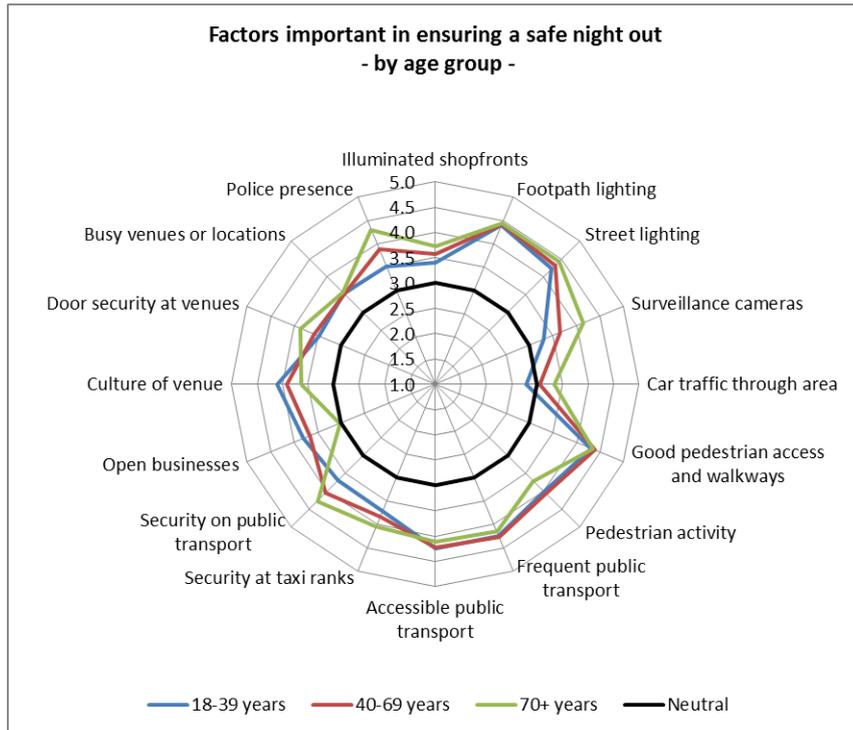


Figure 50: Factors important in ensuring a safe night out by age

6 Additional comments

Towards the end of the survey, respondents were asked to provide any other comments regarding their visits to Newcastle after dark. In total, 359 comments were received. A table summarising the key response themes and topics, as well as full verbatim responses, can be found in Appendix IV.

Venues and activities was a prevalent theme throughout respondent comments. Here, the main topics respondents talked about were diversity of venues and activities (21%), small bars or wine bars (16%) and trading hours (12%):

DIVERSITY OF VENUES OR ACTIVITIES:

“The more businesses and people are in there, the better. Look at the multiplier effect of what's happening in King St - cinema, little shops, Japanese and Italian restaurants, now The Lucky. All we need is a little velvet lounge for coffee, dessert, port after a movie and that'd be a full house!”

“There is a lack of diversity in late night trading for 30+ patrons. After 11:30pm it is difficult to find somewhere for a drink after a show or dinner if you do not want to frequent a nightclub that targets a younger demographic”

“...More late night venues for food/non-alcoholic drinks (e.g. the Pancake Parlours seen in other cities, Vili's in Adelaide, or American-type diners) are needed in the going-out areas of the city ... including the CBD, Darby and Beaumont Streets”

“Having children in late teens and early twenties I commonly hear them say there is nothing much in town anymore. No diversity of options for them especially if they are not into heavy drinking. There are no cafes or coffee shops open late at night, particularly around the civic theatre area. Many people would love to go somewhere after a show for coffee/chat or even a quiet drink etc. Not everyone that visits Newcastle at night is a young drunken troublemaker but the majority of people are being penalised with limited options and stupid lockout rules. They just don't bother going in town at night”

SMALL BARS:

“The addition of small bars has been really positive. These venues are intimate & promote a social & inclusive culture. I want to go somewhere where I can enjoy some drinks with my friends, listen to some light background music, people watch, and be able to have a conversation.”

“The culture shift in Newcastle over the last couple of years with the emergence of small bars has been the best inclusion. Now that there a lot more options to socialise with friends away from the big crowds, it has made evening times more enjoyable. Also I believe that small bars should not have to live by the same licensing rules that bigger bars have to. It is not profitable for them and also given the atmosphere they create, the anti-social crowd isn't attracted to the venues.”

TRADING HOURS:

“Things are really improving with more venues open. Improved lighting would help. Street vans would be great. Later opening hours for small bars essential.”

“More place open after 12 for older people. The only options after 12 are clubs with 18 year olds. People in their mid 20s just want to continue to have a chat and a few drinks ...”

Safety was the next most commented on theme overall. Perceptions of safety (18%) shapes the way respondents access the city, the types of activities they carry out and the times at which they perform these activities. Respondents also commented on passive surveillance (14%) and violence/antisocial behaviour (14%):

PERCEPTIONS OF SAFETY:

“We love Honeysuckle by day and night. I feel very safe pushing my baby in the pram from restaurant to ice cream parlour to Crowne Plaza. By day and night it is a lovely walk and always something interesting...”

“... on the rare occasion I have been out with friends, personal security getting back to my car has been a concern, or there has been such a concern that we wouldn't be able to get home again that one of us has driven, when we might have otherwise preferred not to...”

“It's gotten much better! I felt safe last night walking to my car”

“We went to a show at the Civic Theatre at night on the way back to the car parked in King Street, groups of youth were yelling obscenities and we felt very unsafe we are two women and love live shows but will not go back to the Civic Theatre...”

“There aren't enough well-lit parking areas around Beaumont St in Hamilton. Walking back to your car in the dark for a few blocks late at night is a bit scary!”

PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE:

“The more things there are to do, the more things open, the more people there are, the safer it will be. I have travelled and lived OS and always felt safest in cities like London and New York where there are always people around - it's dark quiet streets that are the most unsafe.”

“I find the pedicabs a great addition to Newcastle's night life, they help provide passive surveillance while providing the vital service of moving people around the inner city.”

“The more options and more people the safer people will feel and the community will self police a lot more.”

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR/VIOLENCE:

“Anti-social behaviour is the main reason that I do not like to go to areas like Hunter Street”

“I advise friends and relatives not to go as Newcastle at night is just too uncomfortable and dangerous. You may not get punched or assaulted directly but you will experience aggressive behaviour.”

“Being a local, I have witnessed a HUGE improvement since the lockouts - not only in noise late at night but a lot less aggressive behaviours, fights, vomiting on the way home (I hear it all as they go past my place) etc.”

“I have not really encountered much antisocial behaviour in Newcastle at night”

Transport was also a hot topic. Of the comments received, 24% mentioned **public transport**, making it the most commented on single topic. A further 8% of comments related to taxis and 7% to parking:

PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

“Can’t wait for the trams to begin rolling, a good mode and safe way to travel, opens up the city to a more vibrant and social transport system that allows for steady expansion as needs arise”

“I live in Cardiff and enjoy nightlife in Newcastle but I do not drive and public transport is too infrequent returning home to bother to go out. No train direct to Newcastle is now another reason not to go into Newcastle”

“More frequent buses and just as importantly more information on bus timetables and routes. No good leaving a safe venue to wait for an unknown length of time for buses and then not knowing where they go. More free inner city buses and more advertising the fact that there are free buses. Bring back Newcastle trains”

“I live in Hamilton and we tend to catch the free bus up town to visit restaurants and then walk home, not late, probably about 8.00pm. ... I think that if the Wickham transport hub is developed, the area will come alive...”

“... With the railway now gone into the Newcastle CBD, despite the shuttle buses, it is now that much harder to use rail as a viable public transport option after dark”

TAXIS:

“The wait times for taxis seem to be where the problems arise. We waited for 3 hours in a taxi line at Honeysuckle. People were drunk and abusive and there was no security or police presence.”

“Taxi access is extremely hard to get on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday night; more cabs or use of Uber is needed in Newcastle or better public transport in general.”

PARKING:

“We normally drive into town for night time events as we have young children & they often get really tired after 8pm. The prospect of carrying them around on public transport isn’t something we are keen on. Parking is usually really difficult to find especially around the central CBD.”

“Limited parking is a problem especially when you are a woman and single. I like to park close to venue to feel secure walking back to my vehicle. I don’t drink so always drive myself and don’t like walking far when there are drinkers around”

In terms of other key topics to arise, 15% of comments related to regulation (not including lock-outs):

“Council should aim to ensure diversity by limiting the number of ventures each consortium can operate”

“As a Cooks Hill resident of 30 years, please stop people killing off our inner city night life, pubs & live music scene. We love the vibrancy - that's why we live here ... Please activate our spaces, allow more small bars & stop some residents pretending they represent this suburb”

“Council could do a lot more to help businesses in the City/CBD, Civic area”

“...I support all programs, innovations and measures that will bring people back into Newcastle, the heart of our region, at night...”

“Great food trucks would be great. But I hear Newcastle Council prevents these - which is a shame”

“I am disappointed that licensing restrictions make it hard for many bars and restaurants to operate. More small bars is what the city needs.”

Please refer to Appendix IV for a table summarising the key response categories; full verbatim responses can be found in Appendix IV.

7 Smart surveillance

At the end of the survey, respondents were asked a few questions regarding the use of surveillance in Newcastle at night. Before answering the questions, respondents were presented with the following information about smart surveillance:

Council is investigating the potential for a 'smart' surveillance system for use in night-time precincts. CCTV (closed-circuit television) is a system in which signals are not publicly distributed but are monitored for security purposes. Smart surveillance goes further than traditional CCTV by also using computer processing to automatically detect problem behaviour in public places, and alert appropriate authorities.

After reading this information, respondents were asked to indicate the extent to which they agreed or disagreed with a number of statements about the use of surveillance in public places. Results are shown in figure 51. Overall, respondents agreed that surveillance systems help prevent crime (60% agree or strongly agree) and help make them feel safe in public places (59% agree or strongly agree). As shown in figure 52, while support for lighting initiatives was consistent across age group, the level of agreement with statements about surveillance increased with age.

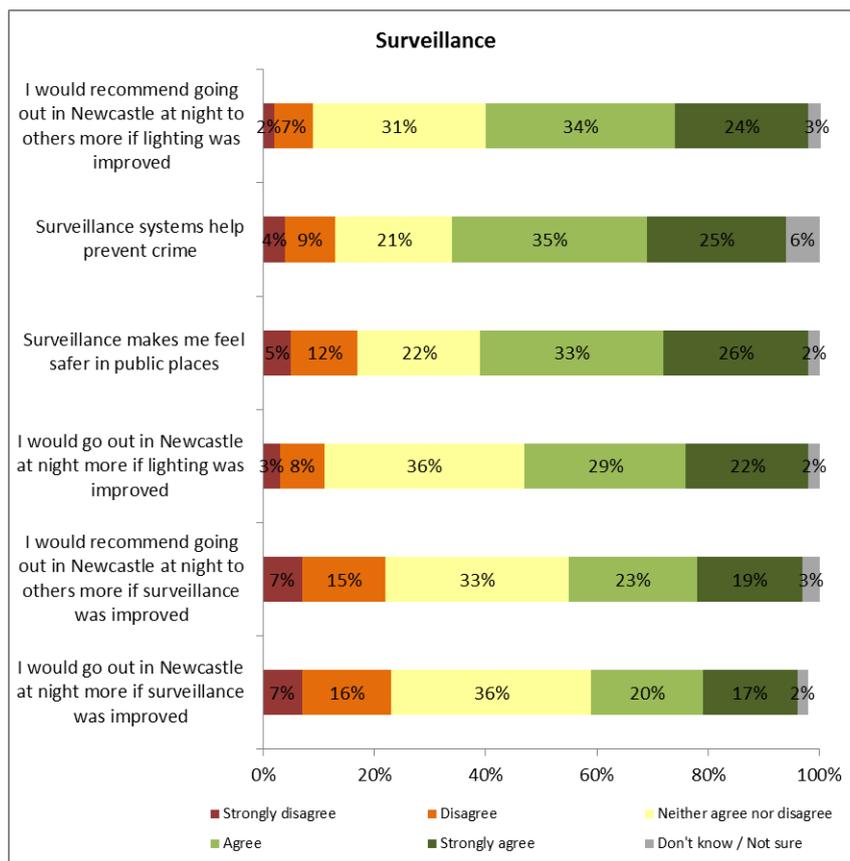


Figure 51: Surveillance perceptions

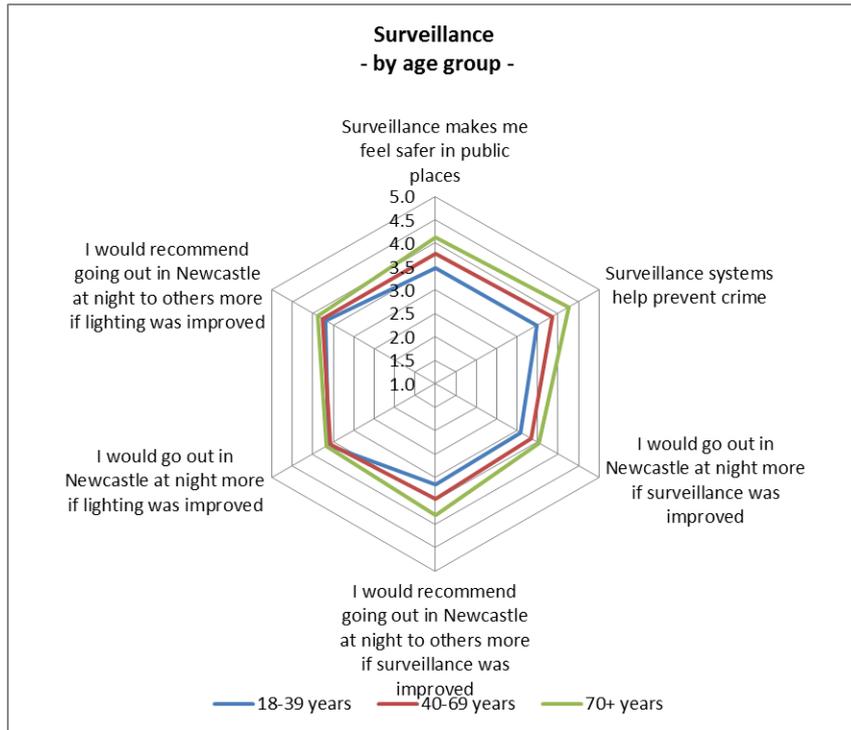


Figure 52: Surveillance perception by age group

7.1 Surveillance - key messages

To help identify key messages regarding the use of surveillance systems in public places, respondents were asked to nominate three words to describe their thoughts about the use of surveillance in public places in an open-ended question. In total, 620 respondents left a response.

A word frequency analysis was conducted on these responses and the key themes arising are summarised in figure 53. The words respondents used generally supported the use of surveillance. 'Safety' was mentioned 133 times, 'necessary' 58 times and 'security' 55 times. The frequency of words left that were not supportive of surveillance was lower in comparison, such as 'expensive' which was mentioned 28 times, 'intrusive' mentioned 24 times and 'big-brother' which was also mentioned 24 times. Please refer to Appendix V for verbatim responses.

Just over half (55%) of the comments **supported the use of surveillance in Newcastle**. Most of these were general comments (25% of all comments overall), with an equivalent number of comments noting the evidentiary benefits of surveillance (15%) and its role in deterring problem behaviour (13%):

GENERAL COMMENTS:

“I think it is a great idea.”

“I don't have a problem with surveillance in Newcastle. It's necessary in this day and age.”

“Supportive of CCTV in problem areas”

“Just do it. It may help protect against vandalism, theft and littering also.”

USE AS EVIDENCE, IN INVESTIGATIONS ETC:

“Surveillance cameras will assist in catching anti-social behaviour and make people accountable for their actions.”

“Simply think use of CCTV can improve chances of apprehending Offenders in all areas of concern no matter what the Criminal or anti-social behaviour being captured on CCTV. Strongly support the use of CCTV...”

“I like to think there is likely to be less crime if under surveillance and also if something goes wrong it will identify the wrong doers”

DETERS PROBLEM BEHAVIOURS:

“Surveillance helps to deter violent behaviour”

“Reliable camera surveillance has been proven to cut down on criminal behaviour and attacks in many areas. e.g. Brisbane Mall. There are lots of examples of successful prosecutions and behaviour changes in difficult areas.”

“Anything that can be a deterrent to anti-social behaviour is a good thing”

Conversely, one-in-three comments (30%) **did not support the use of surveillance**. Most of these comments (13% of all comments overall) were about surveillance not being an adequate deterrent for anti-social behaviour, though some concerns over 'big-brother' tactics (4%) and privacy concerns (3%) were also evident:

DOESN'T DETER CRIME OR BAD BEHAVIOUR

“Is there any proof that CCTV prevents crime? Useful in some degree after the crime has been committed.”

“I do not believe that surveillance video in itself is a crime prevention measure but it can help identify criminals and help with capture and prosecution if video is of sufficient quality...”

“I'm not convinced it works directly because it only allows for a delayed response. It would not immediately stop a crime from occurring. If an intoxicated person wants to fight they would may not realise there is surveillance around”

GENERAL COMMENTS:

“I think smart surveillance is a bad idea.”

“We don't need an unnecessary, ineffective and expensive surveillance system that will squander valuable money and resources that could be much better used on more important and effective strategies.”

“It won't solve the problems”

BIG-BROTHER/PRIVACY

“There needs to be a balance of security versus citizen privacy and respect for citizen movement.”

“George Orwell 1984”

“Lack of privacy”

A number of respondents also made comments about activities or initiatives they **would prefer to see in place of, or in conjunction with, the use of surveillance**. These included comments regarding place activation and passive surveillance (11%), greater police presence (10%), improved lighting (4%) and improved transport and parking options (4%):

PLACE ACTIVATION/PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE:

“I think more people in general will create a much safer atmosphere than surveillance cameras.”

“Not a step I would support, would prefer a busy area, inclusive culture and visible police presence, plus good public transport ...”

“...Focus on activation and vibrancy, rather than cameras. Cameras don't make me feel safe, but seeing other people walking around in a pleasant public domain with bars, restaurants, outdoor dining etc does.”

“There are more important things to prioritise, such as beautification of city, rejuvenation of public spaces , increased lighting and more flexible and extensive public transport. Our transport system is outdated and lacks flexibility. We need light rail and more extensive routes for citizens.”

POLICE PRESENCE:

“Public presence of police or security is more a deterrence.”

“Putting the money and effort into public transport, some police foot patrol presence and encouraging businesses to be open goes a long way to eliminating the behaviour cctv is trying to detect. Prevention is better than reacting after the problem occurs”

“For me, it feels more reassuring to have a police foot patrol as surveillance. CCTV is better than nothing.”

In terms of other comments, backend management of the surveillance system in terms of monitoring it, responding to incidents and maintenance of equipment was raised in 10% of comments:

“Who's watching? Is there going to be real-time response? What's the purpose, is it to bust kids who spray paint or really encourage night time community engagement?”

“Surveillance is only useful if it is actively monitored and the police can respond immediately. Linking speakers to the CCTV system allowing an operator to speak and be heard in a potential or criminal or anti-social situation would be beneficial.”

“Surveillance should be monitored by the Police for quick response for incidents and issues.”

“Need to be maintained well and not damaged or malfunctioning. Would be better to be proactive than reactive”

Please refer to Appendix VI for a table summarising the key response categories, as well as full verbatim responses.

8 Recommendations

It is recommended that this survey is conducted annually to track visitation patterns and perceptions of Newcastle after dark.

8.1 Precinct recommendations

The **Civic/CBD precinct** draws an older demographic. The area suffers somewhat unfairly in terms of safety perceptions- incidences of antisocial behaviour are quite low compared to other precincts, however overall safety perceptions are one of the lowest of all precincts.

Recommendation: Improve transport and parking options in this area.

Darby Street is one of the most highly visited precincts drawing a younger crowd, with strong perceptions of safety, inclusivity, diversity, and vibrancy.

Recommendation: More small bars and pop-up bars would be welcome additions in this area

Hamilton has the highest incidence of antisocial behaviour and the lowest safety perceptions of all precincts.

Recommendation: Prioritise Hamilton as an area for focus for the rollout of safety related programs or initiatives.

Honeysuckle is one of the most highly visited precincts drawing a young crowd. It has strong perceptions of safety, inclusivity, and vibrancy. Perceptions of diversity are lower in comparison. Visitation is strongly concentrated to weekends, with below average weeknight visitation.

Recommendation: Honeysuckle would benefit from place activation events to encourage visitation on weeknights and to improve diversity perceptions.

Newcastle East is a favourite amongst males residing in Ward 1 for wining and dining purposes.

Recommendation: More pop-up bars are welcome.

At present, frequent visitation to **Newcastle West** is low compared to other precincts and is one of the least positively perceived precincts in terms of safety, diversity and vibrancy. This area is yet to establish its identity, with current activities here quite mixed.

Recommendation: Opportunity for Council to have a role in shaping the identity of this precinct.

The Junction is very niche in terms of the visitors it attracts, most are aged 40-69yrs from Ward 2. Those who report visiting here most often are less likely than average to want to see new initiatives such as creative lighting or gourmet food vans.

Recommendation: Consider investigating ways to broaden appeal of this precinct to beyond those who live nearby.

8.2 Use of surveillance

The community broadly understands the benefits of surveillance systems in terms of preventing crime and their role in helping the community feel safe. Support for the use of surveillance systems increases with age- the 70+ year ages groups endorsed surveillance systems as one of the initiatives they would like to see more of in Newcastle after dark. On the contrary, the 18-39 year age group appear more resistant to the use of surveillance systems, primarily due to concerns relating to expense and privacy.

Recommendation: if Council is to pursue the use of surveillance systems in Newcastle, it must do so being mindful of the community's cost and privacy concerns. The introduction of surveillance should complement other initiatives such as place activation and improved lighting. Messaging around the use of smart surveillance should emphasise key words such as safety, necessary, and deterrent, while addressing expense and privacy concerns. The survey results suggest Hamilton and Newcastle West as areas most suitable to safety related programs.

Introduction

Newcastle After Dark: Night-time economy survey

In conjunction with other authorities and organisations, Council strives to help ensure that Newcastle offers a safe, accessible and enjoyable experience at night time.

In this survey, we'd like to hear about your experiences in Newcastle after dark, including where you visit, what you do, your thoughts on safety and ideas for night time activities. The results from the survey will help Council plan for our city's future night time economy.

We encourage you to take part in this important survey. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete- it may take some people less time and others may take a bit longer. Your responses are completely confidential with only de-identified survey data being used for reporting purposes.

Those completing the survey will be entered into the draw to win two Vance Joy tickets at the Civic Theatre in March!

Please click 'Next' to get started.

About you

D1. Please indicate your age group:

Select one response only

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 40-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 55-69 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 70+ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prefer not to say | <input type="checkbox"/> |

D2. And are you:

Select one response only

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Male | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Female | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prefer not to say | <input type="checkbox"/> |

D3: Where do you live:

Select one response only

[Drop down suburb list, plus other LGA options]

Part 1: Visiting Newcastle after dark

1. When was the last time you visited Newcastle at night, including Darby Street, Honeysuckle, Newcastle East, the Civic precinct, Newcastle West, Hamilton and The Junction?

Please select one only

- Within the last week
- Within the last month
- Within the last three months
- Within that last six months
- Within the last twelve months
- More than twelve months ago
- Never

ASK Q1a-c IF NEVER OR MORE THAN 12 MONTHS AGO. ALL OTHERS TO Q2

1a. What is the main reason you don't visit Newcastle at night, or don't visit more regularly?

Please select one only

- Venues don't cater to my preferred activities
- Negative media portrayal of Newcastle nightlife
- Negative experience in Newcastle at night
- Parking difficulties
- Lack of public transport
- Fear for own safety
- To difficult to get to
- Not interested
- I prefer not to go out at night
- My family and/or friends do not socialise in Newcastle at night
- No particular reason / Unsure
- Other(please specify)

1b. What other factors influence your decision not to visit Newcastle at night?

Please select all that apply

- Venues don't cater to my preferred activities
- Negative media portrayal of Newcastle nightlife
- Negative experience in Newcastle at night
- Parking difficulties
- Lack of public transport
- Fear for own safety
- To difficult to get to
- Not interested
- I prefer not to go out at night
- No particular reason / Unsure
- Other(please specify)

Q1c. Please type in any additional comments you have regarding Newcastle at Night.

TERMINATE

Thank you for taking part in the Newcastle at Night survey.

ASK Q2 FOR ALL OTHERS

2a. When visiting Newcastle at night, which of the following areas have you visited in the past 12 months?

Please select all that apply

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Darby Street | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Honeysuckle | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Newcastle East | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Civic /CBD | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Newcastle West / Wickham | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hamilton | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Junction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2b. Which of these areas do you visit most often?

Although you may visit several of these locations, please select only the top one or two you visit most often

(Allow multiple selections but don't prompt)

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Darby Street | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Honeysuckle | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Newcastle East | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Civic /CBD | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Newcastle West / Wickham | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hamilton | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Junction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2c. And thinking about the last time you went out in Newcastle at night, where did you go?

Please select one only.

- | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Darby Street | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Honeysuckle | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Newcastle East | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Civic /CBD | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- Newcastle West / Wickham
- Hamilton
- The Junction
- Other (please specify)

ASK Q3-6 FOR EACH LOCATION SELECTED AT Q2b

3. Thinking about your visits to {INSERT LOCATION} at night, what night(s) of the week do you generally go:

Please select all that apply

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

4. At what time of night do you generally arrive at {INSERT LOCATION}?

Please select one response only

- 6pm-8pm
- 8pm-10pm
- 10pm-12am
- 12am-2am
- 2am-4am
- After 4am

5. What time do you usually leave {INSERT LOCATION}?

Please select one response only

- 6pm-8pm
- 8pm-10pm
- 10pm-12am
- 12am-2am
- 2am-4am
- After 4am

6. Please indicate how much you agree with the following statements about {INSERT LOCATION}:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't know
Safe: I feel confident I will not experience threat or harm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inclusive: all kinds of people are welcome here and able to participate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diverse: a wide range of options and offerings are available	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vibrant: a lively and energetic atmosphere or ambience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Part 1B: Motivations and Preferences

7. On your last visit to Newcastle at night, what activities did you participate in?

Please select all that apply

Dined at a ...	
restaurant	<input type="checkbox"/>
café	<input type="checkbox"/>
fast food / takeaway	<input type="checkbox"/>
pub	<input type="checkbox"/>
Went to a ...	
pub	<input type="checkbox"/>
wine bar / small bar	<input type="checkbox"/>
nightclub	<input type="checkbox"/>
community club (e.g. RSL, Leagues Club)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended ...	
the cinema	<input type="checkbox"/>
an event or gig	<input type="checkbox"/>
the theatre	<input type="checkbox"/>
the Art Gallery / an exhibition	<input type="checkbox"/>
public lecture / talk	<input type="checkbox"/>
evening educational talk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	
Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking through to another location	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gym / Sporting Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sightseeing / tourist activities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visiting or meeting friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working or business-related activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking for fitness or interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catching public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Please indicate how important each of the following are for ensuring an enjoyable night out in Newcastle:

	Not important at all	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	Don't know / Not sure
Safety	<input type="radio"/>					
Diversity of people	<input type="radio"/>					
Good range of venues	<input type="radio"/>					
Good range of activities	<input type="radio"/>					
An inclusive culture	<input type="radio"/>					
Police presence	<input type="radio"/>					
Venue security	<input type="radio"/>					
Venue lockouts e.g. can't enter venues after 1.30am	<input type="radio"/>					
Restricted trading hours e.g. pubs and clubs closing at 3.00am	<input type="radio"/>					
Live music	<input type="radio"/>					
Public transport availability	<input type="radio"/>					
Taxi availability	<input type="radio"/>					
Pedestrian activity	<input type="radio"/>					
Large public events	<input type="radio"/>					

9. What other kinds of services or experiences would you like to see available in Newcastle at night?

Please select all that apply

- Gourmet food vans
- Pop-up Bars (in public spaces)
- Public spaces designed for night-time use
- Place activation events (eg night markets, Live Sites)
- More large venues
- More small bars
- Improved transportation options
- Public performances (eg street performers, buskers)
- More retail shops open for business
- Security surveillance systems (eg CCTV)
- Creative lighting
- Late night meals (restaurants and cafés)
- Police foot patrol
- Other (please specify)

Part 1C: Safety

10. On your last visit to Newcastle at night did you experience any of the following?

Please select all that apply

Assault	<input type="checkbox"/>
Antisocial behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>
Threatening behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over-intoxication	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual harassment / Unwanted sexual advances	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incivility (aggressive language etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Made to feel unwelcome by venue security	<input type="checkbox"/>
Denied entry to a venue	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of these	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Please indicate how important you feel each of the following are in ensuring Newcastle is safe at night

	Not important at all	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	Don't know / Not sure
Footpath lighting (sidewalks or through parks)	<input type="radio"/>					
Street lighting (roads)	<input type="radio"/>					
Surveillance cameras	<input type="radio"/>					
The culture of a venue	<input type="radio"/>					
Car traffic through the area	<input type="radio"/>					
Good pedestrian access	<input type="radio"/>					
Good pedestrian walkways	<input type="radio"/>					
Illuminated shopfronts	<input type="radio"/>					
Visible police presence	<input type="radio"/>					
Open businesses	<input type="radio"/>					
Frequent public transport	<input type="radio"/>					
Accessible public transport	<input type="radio"/>					
Door security at venues	<input type="radio"/>					
Pedestrian activity	<input type="radio"/>					
Busy venues or locations	<input type="radio"/>					
Security at taxi ranks	<input type="radio"/>					
Security on public transport	<input type="radio"/>					

12. Please write in other any other comments you have in regard to visiting Newcastle at Night

Part 2: Smart Surveillance

Just a few more questions...

Council is investigating the potential for a 'smart' surveillance system for use in night-time precincts. CCTV (closed-circuit television) is a system in which signals are not publicly distributed but are monitored for security purposes. Smart surveillance goes further than traditional CCTV by also using computer processing to automatically detect problem behaviour in public places, and alert appropriate authorities.

13. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements in regard to the use of surveillance in public places:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Surveillance makes me feel safer in public places	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Surveillance systems help prevent crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would go out in Newcastle at night more frequently if surveillance was improved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would recommend going out in Newcastle at night to others more frequently if surveillance was improved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would go out in Newcastle at night more frequently if lighting was improved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would recommend going out in Newcastle at night to others more frequently if lighting was improved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. Please list three words that describe your thoughts about the use of surveillance in public places.

15. Please write in any other comments you have in regard to use of surveillance in Newcastle

TERMINATE: Thank you for taking the time to complete the Newcastle after dark survey. You have now finished the survey, you may simply close your browser to exit the survey.

Appendix II Weighting details

Calculation Summary

Total Unweighted Sample Size:	755
Total Weighted Sample Size:	755.0000
Effective Sample Size:	497.2530
Weighting Efficiency:	65.8613%
Maximum Weight:	3.15587020
Minimum Weight:	0.37044210
% of sample with weight between 0.5 and 2:	57.2185%
% of sample with weight between 0.2 and 5:	100.0000%
% of sample with weight between 0.1 and 10:	100.0000%

Weight Variable 1: wards

Item	Name	Sample	Sample%	Target	Target%	Modified Target%	Actual Target%
1	Ward 1	342	45.2980%	188.7500	25.0000%	25.0000%	25.0000%
2	ward 2	192	25.4305%	188.7500	25.0000%	25.0000%	25.0000%
3	ward 3	128	16.9536%	188.7500	25.0000%	25.0000%	25.0000%
4	ward 4	93	12.3179%	188.7500	25.0000%	25.0000%	25.0000%

Weight Variable 2: Age_collapsed

Item	Name	Sample	Sample%	Target	Target%	Modified Target%	Actual Target%
1	18-39	192	25.4305%	326.1600	43.2000%	43.2000%	43.2000%
2	40-69	502	66.4901%	324.6500	43.0000%	43.0000%	43.0000%
3	70+	61	8.0795%	104.1900	13.8000%	13.8000%	13.8000%

Appendix III Additional comments (non-visitors)

A trip to the Civic Theatre or the cinema can be difficult at night when you are alone because of having to park too far away and walking back to the car can be a bit daunting
as an elderly person I do not feel safe if I have to walk any distance to get to the venue
cost of parking
Doesn't Appeal
drugged and drunk fools not behave in an civilised manner
I do not go out at night, because:
1. I am not interested in going to places where alcohol is served.
2. I do not go to the movies, because it is a lot more comfortable watching movies, and other programmes in the comfort of my own home.
3. I do want to avoid being assaulted by aggressive people, and intoxicated people.
I sometimes go to the civic theatre or the cinema. Parking has proved to be difficult at times.
I wouldn't feel safe as a female walking around alone in Newcastle even in the evening let alone the night
I'd love to see more non-drinking activities, such as late night coffee shops.
Newcastle is not a safe place to visit after dark to many young people just looking for a fight
Some parking meters are not available until after 9pm which does not help the parking situation at all
sorry - i've received this survey because I own a property in the Newcastle council area, however I live in Sydney. So I don't go out in Newcastle because I don't go there.
the wife and I will eventually look to buying a unit in the city. and then checking out the venues. We love newcastle and wish that a conferance centre, cruise ship terminal, and a casino would be built as one great complex on the vacant land at lee wharf, the water is deep enough with regular dredging, the basin is big enough to turn the biggest cruise ship. We have it all, let's do it.
there is definitely not enough transport. Young people line up for hours waiting for taxis and the expense moving from 1 venue to another is making it an issue about going into Newcastle for a night out.
there is nothing for family related, especially children with disabilities
There is nothing there I can't get closer to home and it is too expensive to eat out there and the food is pretty average. Why would I bother? Street entertainment outdoor music or shows may help but then it is too packed and unpleasant.
We would love to visit Newcastle at night but it's not enjoyable if you feel unsafe all the time.
What nights?
would only be in Newcastle at night for some sort of entertainment at Civic theatre or similar or for New Years eve fireworks

Appendix IV Additional comments (visitors)

Categorisation of additional comments by theme

Q: Please write in any other comments you have in regard to visiting Newcastle at night:	
<i>n=359 responses (visited Newcastle after dark in past 12 months)</i>	%
Venues and Activities	
Diversity of Venues and Activities	21.2
Small Bars	16.4
Trading Hours	12.3
Public Events	9.7
Restaurants	8.4
Live Music	5.0
Lockout	5.0
Cafes	4.7
Large Venues ("booze barns")	4.2
Pricing/affordability	3.1
Film	3.1
Shop	2.2
Food Trucks / Outdoor dining	2.2
Safety and Surveillance	
Perception of Safety	17.8
Passive Surveillance (people presence, design, planning)	13.6
Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour	13.6
Lighting	9.2
Excessive Alcohol/Drug Consumption	9.2
Safety on the Streets	7.8
Lockout and Closing Times (effect on safety)	7.5
Police	7.2
Venue Security	4.5
Public Transport Safety	3.1
Transport	
Public Transport	24.0
Taxis	8.4
Parking	7.5
Cycling	2.8
Vehicular Traffic	2.5
Miscellaneous	
Regulation (other)	14.8
Planning and Urban Design	9.2
All Ages	5.8
Amenity	4.7
Diversity (other)	4.2
Noise	2.2
Other	
Other	15.3
Positive Feedback (other)	4.5
Negative Feedback (other)	3.1

<p>1. Please provide a 'back' button for all future questionnaire, and</p> <p>2. Please more clearly define the Kings Wharf/Waterfront area - it is neither "Newcastle East" nor "Honeysuckle" and needs its own identity</p>
<p>a continued move away from big venues to small bars will create further diversity and the attendant expense will discourage excessive drinking. it will also give more small business owners the opportunity to build their own business. council should aim to ensure diversity by limiting the number of ventures each consortium can operate.</p>
<p>A heavy rail transport system to Newcastle (not Wickham or Hamilton).</p>
<p>A more visible police presence, more small bars for over 30's and CCTV would make the CBD much more inviting.</p>
<p>Action needs to be taken asap. Newcastle is falling behind other major cities as a night time destination. Example Sydney Festival and vivid are both night time based and encourage a more vibrant culture. Small bars need to be open later than 12pm to cater for older, smarter and more responsible adults with money that can move the nigh time economy, rather than supplying alcohol to 18 years old's til early morning. Rules seem to be opposite ways around [Small bars open later and booze barns shut down earlier]</p>
<p>Activation of spaces is key. Years ago, Newcastle East would not be an area I felt enticed to visit at night. The growth in the number of small bars and restaurants has made it appealing to a broader demographic, seeking good food, a few glasses of wine, a movie, live music etc. There needs to be diversity. Renew Newcastle has been pivitol in turning Newcastle East around. I visit there more in the day and see the restaurants and bars that i want to come back to at night. Taxis are not something i seek out at the moment, as we tend to walk. However in previous years, the inability to get a taxi, especially in Newcastle East was a real issue. It is nice to know, if ever there was a problem, there was the ability to get away. Civic is still a bit of a dead zone some nights, but I am sure this will improve with the university presence.</p>
<p>After 11pm I have experienced first hand antisocial, abusive and violent behaviour and am very worried about being out on the streets or on public transport after 11 pm</p>
<p>Allow some of the smaller bars to open past midnight so we don't get moved on to larger venues. Not enough options after midnight.</p>
<p>An loving the upgraded lights in residential areas to provide brighter vision. Make catching public transport at night fun while waiting for a bus or cab? Get more advertising on the news places to go to also. Push more towards newcastle west than just darby st and top of town.</p>
<p>Anti-social behaviour is the main reason that I do not like to go to areas like Hunter Street</p>
<p>as a Cooks Hill resident of 30 years, please stop people killing off our inner city night life, pubs & live music scene. We love the vibrancy - that's why we live here. The lock out is just silly. Please activate our spaces, allow more small bars & stop some residents pretending they represent this Suburb. Please fund more community gardens and community projects like the Goldbergs laneway improvements - those are the things that make a real difference (& don't cost much), not what ever Tony Brown is banging on about this week.</p>
<p>as a member of the gay community newcastle still has a long way to go in public acceptance, i am quite closeted in public with my girl friend and have had adverse experiences when i have been more relaxed, do think that better public transport is vital and we often go to sydney so we can relax and be ourselves</p>
<p>As a relatively new (2.5 years) resident I have found Newcastle's night life to be one of it's best qualities. It is emerging and vibrant and the use of public space and adaptive re use in venues is really great. Sure there's things to improve upon but show me a city that is perfect. In short the city's reputation does not match its reality.</p>
<p>As a young couple that might go out for a late movie or exhibition/theatre performance (which might finish at 11.30pm). It would be amazing to sit down a small bar or restaurant to enjoy a light meal and beverage with friends. Currently all small bars & restaurants at this time are closing up to ensure everyone is out by 12am. The only option at this time is to go to a nightclub (which isn't an option). Surely in each inter-city zone (Newcastle West, Honeysuckle, Darby Street Etc) there could be an allocated quite bar (For example: Serves 30 max, groups no bigger than four, no louder than 60-65 decibels) where you can enjoy conversation with light background music. If a venue like this is established in each zone it would also create a safe walking route for people that are feeling concerned for their safety.</p>

As an adult, with no money issues, the main reason we don't go out now is drinks are too expensive at the venues. Majority of our children and their mates all drink before they leave home, hence when they get there at 10pm they are already drunk. Bars, pubs and restaurants as charging way too much. Our main outing, is coldies at a local surfclub! Half the price of drinking at the nearby pubs! Also money goes to a good cause. What a shame NCC has not allowed bistros or cafes at these venues!
As an older person I feel reasonably secure in the city at night, but I am always aware that things could get dangerous, even though I've experienced no discomfort or violence.
As I live in city I note the behaviour of young people has improved,the queing up outside venues does create problems in that people who are intoxicated or drug effected are massed together and this sets up for bad behaviour outside venues.i have also observed very aggressive and dangerous physical action taken by security officers at venues and have felt there action to be very inappropriate incisive and dangerous to some patrons.
As we tend to be home before 11:00 pm we avoid most of the late night problems. We also stay where there are good number of people and avoid dark , quiet areas.
At night when returning from Sydney by train used to change at Hamilton for Tarro. After a number of unpleasant experiences with drunks at Hamilton station this was discontinued.
At our age we are selective in our night time adventures.We do appreciate the harbor and beach frontages being well lit (safety)
At present with lockouts and venue closing times being the same across the city it makes it difficult to get public transport (taxi). Also after midnight there are no other options than nightclubs, it would be better if small bars were able to trade later.
At the moment, if Newcastle keeps heading down the path of too many restrictions, limited entertainment options after dark, and small bars or venues closing by 12AM the city will turn into a retirement village.
Majority of my friends and peers choose to move to Sydney instead of staying in Newcastle due to the poor nightlife and lack of interesting activities, entertainment or venue options at night. These are young professionals who would have disposable income to spend and inject into Newcastle had there been something more exciting to keep them here.
Attract more people so we can walk around and feel safe, only a presence of a lot of people can achieve this.... Keep out large events and loud music, also any activities which try to fleece the public. More restaurants small bars, places for single mature people as there is a lot of us moving into town... Making Newcastle Station into 'permanent' markets, 24/7 would be very welcome. Keep major shops and cheap chinese clothes shops in the west end.... No major shops please only boutique shopping. People such as myself don't go to big shopping centres. Life style for families and the mature single person would be greatly appreciated..
Availability of taxis or public transport e.g. A shuttle bus could help overcome parking and drink driving issues. My daughter had to walk home from the city to Maryville because a taxi she had booked didn't arrive and the phones were so busy they didn't answer. What about a shuttle service as far as say Hamilton in a loop every fifteen minutes at the weekend?
Because of our ages, we do not visit Newcastle at night frequently but I am sure for younger people, lighting and police presence and pedestrian activity would be important
Being a local there needs to be more free night time activites to get a diverse range of people to liven the city once more would be fantastic to get night time beach markets like the gold coast... or we could follow Melbourne with the funky art scene buildings, restaurants and free activities
Being a local, I have witnessed a HUGE improvement since the lockouts - not only in noise late at night but a lot less aggressive behaviours, fights, vomiting on the way home (I hear it all as they go past my place) etc.
Better foot police patrols.
Better lit bus stops on hunter street and possibly security presence of some sort cttv cameras maybe some sort of alarm response.
better street lighting in all streets
Better transport routes for inner city residents to use. Only serves outer suburban residents travelling into restaurant areas. We in Carrington have NO available, usable public transport to any restaurant areas yet places around Adamstown, Charlestown, Wallsend, Lambton etc. do have very usable public transport. At least driving is better without the train line.
Bring back the night markets!

Building owners to avail local business owners their property at a realistic rental and eliminate the derelict vacant shops (especially west end /Store etc) ... also NCC to beautify the Hunter Street / King Street strips, replace lower fee for ticketing machines and replace with non-ticket generated ones.
Cant wait for the trams to begin rolling, a good mode and safe way to travel, opens up the city to a more vibrant, social and transport system that allows for steady expansion as needs arise
City centre surrounding sections are improving but Hunter St itself at night remains dead and to be avoided.
City would be more pleasurable if more entertainment (music venues) were open & more people in the city . Pity it is more or less desolate these days.
Continue closing times on venues and enforce responsible service of alcohol at venues.
Police to be on the beat and in park/parking area to discourage priming with alcohol sourced at other outlets and sale /consumption by juveniles.
Such intoxicated persons become a social and noise problem in the CBD
Continued control of unsatisfactory behaviour caused by intoxicated people is essential to encourage activities and visitors to area
Could walk, but taxi in & out is safer. I eat out 3 to 4 nights per week. Touch them all from Darby, Honey, CBD, Junction & Beaumont. Safety & overly loud cars detract from pleasant evenings
Council could do a lot more to help businesses in the City/CBD, Civic area. There are needs more diversity and activity.
difficult to find taxis at times unless you ring one
Dont go near pubs and bars as too much unsavory behaviour.
Drunks on the street are very unpleasant and the mess they leave behind . More police to move the offenders along would be effective.
Early closing and lockouts of Hotels and bars has been very effective in reducing anti-social behaviour resulting in damage to private and local government facilities. Cost savings by NCC in not requiring the multiple cleaning crews and repair and replacement of community owned property has been worthwhile and should continue. The increase in small bars hiding as restaurants should be reduced to stop the encouragement of anti social behaviour.
Either recommence the heavy rail to Newcastle station or bring light rail onto the existing heavy rail corridor, not down the middle of Hunter Street to please ex Mayor McCloy. One of many reasons are, my family love the fire works at new years and with the rail gone will not attend any more.
encourage more outdoor dining areas and cafe bars and public community activities of an evening.
Even though I'm in town I more often go to Darby Street venues
Every business is entitled to have opening hours decided on merit and the needs of the business and clientele they are targeting. No more nanny state.
Excellent Council involvement. Keep up the good work
Extremely disappointed that all small bars are forced to close early. Leaving anyone who doesn't want to go to a club having to go home at 11 or 12.
family friendly events with live music are good. The sky whale event was fabulous in Civic Park.
foot patrol police presence is essential around young peoples' drinking venues
For many years I have avoided walking in Newcastle at night for safety reasons, even though I live in the city. A week ago I walked with a female friend to the Tower Cinema at about 6pm, and walked home through the mall at about 8.15pm. I was slightly nervous in the dark mall when I saw male persons in the vicinity.
Free Parking
frequent public transport
Frequent public transport is integral to opening up the CBD, Also loosening restrictions on live music licensing at venues to attract crowds.
Friday night Evening Chill in Pacific Park is a GREAT family event and atmosphere. This creates diversity and safety with more pedestrian traffic which doesn't involve alcohol. More restaurants would also create a safe atmosphere for nonintoxicated pedestrian activity.
From my own personal experience and observations, as someone who has previously worked in venues in Newcastle, Australia and other countries:

I don't believe the lock outs and curfew had much effect on the safety of our city's nightlife. I note that supporters of those restrictions claim that the 30% reduction in violence as proof of it's success. But if this was the main reason for violence, then the drop would have been higher maybe 70%, or at least 51%, which would represent a majority.

If you received 30% in test when studying, then it would be considered a fail - This is what the curfew & lock outs effectively were.

It should also be noted that at the same time as the lock outs/curfew were implemented, that there was also a crack down with in the venues on levels of intoxication. Meaning, the patrons were in fact drinking less, and those who did show any signs of intoxication were being ejected, regardless of whether they were causing trouble or not. Despite both of these things together, 30% was the best result that was achieved.

Strangely enough, those who were most angered by this were patrons above 40 years of age (quite often meeting a son or daughter out for birthday drinks), as they were usually unaware of the new standards which were excessively strict compared to last time they were out in town.

Another side effect of the curfew was that every venue (especially clubs) in town would shut at the same time resulting in a shortage of taxis and other transport options. This often lead to groups of disgruntled patrons standing around for hours waiting to get home. Previously with the venues shutting in a staggered pattern as they had done for years, the strain on transport was reduced.

In addition, the media hype created by the initial campaign for the curfew/ lock outs, along with the ongoing campaign for further restrictions created an untrue fear of how life-threatening a trip to Newcastle at night could be (rivalled only by Gotham City). This in part lead to the overall downturn of patrons in the city's night life. Whilst this may have solved the taxi problem, it resulted in greater distances to travel between venues (as some venues shut), though a city of empty streets. This is indeed a more dangerous situation than ever before, as those who do get into trouble whilst walking the streets find nobody around to come to their aid.

Venues who struggle to get by will only ever employ as few security guards as they are required, this number is based on an estimate of how many people will be in the venue at any given time. This means that if they get a rush, even a small one they will not have enough guards for the crowd. On the other hand ,venues which are performing well financially and regularly have close to capacity crowds will employ a larger number of security guards, even more than they are required, as it is not a financial burden for them to do so.

I will add at this point that I have been assaulted whilst at work at a venue in Newcastle, so I can say this a "victim" per say. This happened after the lock out/curfew laws had been implemented. The assault happen just after 9pm, the start of the night. These guys (5 of them) hadn't had time to get drunk yet. As the guards dragged them out one of them said "We kicked that guys ass" The guard replied "That's right "we", you couldn't do it one on one" to which the guy replied "That's how we roll". What this answer implies to me, is that at its source the problem of violence does come from what time venues close or even how much you have to drink, but it is cultural, it is part of a belief system. Remember these guys were not drunk. They were simply F#ck wits out to prove themselves.

Therefore I support all programs, innovations and measures that will bring people back into Newcastle, the heart of our region, at night.

Streets and venues that are full of good people are safer, than empty ones. To achieve this we need a diverse range of options from the night clubs that close when the sun rises, the small bars and restaurants, theatres, street performers. We need it all to bring the people back out, create a diverse culture that anyone can appreciate.

I will also end with I am a non-drinker, and do not use any drugs, "straight edge" as the punk kids say. I also don't like a lot of dance and R&B music, along with Jazz, so this is not about being upset my way of life has been taken from me. It's simply about what I have observed in my close to 20 years in the entertainment industry, and about making Newcastle a good place to be day or night.

Get on with getting more happening!

Good lighting in Hamilton, Wickham, Islington as seen in at Honeysuckle would be great.
Good public transport including easy access to the rail service that is currently being destroyed by the state government
Good public transport to bring patrons in to town and get them home again safely.
Good lighting is also very important.
Good transport options in and out like buses, taxis and hire cars. Some big venues, big name entertainers would be good.
Great food trucks would be great. But I hear newcastle council prevents these - which is a shame
Having children in late teens and early twenties I commonly hear them say there is nothing much in town anymore. No diversity of options for them especially if they are not into heavy drinking. There are no cafes or coffee shops open late at night, particularly around the civic theatre area. Many people would love to go somewhere after a show for coffee / chat or even a quiet drink etc. Not everyone that visits Newcastle at night is a young drunken troublemaker but the majority of people are being penalised with limited options and stupid lockout rules. They just don't bother going in town at night. Businesses, clubs and pubs are closing because of dwindling numbers of patrons and restrictions on operations.
I acknowledge that people in different age brackets have different needs, so there needs to be a range of options for everyone
I advise friends and relatives not to go as Newcastle at night is just to uncomfortable and dangerous. You may not get punched or assaulted directly but you will experience aggressive behavior.
I am disabled mobility-wise and have to rely on taxis or rely on a friend to provide transport for me. There are no buses into Newcastle at night from my street so how am I supposed to get to any venues?
I am disappointed that licensing restrictions make it hard for many bars and restaurants to operate. More small bars is what the city needs.
Extended trading hours in Honeysuckle would be great. It was very disappointing that on New Years Eve, venues stopped serving drinks at 11.45pm and kicked everyone out at midnight.
I am more inclined to drive to a night time activity in the city, whereas I would walk to the same place in the day (eg, movies). Venue closing times have an impact on our residential amenity in Cooks Hill, especially as pedestrian noise is 'louder' at night time. I would say the current impact is reasonable for an inner city suburb.
I am very concerned about the high level of anti social behaviour in Newcastle at night, including specifically around the beach areas and local parks. Many intoxicated people make their way to these areas after leaving venues. I am not in favour of increased hours for serving alcohol, nor of opening more alcohol selling venues.
I do not go into Newcastle at night - nothing there for seniors.
I do not have any issues with noise or behaviour of patrons leaving bars and pubs, and I feel that the city would be safer if lockout times were more staggered, or later.
I do not wish to encounter drunken louts when I go to small bars, classical concerts or plays!
I don't support the operation of food truck and pop up restaurants taking business away from existing established shops, restaurants and cafes. These transient seller only trade during the peak season, taking revenue away from the fixed premises who have to stick it out thru the leaner seasons. If we don't support the permanent guys they'll go bust and the city will become a ghost town in winter.
I don't agree with the lockouts, the new system of scanning ID has proven to control antisocial behavior and over intoxication, the lockout is not needed with this system
I don't go there unless I can get a taxi home, or have arranged for private return transport
I don't like going to Honeysuckle at night as I feel unsafe returning to my car.
I feel unsafe on buses at night and feel much safer on trains.
I don't stay out too late at pubs so I haven't found security/intoxication to be a problem. I think safe pedestrian access is important to encourage patrons to visit multiple venues.
I feel less safe than I did 10 years ago.
The main reason for this is that there aren't as many people out, and so many empty businesses.

<p>It's also a bit of a panic if you do want to stay out late that the lock outs are so early, you might become separated from your friends.</p>
<p>I feel that although small bars are a better option than large gatherings at large licensed premises these are starting to become too numerous and are seemingly to become out of control and are focusing on over consumption of alcohol rather than a balance of food with alcohol.</p>
<p>I feel that the way to improving the nightlife of the city is to change the culture, which is already happening. The culture of going into the city to primarily for young people to get drunk seems to be drifting away and now to go in there to eat and do activities for families and everyone is becoming more popular, if we can be a bit more like Italy, where people go to still drink but also to eat like in the honeysuckle precinct then we can improve the nightlife of the whole city...also to have a place a cultural hub like where people amass like a piazza in Florence around some cultural heritage like the Pantheon..etc. That would serve our city well.</p>
<p>I feel uncomfortable and therefore avoid some areas of Newcastle, for example: poorly lit areas, areas with few people, in particular the east end of Newcastle, parks, but even quiet streets in my own suburb.</p>
<p>I find parking is terrible I am a cleaner and in order for us to access our jobs we are walking several blocks to complete our work as there are so many more people driving to go out as the public transport is terrible</p> <p>i am aware that if we started working at 10 pm we could park out the front of jobs but then our safety is at risk</p> <p>but that's not really what your survey is asking</p>
<p>I find the most unsafe at night. Using the public toilets at merewether surf club, very dark and unsafe.</p>
<p>I find the pedicabs a great addition to Newcastle's night life, they help provide passive surveillance while providing the vital service of moving people around the inner city. Better biking facilities on the streets would help extend the benefits this business provides.</p>
<p>I find visiting Newcastle at night on the occasional times that I do, always very enjoyable with new cafes, restaurants and small bars adding to the lively atmosphere which can only be a good thing.</p>
<p>I generally go out for dinner on a Saturday night, but venture home prior to 10pm. I find I am not attending late night venues are are threatened in any way.</p>
<p>I have a toddler so I am not out as late or as regularly as I was before children, but when I do make it out without kids, I enjoy trying some of the great new venues constantly opening up in Newcastle. I look forward to the revitalisation of the CBD and opening up Honeysuckle to the CBD so there are better linkages.</p>
<p>I have been very disappointed a few times at small bars when they have to close at midnight. Especially if people start dancing at 11.30pm and it seems like a great vibe.</p>
<p>I have generally had positive experiences in Newcastle at night.</p>
<p>I have given up going to some events lately because the train into the city centre is no longer available. This is a very sad state of affairs, particularly for the elderly, the disabled, people with bikes, luggage or prams etc. If I can't rely on a certain departure/return time it makes it stressful and hazardous.</p>
<p>I have had a number of horrendous experiences trying to get home after a night out on Newcastle. So much so that it has on many occasions put me and my social group off from going out in Newcastle at all because we cannot get home again. There are just not enough taxis and the buses stop too early. (And every time I have taken the last 100 bus home, it has been PACKED. Every time.) I have taken friends from Sydney out for a night in Newcastle and when we were ready to go home the queue at the taxi rank was ridiculously long and our Sydney visitors were not impressed. At all. They couldn't believe that in somewhere as "civilised" as Newcastle we were made wait nearly an hour in a taxi queue. What a joke. When we're ready to go home, we're ready to go! Not in an hour's time! A lot of people at taxi ranks are negatively affected by alcohol which makes even being around a taxi rank unpleasant let alone having to stand there for an hour. Such a joke and a ridiculous situation for a city that is trying to revitalise itself.</p>
<p>I have never experienced any safety or security issues visiting Newcastle at night.</p>
<p>I am 40, I think your age groupings are a bit off. I don't consider myself to have the same views as a 54 year old person.</p>

I have never felt unsafe in the down town core and enjoy the enlivened city centre
I have not really encountered much antisocial behavior in newcastle at night
I have only once felt unsafe, when passing by Finnegans on a late night run I was accosted in an attempt to pick a fight twice in the space of 100m.
Less of this style of venue, and more of the smaller bars please.
I hope you are not target busy areas in busy times with paid parking ? It's bad enough having pay for parking during weekend. Do small bars / restaurants / cafés not night clubs/pubs with live music tends attract young drinkers and anti social behaviour.
I like the increased number of small bars, don't cause them to close over licencing issues. I don't feel threatened or intimidated when in Newcastle. Just more happening up in the mall would be good to make the atmosphere more lively.It is dead at night.
I live in Cardiff and enjoy nightlife in Newcastle but I do not drive and public transport is too infrequent returning home to bother to go out. No train direct to Newcastle is now another reason not to go into Newcastle.
I live in Hamilton and we tend to catch the free bus up town to visit restaurants and then walk home, not late, probably about 8.00pm. The further west we walk towards home, the sleazier Hunter Street becomes. To be fair, over the past four years since we returned here, the west end is becoming more vibrant as more development occurs. I think that if the Wickham transport hub is developed, the area will come alive. It's very sad to see some of the old buildings that were once landmarks, now derelict. I would also like to see work on the old Post Office begin. We now have to walk on the other side of the road to avoid the very strong odour of urine. It's a disgrace that such an iconic building can be left neglected for so many years.
I love going out in town to the small bars however I don't like the early lock out times and early closing times for the small bars and restaurants.
I love Hamilton so many places to try and its always busy
I love the events that run in Newadtle from art openings to outdoor movie screenings. Encouraging a culture of live music, art and creative events creates a positive enjoyable atmosphere that is safe and inclusive. Small bars, music music music. And please develop public transport options and also well lit bike paths for being able to retry home quickly and safely. Thank you to the exciting changes we are seeing in Newcastle and keep building this creative culture.
I love the small bar and late night cafe culture that is growing in Newcastle. I think it is a bit ridiculous though that the same blanket RSA and liquor licence laws that apply to night clubs like Finnegans, King St and Argyle House also apply to small bars that make the effort to build a safe, inclusive culture. They are completely different kettles of fish. I also think there needs to be more frequent public transport to allow people to get home safely.
I love the variety of cafes and restaurants and the variety of food available. I love the cinema ... its closeness and availability of good movies. I love the fact that the Conservatorium hosts Musica Viva because it has an excellent acoustic
I mostly go out for live music. Lockouts at midnight on Friday, Saturday's kills the whole environment.
I only feel safe enough to venture into Newcastle after dark if I am in a group. I would never go out alone in town after dark even to go to a concert.
I think it is incredibly important to be encouraging a good mix of ages and making more family friendly events possible in the city at night
i think lighting iis extremely important in public places that are thoroughfares, especially Civic Park and Centennial Park and Nesca Park. We do a lot of walking at night, whether it be for entertainment, eating out or just walking the dog. My husband often walks the dog at night because I feel vulnerable as a pregnant female, especially walking in unlit parks. I don't mind walking past busy pubs or restaurants, it is more the dark quiet streets near parks that worry me.
I think that we should be supporting more live music, cultural events that are accessible to all ages and people in Newcastle. Night markets are terrific, think about other countries that always have night markets create healthy attitudes of people and stimulates economy. Transport and parking important. Cutting the rail line was not a good move.
I think the best way to improve the safety of a place at night is to have a presence of people in public and having frequent transport reduces frustration. It also depends on drug and alcohol consumption and I guess this comes back to education and improving awareness.

<p>I think the drink restrictions and entry laws are draconian. A strong police presence would be a better solution. Alcohol is not the main problem, steroids and drugs are. Talk to the kids they will tell you. One of my favourite drinks is a black Russian, which is 3 parts vodka to 2 parts tia maria, it is a drink that you sip on, yet at the age of 64 I was denied the drink as it was a mixture of two spirits. Talk about a big brother society, I SHOULD GO LIVE NORTH KOREA</p>
<p>I think the introduction of restrictions on alcohol have made the inner city a much more welcoming, safe and inclusive place. I often take my children into town and Honeysuckle at night, something I would never have considered doing 10 years ago.</p>
<p>I think the lockouts are working and should be kept. I think there is little evidence that CCTV deters crime or helps identify perpetrators. I think a linked up security system between venues where antisocial people are identified and banned across venues could be very useful. I do not believe that RSA laws are enforced properly in our city.</p>
<p>I think the railway into the city is important as it creates movement and activity as well as providing an essential service that will become more important as Newcastle develops the vacant blocks in the city like the University campus in the Civic Area</p>
<p>I think there needs to be more competition for restaurants and bars. I moved here from Sydney last year and find eating out is very expensive. Free buses that run REGULARLY at night would be helpful so people can get home. More taxis or Uber. The tuk tuk's at Honeysuckle are fantastic. They are both useful and contribute to the atmosphere. Loved the big screen at Honeysuckle for the Asian Cup, fabulous atmosphere.</p>
<p>I think these surveys are too long.</p>
<p>I think when the train line is finally gone and the light rail is in. Nightlife will be in abundance and there will be ability to go from Honeysuckle to other great areas like the Mall, etc without being boxed in.</p>
<p>I truly believe the city does not cater for those 26+ that want to stay out past 12am as there are now no new venues allowed to trade past that time. I am all in favour of tightening security and stamping out disorderly public conduct but please do not punish those that still want to live life and enjoy a night out.</p>
<p>We have a very unique opportunity to create and develop this city into a hot spot for tourists and entrepreneurs, but whilst the legislations and restrictions are so tight and in my opinion not a true reflection on what people of my generation want we will stagnate and be left behind rather than becoming the benchmark.</p>
<p>I used to live in Newcastle East. Late night antisocial behaviour used to be a big problem but is much improved since the lockouts started</p>
<p>I usually participate in dancing venues which finish early, rather than getting getting drunk and staying out all night.</p>
<p>I want the city to be a vibrant lived in place, not somewhere that people are always coming and going from.</p>
<p>The University should add greatly to the night time experience and while many apartments are to be constructed the city needs much more density so that it has that lived in feel. At present it has a generally empty feel. As enjoyable as all the new bars and cafes are there are too many and only the strongest will survive. There is no need for pop up food and alcohol venues as existing providers are more than adequate and they pay council rates.</p>
<p>I want to see more night clubs so that younger people can enjoy what we use to. This will also prevent people over-crowding one or two places which is ridiculous and causes more problems. The lockout rules are stupid and from my observations have not changed things in Newcastle despite the bullXXXX in the media.</p>
<p>I believe Newcastle will benefit from more public transport and taxis (which are scarce most weekends) and bringing in a culture that allows cycling.</p>
<p>It is good to see more small bars popping up and I hope this continues.</p>
<p>Would like to see attractions other than bars and clubs also available. The more people in the city of the night the safer it will feel.</p>
<p>I wish I could do more.</p>
<p>I wish the open air cinemas would show classic films again like they used to in the beginning, instead of only family films</p>

I wish they still had heavy train for the long term
I would like to be able to park my vehicle within a safe walking distance from Hamilton station so that on my return at night I do not have to walk through unsafe areas to reach my car or leave my car at home & have to walk down Beaumont St to reach my home.
I would like to go more often but as a senior, and after a couple of less than pleasant experiences with those much younger and much drunker, I now only go to venues in very close proximity to taxi ranks or bus stops.
I would like to see more small bars open up with tapas? type food, open access to them, wide glass doors etc, taxi and transport spots for transport up and down the cbd, no car access in hunter street @ night. & most of all NO TRAINS.
I would like to see the pedestrian experience put above vehicular traffic management in importance. An example of where this is not done, is at Intersection 53, where there are only three pedestrian crossings, meaning people make the dangerous dash between King St/Darby St and Civic Park. Another example is on Brown St/King St, where the footpath is in much worse condition than the road, even though the footpath receives the most traffic.
I would like to visit at night more often but taxis are expensive and many of the bus routes e.g 317 don't operate after 9pm which is frustrating and limits access to and from the CBD for many in the suburbs.
I think the licensing laws should be relaxed for the smaller bars e.g wine bars as they do not attract violent and drunk patrons.
Also a greater variety of events such as the Live nights, seasonal or cultural festivals, visual displays and artistic lighting etc should be offered.
I would love to attend more family friendly, alcohol free events eg street fair or markets. I love taking the family and friends from sydney into our foreshore but we need to capitalize on this area more especially during the warmer months.
I would love to see small bars open a little bit later than 12pm i usually go out around 9pm time and like to enjoy a little more time say 2am or 1.30am would be great for the city of Newcastle small bars...
I would visit the inner city (The Mall area) more often, particularly in summer, but I don't feel safe there at night.
If police do patrol those who can use humour are more effective at diffusing anti-social behaviour than overly authoritative. A lot a younger people are out to have fun and don't realise when they're offensive, unlike those who are on the prowl for violence / drugs.
If you put into place the required late opening requirements that Melbourne CBD did back in the 80s, and encouraged live music and smaller venues, you'd get more people, and less crime.
I'm glad that the pub lockdowns/lockouts have occurred. I would still be worried about being in Newcastle (especially dark areas) after midnight, and especially after 3am, but I'm less worried than I was. More late night venues for food/non-alcoholic drinks (e.g. the Pancake Parlours seen in other cities, Vili's in Adelaide, or american-type diners) are needed in the going-out areas of the city (as listed in your survey, including the CBD, Darby and Beaumont Streets).
I'm not usually on foot in Newcastle after 10 pm so have no real idea of what goes on then.
Improve communication to the suburbs about activities and events held in Newcastle East.
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In Australia we have footpaths not sidewalks.
What about colourful flags and decorations to liven up our city?
Lights at night make the city attractive eg New York is famous for its lights.

Keep up the good work.

In the last 18 months it has been my experience that there has been an upsurge in anti social behaviour. Much of this appears to be related to alcohol and drugs.

In the question about factors associated with night time safety I am ambivalent about the pedestrian option. Obviously more people walking around is good but there is a problem with intoxication and antisocial behaviour. It is very confronting. It prevents inclusiveness by intimidating families with children and migrants in particular.

I feel much safer walking around Singapore and the Emirates at night as the sole white person than I do in Newcastle.

Our new migrants and international students must be quite intimidated. Are these groups represented in your poll, do you need to target them directly for ideas?

Increasing smaller venues like wine bars rather than large venues easier to control any disturbances and I find small venues targeted at a particular group is less likely to have issues of violence etc associated with it.

Is there any recent data on how many people are in the city at specific times during the evenings. How many cafes, restaurants, small bars and hotels are currently trading at night and what are their hours of trade. What is the demographic of those people visiting the city at night? Has there been a recent survey conducted on those people who are visiting Newcastle at night? How many people are employed in businesses that operate at night? How many taxis are servicing the inner city area at night? What is the NCC policy regarding the night time economy in Newcastle? What is the opinion of the local police regarding the night time economy? The media have an important role to play in conveying the true picture of the value of the night time economy to Newcastle, but unfortunately negative incidents are reported and the biased views of a minority have been allowed to tarnish the reputation of Newcastle and its evening economy.

It is essential that this survey does not subvert the critical important requirement of sustained public safety into a "popularity contest" predicated on misinformation and urban mythology.

Newcastle Council must give primacy to independent available evidence from reputable sources about what are the effective, cost and life saving measures to prevent alcohol fuelled violence and related harms.

These surveys are best done once the public is informed of the best available evidence and outcomes, for example we now have a more (diverse) licensed premises in the CBD enjoying a much safer environment than prior to the introduction of late trading hours.

It is great to see more small bars, wine bars, cafes and restaurants opening in the Newcastle CBD/Newcastle East and West precincts. These need to be supported to thrive by ensuring we are attracting people to this part of town - by ensuring people feel safe, providing adequate street lighting, creating atmosphere, and providing safe and welcoming places for people to move around. There is so much potential in the CBD area, and we need to ensure that diversity is available - by that I mean diversity in the types of food places and drink venues open, with a range of opening hours. It would be great to see some late night food venues open (or venues trading late that serve food and drinks (not just a takeaway with donar kebabs), and these types of venues and venue licences need to be supported by the local Council.

It is important that alcohol consumption is controlled. we dont want any relaxation of current restrictions or the creation of more outlets.

It is noticeable that these days there are more places open in the CBD than have been for quite a few years and that has been a great thing. There are more people around now in the CBD both day and night and that is great too. I enjoy Newcastle at night although we don't often do the after midnight time slots, except if there is a comet to see.

It's sad to see our city centre having so much trouble getting people back in there. When I was young I lived in there & went out 5 nights a week. The East Room, Tatts etc. Vibrant pubs with lots of different bands, diversity was the key. Opening hours should be extended, & support of smaller places to accommodate diversity. We sadly lack a large venue like the Palais too.

<p>It was great that places full of preloaded drugged dicks were cracked down on. Bad that the mellow folks at the Lass and the little bar on Hunter were forced to shut or adversely affected by being tarred with the same brush very unjust. If the city had smallish bars with ambience and atmosphere, grown ups would come to town, youths wouldn't play up 'cause their folks might see them.</p>
<p>It would be good to have light rail down the existing corridor with activities, coffee shops and outside sidewalk eating facilities beside this light rail.</p>
<p>It would be great if the cycle way along Throsby creek had lighting for the cycle home, especially the section from industrial drive along past maryville. It's pitch black, even for commuters in winter.</p>
<p>It would be great to see cafes, small bars, wine bars and restaurants open later than midnight. Often I'd like to keep socializing with friends and find that the only option is to frequent Finnigans since nothing else is open. That scene isn't for me, so instead of continuing enjoying the evening, we go home.</p> <p>With responsible people on the streets, I don't know if police presence will make things safer as violence sometimes stems from people in positions of power (police and bouncers). A cultural shift needs to occur for people to act responsibly and without violence after a night on the town.</p>
<p>It would be lovely to have somewhere to eat a light meal and have a coffee after 12. Also, A boutique bar that will be open later than 12 and possibly serve coffee and a light meal.Or a night cap with visiting interstate friends before we go home.</p>
<p>It's a pleasure going out in Newcastle at night.</p>
<p>Its been a very long time since I would consider that I've been out "at night". our night time ventures usually involve kids, and we are out early and home again early. But on the rare occasion I have been out with friends, personal security getting back to my car has been a concern, or there has been such a concern that we wouldn't be able to get home again that one of us has driven, when we might have otherwise preferred not to. With the railway now gone into the Newcastle CBD, despite the shuttle buses, it is now that much harder to use rail as a viable public transport option after dark.</p>
<p>It's cool but needs more places to go to at night when your club crawling :)</p>
<p>It's gotten much better! I felt safe last night walking to my car.</p>
<p>It's great to see Newcastle adopting many of the practices from outside the area and coupling this with home grown initiatives. It is incomprehensible why the State Government has chosen to close the rail line at a time of such change.</p>
<p>It's improved out of sight in the past year or two. Some great places to go and plenty of events. Keep that coming.</p>
<p>Its mainly about population and public transport/transpot being available. Scotland have a great system of name and shame - if you misbehave - your name goes on the wall of EVERY pub. If you misbehave twice - you get locked out of EVERY venue for life...It's working</p>
<p>It's more the attitude of the people of Newcastle is what makes Newcastle a great place but also a horrible place to be out at night. People can be fun to hang out with but at the same time they turn around and try fight people just to prove a point. The worst issue is that you can't walk around the streets of Newcastle at night (anytime after 8) alone without being assaulted (wed-sun nights) and this isn't a once off, it's a 7/10 chance</p>
<p>It's unfair That small bars are forced to close at midnight 1am would be so much better. I now have to drive into newcastle due to the change of transport options into the city. There used to be a local train service every half hour as I have a station across the road from where I live and was handy, now it's every 2 hours ! And I have to change from a train to a bus which doesn't coincide with the time I need to get to a venue.</p>
<p>I've enjoyed seeing and experiencing the revitalisation that Newcastle has experienced in it's nightlife within the last 12 months. It would be great to see this to continue particularly in the form of live events (markets, arts, performances) in various precincts.</p>
<p>Keep improving Newcastle for all ages</p>
<p>keep the car hoons off the foreshore .</p>
<p>Lack of car parking means less likely to visit CBD at anytime.</p>
<p>Lack of train and frequent taxi services are a major deterrent to going out at all.</p>
<p>Late night venues would be great.</p>
<p>later trading</p>

Less parking meters please
Less public drunkenness
Lighting and police presence very important
Like the medium rise nature of the town and would not like to see the towers destroy the amenity and marvellous balance and variety of architecture. Moved to Newcastle for this. Big developments should be in the west end which is a heartless and ugly part of town
Limited parking is a problem especially when you are a women and single. I like to park close to venue to feel secure walking back to vehicle. I don't drink so always drive myself and don't like walking far when there are drinkers around
Livesites used to put on such great events in Wheeler place (Latin nights). It was great fun to go with friends and family.
Would be lovely to see more of these sorts of events in Newcastle.
Living Stockton you are trapped by ferry access and fear of missing it. It would be great to see 2 way traffic on the ferries and others coming to Stockton to experience night life 'across the sea'. There has been massive improvements in Newcastles 'vibe' with small bars, quirky venues and overall feeling of recovery in the CBD. It needs to be nurtured and encouraged.
Lock outs mean more people on the streets. More taxis and public transport means people get home and off the streets. Cant lock them out and not give them a way to get home. No lock outs and more taxis.
Lock-outs and closing times do nothing if you don't have public transport in place to support it. Otherwise you end up with ratbags on the street and people not able to get home safely.
Lockouts appear to be making going out in newcastle safer
Love the way Newcastle is developing small bars/restaurants and catering for 40+ clientele such as me. Wish small venues could open later if they want to seeing as though big venues for 20+ clientele can without any worries.
lower speed limits, cbd congestion charges, safe bicycle lanes
More after dark family friendkt dinning locations & attractions
More car parking is required. Car parking areas need to be safe and secure.
More family friendly events
More food places open late would be great and shops
More frequent buses and just as importantly more information on bus timetables and routes. No good leaving a safe venue to wait for an unknown length of time for buses and then not knowing where they go. More free inner city buses and more advertising the fact that there are free buses. Bring back Newcastle trains
More frequent train transport on the Maitland line, particularly in the late evening, including police security, because this is where I have witnessed unsavoury and threatening behaviour on many occasions.
More Motorcycle parking please
More music and better, interesting lighting plus known CCTV
more opportunity for family friendly evening activity. also more opportunity for live music would be great. public space activation / events are great eg winter heat at civic park.
More parking would be good
More place open after 12 for older people. The only options after 12 are clubs with 18 year old. People in their mid 20s just want to continue to have a chat and a few drinks.
Better public transport. All the fights I have ever seen have been in the taxi ranks when people just want to get home. I have waited over 2 hours for a taxi on some occasions. I sometimes don't bother going out because it is too much effort to get home.
More police on foot is important. But more so is allowing night time trade. Not everyone that goes out works 9-5 nor are they just the young. There are some of us that like a nice wine and meal who don't turn into a pumpkin after midnight.
More promotions that are family friendly in the early evenings please.

more small bars
More small bars to provide options ad variety, lock outs don't really work that well as most people avoid the area
More taxi licences? How can it cost \$90 up front to get a taxi from Raymond Terrace to Maryland? And there are nil public transport options to cater this route. I am in my 30's, my best mate died of congenital cardiac failure and I got interrogated by the taxi driver at his funeral. He would not let me in without up-front payment.
More transport options and taxis to get people out of the city to outer suburbs. Very impressed with the bicycle rickshaw operation running up hunter st, not only allowing a interesting, cheap and convenient way of getting from venue to venue but the cyclists are pleasant and having people in the street at night makes you feel safer and more connected to the night-time community.
Most experiences have been safe, positive and non threatening, however my recent experiences are limited
Multi cultural and diverse groups promotes tolerance and reduced violence. Excessive Alcohol/intoxication breeds violence.
My biggest issue with Newcastle night life is the lack of transport available to get home, both by bus or taxi. You can wait up to an hour for both and then end up walking which is quite dangerous. A courtesy bus (or minimal charge) at 12.30 to local suburbs would be great.
My experiences re safety have been positive. Better lighting and police foot patrols would contribute to an increased sense of safety.
Busy, lively bustling venues are both more attractive and more reassuring.
My husband and I like walking into the city at night and dont feel particularly troubled by security. We do often see drunk people when walking home along Darby St but havent had any trouble. Lighting on footpaths in Cooks Hill is more of an issue for us.
My last visit was during the Asian Cup. Whilst at a Honeysuckle restaurant the owner had to spend considerable time an energy policing the no drinks to leave the venue law. There was no police presence at this event even though there were a considerable amount of people attending the public area. I observed the restaurant owner having to spend his time preventing people (one man became very hostile to him) that had bought alcohol at the venue from taking the drinks away from the restaurant to watch the large screen. Where were the police during this public event?
My partner and I are in our 40s and really enjoy a night out after a meal at the many varied wine bars Newcastle has to offer. What is disappoiting is that they are only open until midnight. These venues are civilised and attended by many who enjoy a small venue. Yet the large venues are open much later and are often the cause of more drunken foolish and sometimes criminal behaviour, The laws that prevent small wine bars from extending their license hours is just ridiculous. This needs to change to allow Newcastle to grow and become a civilised world city with a nightlife on offer.
My partner and I do not have a motor vehicle and are on a limited income so find hiring a car or a taxi makes a night out too expensive! We tend to have a 'night out' locally therefore!
Need a little bit more activity at night so it feels a bit more party-like. Not LOUD noises but moving lights, and maybe a little music or fountains to make (water) noise.
Need to encourage activity, anything that attracts people.
Need to encourage more venues such as cafes and small bars to open in contolable precincts such as the Hunter Street Mall.
Increasing the number of small scale activities within groups ensures better atmosphere and security for patrons.
Need various transport options.
Newcastle at night (and day) is particularly uninving. Newcastle calls itself the "city of lights". Ridiculous! The degree of non-lighting is frightening. In 1992, my son was murdered in the West End of Newcastle. Gangster Land as it the east part of Newcastle. The whole place needs to be lit and that is a statement which includes suburbs. Footpaths are narrow, uneven and unfriendly. Newcastle at night is a place I don't want to know. Who would want to walk down King Street?
Newcastle at night is pretty good, nowadays ,
The changes relating to alcohol control has had a major effect for the better. Not so many idiots uptown. These changes should be tried everywhere there is an alcohol related problem.
Newcastle City needs this revitalisation there has been small in roads change is happening just needs

some more people living in the city to creat the hive
Newcastle could be the greatest place in Australia if the council would stop listening to those who oppose everything.
Newcastle has a long way to go to provide family night time experiences similar to other places - Darling Harbour, Surfers Paradise. An endless line up of bars and restaurants (think Honeysuckle and Darby St) provides little variety and no reason to stay in the area after you pay for the meal.
Newcastle has come along way in the last 3 years, but we have further to go. Venue restrictions are not the answer! We need a better variety of small bars with good music to make sure crowds are mixed up. But the transport situation is herendous, and needs to be addressed to make sure more people have accessibility to be able to get in and out of the C B D safely. I personally only go to hamilton because I can walk home from there, and don't want to be stranded in Newcastle East with no way home! (Which happens frequently at the moment)
Newcastle has the places and weather to have a range of outdoor social activities. I would like to see more effort put into providing activities for all ages. In addition, the Hunter Street Mall area needs more bars and cafes to create a good night time atmosphere around here.
Newcastle is a creative city full of possibility. If people were allowed to be trusted things might change. Street performers, stalls live music are important factors.
Newcastle is now much better, more friendly and safer, more fun to visit after dark since council introduced early closing and lockouts. Great work thank you.
Newcastle is safe. Money does not need to be wasted on police or security. It's an unwanted obsession.
Newcastle needs a better public transport option. Get those who have had a good night, out of the area cheaply and efficiently. Trouble arises due to alcohol, boredom, and irritability combines in a crowded situation.
Newcastle needs more people and more activities. It would be great to be able to have free or low cost shuttle busses from places where you could park your car. Parking metres put me off going into town and current transport not considered safe.
Newcastle needs to be more open for business at night. here needs to be a diverse range of venues where you can meet, socialise and be entertained. I find it annoying that as an adult over 50 years how I wish to have a beverage is dictated by outside control - eg In Europe I can have a shot of vodka yet in Newcastle I cannot.It is the behaviour not the beverage that is the issue and we are dealing with our problem at the wrong end. It concerns me that Newcastle dies after 10pm at night- are we a City or not ?
Newcastle needs to draw in people who are NOT going out to drink. That means offering activities & events that are related to performance: acoustic - broadly-appealing music (solo jazz sax, not amp-ed dance music), outdoor MC-ed poetry slams, ethnic-specific festivals (South American learn-to-Salsa night, Yoga & Vegan event, African drumming night, etc.).
Newcastle needs to support more diversity in its night time events and activities - including more public events, staggered closing times for retail, cafes/restaurants/bars and later closing times for some bar/pub venues. This needs to be supported by improved transport options - particularly more taxis and safer public transport options. Limitations on small bars need to be addressed - particularly the power residents have to determine closing times and venue conditions (even when the venues have existed long before the residential developments). This needs strong action to ensure that the CBD remains lively and does not become a retirement village. It is a CBD and needs to behave like one - this will necessarily involve noise and activity.
NewcStle is a safe place to visit at night thanks to the lock outs and the work of the police
no cars in the mall. ban cars from CBD.
NO HIGH RISE FOR NEWCASTLE
No lock outs.
Not enough alternative venues, without early door close. Should be able go get a quiet drink after midnight in a small bar. Like terrace bar. Fix their licence to trade longer.
Not enough parking . Stop just caring about drinkers and public transport . There are people who don't want to drink but want to drive into town and still have a good time .
Now that the Rail Coridoor has been closed the excessive prices to park in Newcastle the lack of actual free parking I tend to go elsewhere the council is not revitalising or improving newcastle but are actually destroying the city of any rebirth !!

<p>Now the railway line is blocked at Wickham which divides newcastle west and wickham, I no longer feel confident about leaving or getting to my favourite venue the lass o Gowrie during nighttime or daytime it is an inconvenience and i use public transport alone to get to these venues most of the time. Safety is not a large factor during daytime. There are very few, if any venues open or even existing in this area which could provide a safer environment and more activity.</p>
<p>On a recent visit to a late night venue, my partner was thrown out after tripping on a step on his way to the toilet. The two bouncers man-handled him out the door without letting him visit the bathroom or telling his friends where he was going. He had been drinking, but he also had spent the day at an athletic event, tired and sore legs from standing all day on concrete. He's 50, a teacher, a pacifist and a mature man. Appalling behaviour from the thugs employed by the pub. This approach to patrons needing assistance rather than aggressive man-handling needs to be stopped.</p>
<p>On many occasions my partner and I will go to a movie/theatre and then have a great deal of trouble finding anywhere to eat unless we eat earlier, which we do not like. And when we just go for a meal we have difficulty in finding a restaurant that is open till late. It seems that anywhere that is not deafening where you can't hear yourself talk let alone think are few and far between. Which is unfortunate, because we want to spend our money locally. Newcastle's famous catchcry OPEN UNTIL LATE (subsequently means kitchen stops at 8-8-30 sad) New Year's Eve was hilarious. Go to the movies. Only place open after 7.30 was Cafe D wheels. He had sold everything except 2 pies and a hot dog. Hardly metropolitan Newcastle or city-like.</p>
<p>Only visit to events such as New Year celebrations or markets. We need a cheap food outlet in Honeysuckle as other places are too expensive for most families.</p>
<p>Our city has so much potential to be realised. Let's make this realisation happen!!!!</p>
<p>People attract people so over time areas will become more popular as locations are improved by making areas safe, providing venues etc. One issue not addressed in the survey is that of cleanliness and graffiti and I believe this is a matter that MUST be attended to in conjunction with any other measures.</p>
<p>People in the mature age bracket want access to venues that provide food and/or alcohol and a variety of entertainment options at any time of the day. The more options that are offered for this demographic the more people will come out at night. With an increased presence of mature patrons, principles of good behaviour will be on show to the younger demographic. Behaviour around alcohol is learned and at the moment they are only learning from each other i.e. how to drink too much and behave inappropriately. Let's give us oldies a chance to teach the young ones how it should be.</p>
<p>Perhaps more so at night than by day we need secure bicycle parking right near the venues we are dining at.</p>
<p>Please tell council to fix the dam parking.... I've noticed local car parking at beaches has got SMALLER... Seriously are they trying to limit the amount of people going to the beach...???</p> <p>and what's with these stupid no late parking zones ...???</p> <p>I go into town late at night to do some night time photography and get a dam parking fine for not sitting on my ass at home watching the tv.... A friend of mine who used to run a tow truck got a ticket for pulling up to eat a sandwich for dinner one time because of this silly rule....</p> <p>Fix the parking. Make it ALL HOURS.....!!! And make more parking near beach areas.....!!!</p> <p>Here's a tip too... Put in 45* angle parking between Nobbeys beach round to Newey beach....</p> <p>I'm guessing at least 100 parking spaces could be added ...!!!</p> <p>Thanks ..!</p>
<p>Police education of bike riders expecting pedestrians to get out of the way on the shared walkway by the harbour (prosecute).</p>
<p>Progress not Regress</p>
<p>Prohibitive rules like the lock out encourage 'pre-loading' with alcohol. The very term 'Lock Out' is indicative of the punitive approach to night time activities. Restrictions on venues for people over 25 are hindering the night time economy. Live Music venues have lower levels of anti-social night time behaviour.</p>
<p>Public liability insurance is killing community events. More public events will help welcome a more balanced audience which will help moderate undesirable behavior.</p>

public transport is essential to allow revellers to get home in safety and without undue delay or expense. the taxi system is hopelessly underperforming in a uncompetitive system and buses just don't work, sometimes fail to turn up and are rarely on time. Rail is essential, especially with the University campus going to open at Civic.
Public transport is really difficult. Buses stop too early and there are never enough taxis. Lock-outs cause huge shortages of taxis, they make it difficult to get home because everyone wants one at once.
Also, Id like more late night food options and think food trucks would be great for this.
public transport needs to be available later during the week nights, there no point in going into town during the week, as the transport stops too early and you need to get taxi , to expensive all the time
Public transport needs to be more frequent, more safety measures, more security presence needed inside as well as outside pubs/clubs. Needs to be a move to change the night life culture of Newcastle, e.g. more emphasis on fine dining, small/cocktails bars and pop up venues, try to make the culture more about having an enjoyable night out without the need to get intoxicated.
pull up rail tracks and open up city to the harbour
Really enjoying the range of small bars opening up
remove heavy rail, keep rail corridor for passive and active recreation, including light rail / busses, bicycles and pedestrians.
replace the public train service
Requires a more accessible and varied cultural presence and transport options within the Newcastle CBD after general trading hours.
Restricted trading hours and lockouts have destroyed newcastle's nightlife. There used to be far more places so it was safer to walk. Not allowing the Kensington to open was ridiculous.
safe parking closer to venues - walking a long way to the car in dark back streets doesn't feel safe
Safety has little to do with the police, it is about the moral fabric of a society - if you want to know why we were vastly safer 40 years ago, take a look at what has been lost since - you don't know the value of something until it is lost.
Sell and clear out all of the housing commission people from Newcastle East, Bar Beach, Parkway Avenue, Watkins Street, and Hamilton South and you will have a much safer environment in Newcastle.
Since removal of the rail I have noticed more people are unable to secure taxis to get out of town. This inability will result in people staying away from CBD simply due to bad transport options.
since the rail has gone I feel the city is more awake and it is easy to move from the city to honeysuckle - it is brilliant and we have accessed the city so much more as there are more options and nil issues re safety and train line
Since the rail service into Newcastle has been closed that area around the station has a derelict feel and does not feel safe. It used to be a safe area or refuge because the rail staff were there and transport was reliable. Waiting at solitary bus stations for the shuttle is no substitute. And there is not proper shelter from the weather. My extended family both young and older have reduced going into Newcastle CBD since the rail has been closed.
Small bars are the answer. Close the night club that are now free to trade until 3 and bring on the small late openers. Melbourne anyone?
Small bars need to be supported well. These are the most fabulous addition to Newcastle at night and provide a fun, but dignified place for mature adults to have a mature adult drink with like-minded people. We live in Mayfield predominantly due to access to buses, particularly the 100, as we like to go out for a meal and a drink and not have to drive home.
Small bars should have their hours of operation/trading extended to after 12am and encouraged to stay open longer. The blanket laws passed by the state need to be reviewed. I find it extremely ironic that the pubs that have the problems are those that stay open later. The small bars, focusing on boutique wines and beers being open later is not the issue, as it is less likely to attract a crowd that would cause problems.
Small intimate ambient venues with cultural variances would be nice. Well furnished and accessible public facilities. Family friendly environments negating the "drink to get pissed" culture to enjoying a quiet drink with friends, acquaintances and family culture to socialise and participate in discussions. Generally, there needs to be more trees and greenery to soften the harsh concrete in many areas. Newcastle needs softening by embracing greenery. This would be a vast visual improvement to the

environment overall.
Smaller venues need to be allowed to trade later than midnight.
So many of those options regarding night activities would be wonderful to draw people into the CBD and surrounding areas and create an energetic and enjoyable night time experience. Safety is paramount but I believe the majority of people who would come to such attractions would do so without causing issues for others.
So many people do not even consider going in to Newcastle, day or night, due to the fact that our city became so rundown, dirty and ugly. We are just beginning to see a spark return. The type of venues that pop up are crucial. We cannot afford to go back to the Fannys days with young intoxicated (at times angry) young people wandering Hunter Street. Our main street looks like a creepy ghost town (other than a few undesirables) wandering the street. It is embarrassing if you bring friends here from out of town. We really need to up the classy night venues here. A touch of Melbourne would work very well I think. With the new University campus/accommodation on its way this is a golden opportunity to open affordable, yet classy small venues for young people too. If they are supervised well, bad behaviour will not be tolerated so it is a win-win situation. As for the top of town, I think if we continue to see decent venues open like The Red Barron, there will be more reason for people to travel in to the city. That's the thing - it is supposed to be a CITY! I was very sad when I heard The Terrace Bar closed down due to licensing or Council issues. Newcastle City Council needs to wake up and start supporting local (small) businesses and Newcastle itself so we can begin to fill all those empty buildings and bring life back in to our city.
sometimes difficult to feel safe with so many intoxicated persons, foul language and anti-social behaviour. More visible Policing would assist. More use of "Lock outs" at Licensed premises all over CBD would also assist.
Stay out of stupid places at stupid hours and we have NEVER encountered any trouble. Ever. At all. The small bar scene HAS to continue for a successful city. And places that have kitchens open after 9pm.
Street lighting is dreadful in Newcastle once you are away from the main streets. Cooks Hill lighting is very bad, uneven footpaths in many places and extremely poorly lit.
Such a shame live sites is no more. What happened to our multi-cultural events such as cultural stomp?
Survey too long & detailed !
Taxi access is extremely hard to get on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday night more cabs or use of uber is needed in Newcastle or better public transport in general. overall Newcastle night life is great good variety plenty of pubs and restraunts. security are poor at best and even at times when trying to enter a venue when you haven't been drinking they denie access due to intoxication..
The addition of small bars has been really positive. These venues are intimate & promote a social & inclusive culture. I want to go somewhere where I can enjoy some drinks with my friends, listen to some light background music, people watch, and be able to have a conversation. Some venues have really poor acoustics, it's too hard to socialise when it's gets really loud and busy.
The aim should be to boost patronage during earlier hours (6-10pm) when it is easier for the average person to be there.
The alcohol restrictions currently in place have greatly improved public safety. It's essential they be kept in place and also that their coverage be increased.
The amazing difference opening up the harbour to hunter street has made. We must never go back to heavy rail.
The areas need to encourage other forms of entertainment that do not involve drinking. Interactive entertainment, pool & snooker, electronic gaming, water activities etc. The likes of darling harbour and the gold coast are good examples to draw from.
the Big screen placement was a big asset during Asian cup etc
The busier the place the safer I feel.
I also feel the most unsafe when parking my car and returning to it at night. Especially at Darby st and Beaumont st. Never any parking in well lit busy area. Always parking in the back streets which are dark and quiet with no one around - that is when I am most scared.

The change in closure rules for hotels has made Newcastle more family friendly. Public transport options in my view has decreased with the rail closure and could be an impediment for some people who are considering their night time options. A preferred alternative would have been light rail down the existing rail corridor.
the choices were biased as they asked about existing time which are limited not what I prefer given the choice
The closing laws have dropped assaults but the drop in numbers has made the area feel more threatening when the streets are empty.
The culture shift in Newcastle over the last couple of years with the emergence of small bars has been the best inclusion. Now that there a lot more options to socialise with friends away from the big crowds, it has made evening times more enjoyable.
Also I believe that small bars should not have to live by the same licensing rules that bigger bars have to. It is not profitable for them and also given the atmosphere they create, the anti-social crowd isn't attracted to the venues.
The distance between venues is too large. Choice of venues is too small. 1:30 lockouts cut nights out short.
The Footpaths in Wickham need to be safe from trip hazards, low tree branches, Rubbish ect. for walkinf home at night, the raods are not safe to walk on as since removing the trains and cutting entry and exit points traffic is routinely drive the wrong way on one way streets, cutting corners and driving fast with all the contractors in the town and construction in Throsby Street.
The input of the so-called "inner city residents group" needs to carry less weight in council decision making.
The lack of fast, frequent & reliable public transport is a vital ingredient for enhancing visiting Newcastle at night.
Removing the heavy rail into Newcastle along with the unsatisfactory 'temporary' transit arrangements at Hamilton Station are a major deterrent to visiting Newcastle at night.
The limitations of the public transport that have been experienced in the CBD since late December have already generated many safety concerns in the area.
The lock out times need to have a sliding scale for the big venues so not everyone is moving out of town at the same time and it eases the loads on taxis etc.. Also the liquor licensing need to do the same with smaller bars for older clientle opening up, or rather, trying to!
The lockout have destroyed the vibrant nightlife that Newcastle was once known for. After midnight, there are very few options (other than large, noisy nightclubs) for people to socialise in.
The lockout needs to be abolished, public transport is slow and can be dangerous at times waiting at bus stops in the outer suburbs, taxis are non existent there is no way for everyone to go home at 1.30 am when the lock out is in force. When visiting a nightclub and we arrive to it just in time to get in before lock out, we pay 10 entry fee only to discover inside is empty and then have no time to head to another venue due to lock out (the venue closes early). completely ruins our night, we cannot enjoy nightlife in newcastle like this especially when we take some of our tourist friends from overseas for a night out. we rarely visit nightclubs in Newcastle and make the effort to travel to Sydney instead.
The more businesses and people are in there, the better. Look at the multiplier effect of what's happening in King St - cinema, little shops, Japanese and Italian restaurants, now The Lucky. All we need is a little velvet lounge for coffee, dessert, port after a movie and that'd be a Full House!
The more options and more people the safer people will feel and the community will self police a lot more. Empower business to make the patrons responsible like the door scanners and supply lists of trouble patrons to other venues so that society changes and makes sure that people understand that if they are trouble makers it is them, not society, that will be punished/locked-out/banned.
The more people in the city at night the better. But people who are not just there to drink. More restaurants, small bars, aret galleries and open shops would make the city more pleasant.
The more people that are out, the safer it gets.
The more things there r to do the more things open the more people there r the safer it will b - I have travelled and lived OS and always felt safest in cities like London and New York where there r always people around - it's dark quiet streets that r the most unsafe.

<p>The night activity after 10pm is mostly related to gaming, alcohol and prostitution all of which give rise to the embracing of the drug scene and violence. People who choose different life choices have no place to assemble. There used to be late night squash courts, pool rooms, non gaming electronic games areas and hamburger joints not like McDonalds and therefore people used to catch up at these places and they were trouble free. There were also a number of cinemas with very free late night parking - not so any more since the earthquake and the greedy developers and their mates put pressure by one means and another to shut these places down.</p>
<p>The night life is very spread out and requires a lot of walking between venues. It results in a fragmented scene and subsequent loss of atmosphere with the exception of Darby street which I rarely frequent due to lack of parking</p>
<p>the only intimidation i feel in newcastle anywhere is from surcurity personnel especially outside a venue i feel i would like to visit,i think there must be a marfia type of organisation when at 6pm i have to push passed some overfed kiwi to enter a hotel ,just try entering the exchange hotel on friday night ,all doors locked bar one and its "guarded by up to five "mussle men",not a pleasent way to start your night out.</p>
<p>The opening of small bars has been great. It would be unlikely I would visit Newcastle at night if it were not for these venues. They provide a safe and enjoyable environment to catch up with friends and family.</p>
<p>The playgrounds in newcastle city are pathetic</p>
<p>The quality of Newcastle's night-time economy is definitely improving, and I think the mix of approaches that have been applied to facilitate this has mostly been effective. I support the restricted opening times for licenced venues, but I am concerned at the impact that this has had on our local live music scene. This is an important part of Newcastle's cultural life, and council needs to take a more active and systematic role in supporting it, without abandoning the successful restrictions on licenced venues.</p>
<p>The use of public space changes depending on age, social groups and family. At the current time my use is different than when I do not have family at home without transport who depend on me for mobility.</p>
<p>The wait times for taxis seem to be where the problems arise. We waited for 3 hours in a taxi line at Honeysuckle. People were drunk and abusive and there was no security or police presence.</p>
<p>I love the small bars that are popping up around the CBD area, great vibe and something for everyone.</p>
<p>There are not many safe and inclusive places in Newcastle for the LGBTI community, there is also no events that centre around the LGBTI community.</p>
<p>i have found a lot of problems stem from the security staff at venues, they are often rude and arrogant and incite violence.</p>
<p>There doesn't seem to be anywhere that is open late that doesn't serve alcohol. In some cities you can get late night coffee or ice cream in a place that is okay for families.</p>
<p>There have been WAY too many instances of noise complaints from people recently moving close to established live music venues resulting in severe restrictions being places on pubs and clubs. Newcastles live music scene is a shadow of its former self. As a local musician I have seen the decline in patronage at certain venues. Late night venues that musicians can gather at after their gigs are gone as the knee jerk reaction to apply a 1am or 1:30 lockout has made it impossible to get in after we have finished playing. A lockout serves no purpose if venue security do their job properly and if bar staff stop serving obviously severely intoxicated people! The Exchange in Hamilton is notorious for this!</p> <p>RSA agents and police presence work FAR better than punishing everyone for a minority of people that can't handle their alcohol, and pubs that are just out to make as much \$ as possible by serving anybody.</p> <p>also - raising drink prices after 10pm is price gouging and should be outlawed! \$10 for a JD and coke in a plastic 7 oz cup is theft - all in disguise as "preventing ppl from getting too drunk" as we have been told in some pubs. Please?!</p>
<p>There is a drug problem which is scary to be around hamilton</p>

There is a lack of diversity in late night trading for 30+ patrons. After 11:30pm it is difficult to find somewhere for a drink after a show or dinner if you do not want to frequent a nightclub that targets a younger demographic.
There is always a range of places to go no matter where you are
There isn't enough well-lit parking areas around Beaumont St in Hamilton. Walking back to your car in the dark for a few blocks late at night is a bit scary! I also worry about the amount of traffic that travels down Beaumont St, how chaotic it becomes with all those friggin cross walks, and the later into the evening the more intoxicated or distracted people there are who may not look properly before crossing the street. as a driver and a pedestrian on Beaumont St I'm always hyper-alert and it is stressful.
There needs to be a lighted, dedicated cycleway from Hamilton to the CBD
There needs to be more diversity in night time events and venues to attract an older demographic into newcastle night life. Smaller bars that are open later would be a start. For older people to attend larger venues open later, security guards need model non aggressive behaviour. Police presence would be more helpful in this setting. I have personally witnessed many incidents where security guards have an overly aggressive approach. Larger venues need to employ security guards with maturity and the right attitude to preventing anti social behaviour, as opposed to contributing to it.
There needs to be more licensed venues to cater to the differing needs of a diverse demographic with differing tastes.
There should be more parking options. Perhaps the council owned parking stations could operate longer on Friday and Saturday nights to ease the parking congestion that exists at the moment. I am sure people would be willing to pay for secure parking.
there's too much focus on pubs and clubs - there's really not much diversity
Things are really improving with more venues open. Improved lighting would help. Street vans would be great. Later opening hours for small bars essential.
Things are slowly improving. Better lighting, tables out on pavements and more small to medium venues are the key. Regular police patrols by foot or bike help make people feel safer. Walking home along Hunter street in the dark, quiet areas no fun.
This survey is very leading. I.e We all want to go out at night and feel safe and secure. High Police presence, good lighting, CCTV. Let the good times roll Newcastle.
To develop a critical mass for a night time economy in Newcastle CBD it would be useful to encourage a resident population housed in a diverse range of human scaled, walk up apartments to 5-6 storeys.
Trains from Newcastle NOT Broadmeadow or Hamilton would be MOST welcome back!
Trains to get people home.
Transport from the ferry directly to Civic theatre, Darby St. and to train at Hamilton.
Transport is important and with all the development/revitalising (?) the city NO ACTUAL COSTED OR USEFUL PLAN been on public view for input/consultation. IS THERE ONE?????
travel on a train at night is the worst.
Unfortunately the city centre is dead as compared to my teen & early 20's age. I am now a young 67 and active participant in the community in general& among the GLBT society. I can not conceive many of the attitudes of some of the youth in their behaviour to GLBT persons who are not disturbing the peace in public.
Unfortunately the severing of the rail line will greatly inhibit our excursions into the Civic/Honeysuckle. Prior to this event it had been really convenient to hop onto the train, then walk from Civic station but we won't be bothered now, we will probably patronise Maitland a bit more often.
Variety is important. Many perceive the city as a youth only venue at night. Greater diversification helps. Concentrate more on the creative impulse that newcastle has in spades
Venues that are open late are only suitable for youth age group - there should be other venues available for older patrons that are open till later.

Violence should never be tolerated, the Kent is really bad for violence, they do not CARE or give any Duty of care to their customers.
Walking from a venue to my car is when I feel most at risk. As a lone 70 year old I prefer to drive into Newcastle at night as public transport in the evening is not as frequent as later in the night and I do not wish to stay out until midnight when buses and taxis seem more available.
We feel safe walking from our apartment to go out for dinner at night.
We generally would like to walk from Hamilton East to Honeysuckle but having to walk through very seedy areas of Newcastle to get there. Along National Park Street which is very dark and a Trip Hazard at night. Then down past Coles Marketown which attracts some seedy people. Not to mention past Musos corner area nothing is well lit and it's a dirty messy area. We only live 15 Mins walk from honeysuckle so driving isn't worth it and you feel like you're taking your life in your hands walking.
We love Honeysuckle by day and night. I feel very safe pushing my baby in the pram from restaurant to ice cream parlour to Crowne Plaza. By day and night it is a lovely walk and always something interesting. We love watching the boats and seeing people fish. Maybe more buskers in the evenings and more options for food and drink.
We need more frequent, local bus services between 9:30pm and 1am. It is ridiculous that you can get a bus to Wallsend but not Carrington, Merewether, or Cooks Hill/The Junction during these hours. I would also like to reiterate the importance of street lamps. A good example of where there is a need for better lighting is Hunter Street between Bolton and Crown Streets. There are now fabulous venues in this strip but they are not creating pedestrian activity because people perceive this dark strip to be dangerous. Better lighting in the East End will promote the precinct's walkable nature.
We need the train into Newcastle so people from the valley can visit and return. Also more small bars such as reserve bar, le passé temp, and nice family restaurants such as I love OMA
We need to find a way to bring a vibrancy back to Newcastle.
The issues and violence newcastle has experienced aren't purely alcohol related. They are due to certain sections of people with in our community not knowing how to behave or control themselves.
Ive worked in the Newcastle night time economy for nearly 20 years and the issues or violence I tend to see stems from those coming to Newcastle from maitland, port Stephens, Cessnock and the Central Coast. We are on the right track with venues making it clear the bogan element isn't welcome and if more venues are created and reinforce this stance against violence and the bogan rough Aussie mentality, this small group of trouble makers will have no reason to come to Newcastle and wreck it for the majority.
We normally drive into town for night time events as we have young children & they often get really tired after 8pm.The prospect of carrying them around on public transport isnt something we are keen on.
Parking is usually really difficult to find especially around the central cbd.
We really need to get on with the development of the CBDS. le light rail,new buildings and shops. The place needs some energy and activity. At the moment despite any good development the wingers keep winging. Council should stop be anti government. They have made decisions lets get on with it.
We went to a show at the civic theatre at night on the way back to the car parked in king street , groups of youth were yelling obscenities and we felt very unsafe we are two women and love live shows but will not go back to the civic theatre.
i believe Newcastle is to unsafe at night boys and young men roam around looking for trouble also alcohol is a problem.
we went to the live site for the football grand final, Asia Cup. Great event and very safe and secure.
Were able to catch train all the way in thus able to go out more often as more affordable transport option...now cant!!
What about visiting other town centres. Since the skate park was constructed in Wallsend I no longer venture into the main street or park at night due to hoodlins. Also note that motor bikes have been using the park at night for the last 6 months. No one is taking responsibility.
When someone asks for help they need to be able to get it . NOT be flogged off to another then another and they have to go through it over and over again
Where is Newcastle?
Newcastle LGA is far more that just the suburbs mentioned Mayfield as an example has two major

clubs and several sizable pubs and lots of eating venues.
While use of public transport is best it would be good to squeeze more car parking spaces in. So many parking spots appear to be wasted. We could afford to cut some slack and use parking spots that are reserved for some reason or other yet will never be used by the person who put the sign up. kiss and leave parking would be useful.
With the rail truncation it now takes between 45-60 mins for me to get into or out of Newcastle as opposed to 10 mins. This I believe prevents many people from bothering to go to Newcastle and would (I am assuming) mean many businesses would not be making as much money from nights out from locals as they did prior to the rail truncation. If the heavy rail is replaced by light rail it would still require the shuffling between one transport system to another taking up too much time ill provisions for disabled and elderly and I don't expect it to be completed in my lifetime because once there is high rise built on the existing train line, there will be no other area available to build a light rail network so we just won't get one. Not only that, "those in charge" will never be able to agree on a suitable area for a light rail service--so it just won't happen. They have ruined our city by truncating the rail line.
Would be much better if there was train access in an out of the centre and civic
would like to see more people out and about - limited public activities unlike in other cities. Newcastle is often 'dead' after 10pm.
Would like to see more voice from Council about the trend of residences turning into student digs...with no warning to neighbours, no awareness at council. We have three terraces near us with students living in them, which is fine except there is no idea of how many students are actually living there at any given time. The owner is raking in the cash and the rubbish, fire considerations, noise and health considerations seem to fall by the wayside with council.
Would love to go more often but it is fairly dead unless you want to drink at pubs, it doesn't cater to a more sober age group
You should close venues at 12 midnight, so kids can start and finish earlier, just like we did 40 years ago. The current idiotic process means kids sit around until 10 o'clock before going out then miss the best part of the next day. Shut early and they will start early. Anyone who's been toe New York and London will see that mos of th city is tucked up in bed before midnight, including the high performance executives. Only a small minority stay out after midnight and most of these only do it occasionally.
You should really think of putting HEAVY Rail back into Newcastle to reduce traffic and increase Safty.
your safety questions addressed able bodied people only. The disabled parking access is atrocious, freqdntly far away from venues and safety of lights, people and any activity. Disabled parking at Nobbies has been reduced to 2, which excludes us disabled people from doing much after dark. Please consider ALL communities members, not just those who are physically mobile.

Appendix V Surveillance in three words

1984
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A good idea
A good start
A must for safety
A must for security
a preventive tool
A surveillance camera only records an event but drunken people have no concern regarding them because their logic is not functioning
ability to check for antisocial behaviour
acceptable encouraging welcome
acceptable preventative prosecution
admissible in evidence
After the fact.
After the fact.
Although security cameras can be good it can also be an invasion of privacy recorded images may be exploited to the internet like our private details collected thru rates that are being sold off to the private sector
Ambiguous hopeful Hurry up
ambivalence - useful but invasive
ambivalent
An excellent idea!
An Excellent Idea!
anti-social behaviour deterrent
Anti-violence, big brother, expensive
Appropriate, evidence, insurance
Appropriate, necessary evil.
appropriate, necessary, reassuring
as long as it doesn't become an invasion of privacy but simply a crime prevention measure

ASSIST FEELING SAFE
at least some improved security,
Attack on liberty
backup deterrent essential
Bags the offender
be proactive not reactive
Beneficial,preventative forward thinking
better behaviour ensues
Big brother
BIG BROTHER
Big Brother
Big Brother watches
Big brother watching
big brother watching
Big brother watching.
Big Brother privacy crime
Big brother, invasive
Big brother, not councils responsibility, safety
big brother, privacy
BigBrother security expense
Brilliant, about time, safe
Bring it on !
can be abused by authorities, need good control measures in place, CCTV footage should be in colour
Can be helpful if searching for someone.
Careful, planning. respect.
catches after event
CCTV too costly and probably ineffective in PREVENTING crime/s
Civil liberties protection
Comfort Safety Security
comfortable, secure, relaxed
comforting essential modern
Concerned over privacy
confidence, safe, relaxed
confidence, security, disappointment
confident , necessary, secure

controlling, creepy, necessary
controlling, unsolicited, (improved) verifiability
Costly
costly unproven ineffective
Create a diversity of choice, not just beer pub type venues
creating a safe environment
creepy if not disclosed to community , necessary in some areas. Would prefer to see physical presence
Creepy, unnecessary, poorly-targeted
crime
Crime deterrent , retribution for criminal behavior
Crime does not pay
Crime is seen
crime safety confidence
Crime, prevention, safety.
crime-prevention, safety, investigation-tool
Damaged intrusion Costly
Detect antisocial behaviour
Deter Detect Prosecute
Deter, record, confidence
Deterant Accountable safety
Deterant, inevitable
Deterant, safer, security
Determent Safety Detection
Deterrant Unfortunate Worthwhile
Deterrence Evidence Security
Deterrence, good. Safer
deterrent to crime
Deterrent Evidence Court
deterrent safety evidence

Deterrent,
Deterrent, expensive, modern
Deterrent, Over-rated,
Deterrent, responsible, visibility
deterrent, safety, follow-up
Deters Detection Security
Discourages anti social behaviour
Discreet, continuous, safe
DO IT NOW
Do not have an opinion
does it stop violence?
Doesn't bother me
Doesn't prevent crime
Don't prevent crime
Don't see as much of a deterrent to anti-social behaviour or violence. It's only useful as means to gather evidence after an offence.
Dont want it
Duty of Care
eace of mind
Effective if used responsibly.
effective, helpful, proven
essential safety prevention
essential preventative harmless.
essential security additives
Essential Necessary Overdue
Essential Secure
Essential, big brother, expensive
essential, safe, comfortable
Essential, safe, encouraging
Essential. Safety. Security.
Evidence Deterrent Security
Evidence Discourage criminal behaviour
Evidence, prosecution
Excellent
Excellent security measure.

expensive , intrusive , ineffective
expensive investment safety
Expensive invasion
Expensive Necessary Preventative
Expensive Useful Needed
Expensive,
expensive, delayed, minority
expensive, ineffective, poor connotations
Expensive, overboard, unrequired.
false sense of security
fearful, big brother, privacy
fine, safety, deterrent
For people who lack self-confidence and -esteem, it may rise issues.
for safety
For your safety.
get on with it
Good / bad / intrusion
good deterrent system
Good for crime prevention like graffiti but i am not sure if intoxicated people are very deterred by CCTV.
Good idea as most cities have some system but I believe they help catch offenders but not necessarily prevent offences occurring
good idea minimize anti social behaviour
Good More safe Hopefully quicker response to incidents
good, safe
Good, safe, essential
good, safer, agree
Governance Transparency Openness
Graffiti violence theft need controlled
Great - about time
Great idea
Great idea increases security Makes anti-social behaviour prosecutable
Great safety outcome
Great surveillance is a must, it helped find Jill mahers killer

Great, smart, safe
happy social events
Have no choice
help available monitoring
Helpful in solving crime, after the event
helpful to the police
Helpful Security Non-threatening
Helpful, deterrent, visible
helpful, necessary, deterrent
helpful, safe, reassuring
helpful, unobtrusive, reassuring
helps catch criminals
HELPS POLICE CATCH OFFENDERS - OFFENDERS AWARE OF THIS AND LESS LIKELY TO OFFEND IN AREAS OF HIGH CAMERA PENETRATION
helps prevent crime
Helps solve crimes
history media use
Hopeful
Horrible intrusive useless
Hot spots, strategically placed
I believe it assists and aids crime prevention does not remove without police presence to act upon the crime
I don't feel its a huge need as long as u have a vibrant city and a little police presence is fine..
I don't mind
I don't mind surveillance systems being in place but I do not believe they prevent crime, particularly for patrons who are under the influence of alcohol/drugs.
I don't think it is necessarily a deterrent for crime and anit-social behaviour however it offers piece of mind that there is evidence of an event and it would highlight hot spots for such behaviour.
I don't think it is necessary or effective.
I feel safer
I feel safer
I fully agree.
I think it's good for solving crimes, not preventing it.
I think surveillance is best after the fact that is finding the perpetrator.
I understand its usefulness in some crime prevention and in gathering evidence for police but having cameras would not make me feel immediately safer.
I would suggest its use *only* in known trouble spots: outside the larger pubs where people congregate and fights often begin. These can sensibly be monitored on a continuing basis and used after the fact as evidence. Evidence that this monitoring actually increases safety would be desirable before a larger-scale rollout than this.

Identification security
Safety
Identification, protection, accountability
if ineffective useless
I'm open minded
I'm opposed to this
Imperative
Impersonal voyeuristic distrusting
important but non-essential
important criminal interception
Important for peace keeping only. Could be used for harassment
important
Safety
Necessary
Important, necessary,
important, necessary, safety
important, safety, visible
Improtant,
Improvement, necessary, overdue
improves safety
improves safety
Inadequate and not consistent
Increase safety for visitors
Indifferent
Indispensable. Calming. Warranted.
ineffective
inefficient
expensive
ineffective
vandalised
useless
Ineffective.
infringement on liberty
ineffective
intimidating, worrying,
intrusive
Expense not warranted
Unnecessary
Intrusive but necessary
intrusive but necessary
Intrusive but sometimes necessary in certain places. Needs to be used with discretion.
Intrusive
Broken
Placement

Intrusive Ineffective Expensive
Intrusive lazy unnecessary
intrusive reactive misguided
intrusive, big brother, false security
intrusive, expensive, ineffective
intrusive, ineffective, waste
Intrusive, invasive, corruptable
intrusive, necessary, costly
Intrusive, poor substitute for police.
intrusive, unnecessary, costly
intrusive. scary. foreign.
intrusive, big brother
Invasion of privacy
Invasion of privacy
invasion of privacy
invasion of privacy.
invasion privacy bias
Invasive suppressive effective
invasive totalitarian police-state
Invasive Anti-privacy Big-Brother
invasive, Big Brother, lazy law enforcement
invasive, necessary, inefficient.
Invasive, privacy, blurry
invasive, relocates problems, 1984
Invasive, unnecessary, expensive.
Is it necessary?
Is it necessary?
It can be over done, to the point it becomes an invasion on peoples privacy. Big brother is watching
it does not PREVENT crime may DETER criminal activity (move elsewhere!) could make people FEEL safer
it is a good long-term investment and forward thinking for future development.
It is innocuous. It is only useful "after the fact". It is an expensive attempt to cure a problem which has more direct cures, such as police presence, lockouts, better access to transport (away from venues after events)

It is wrong, In my Culture, Filming is not good, It can be classed as disrespectful. Privacy is important. Freedom is important.
it needn't be overly intrusive if positioned well
it wont stop a bad event happening
It's a deterrent
It's a retrospective action that doesn't improve confidence. Changing the culture and environment matters more e.g. Replacing large venues with smaller. Encouraging more retail trade at night.
Just do it
Just do it. Install the CCTV and move on.
Lack of privacy
Lack of privacy
Lacking in numbers
Limited Delayed Useful
location, location, location!
long overdue
Love them, they help prevent crime. They help to catch criminals. They make us older people feel safer.
Makes people accountable
Makes people think about their actions
Marginally more Safety
Minimal.
Misunderstood
mixed invasive crime preventing
Modern Safe Needed
money better used elsewhere
money manned? response
Moves crime elsewhere.
much needed,provides a sense of safety
Must be installed
Must do it
Neccesary, unobtrusive, resourced
neceassary, accepted, useful
Necessary
Necessary vital warranted

necessary visible followups
necessary evil perhaps
Necessary for safety
Necessary security freedom
Necessary Effective Safety
necessary Important
Necessary,
Necessary, Welcome, Timely
Necessary, adequate coverage, precipitates appropriate police response.
necessary, cost saving
necessary, deterrent, last resort
necessary, effective, comforting
Necessary, inclusive, continual.
necessary, life-saving, disincentive
Necessary, preventative, time
necessary, prevention, deterrent
Necessary, protective, safety
necessary, useful,deterrent
Necessity Safety Reality
Need it
Need them now
needed
Needed
needed required
Needed Esential Cost effective
Needed Valuable Secure
needed, good, more
Needs competent system
Needs to be available in late night venues especially where there are likely to be drunks
needs to be unobtrusive
Neutral, indifferent
No big deal
No comment
No comment
No electronics Unsuccessful. Wasted resources. Easy option.
No issue it's inevitable

No problem
No problem with it, if you don't do anything wrong you shouldn't worry that it is there.
Non existence
non-intrusive, helpful, accountable
not a big brother fan
not a deterrent
Not a deterrent.
Not a problem
Not fussed really
not keen
not necessary
Not needed
not really needed if areas are busy
Not sure I agree
Not sure that it helps at the time something negative is happening. It could be an aid for prosecuting people who do the wrong thing.
not very useful
Obtrusive, nosy and an affront
Obvious, properly managed
OK
Ok if it works
ok, good idea
OK, no problem with it
Okay
only effective after
Only stops vandalism
Only use strategically
Over rated, fallible, ignored
overkill, reactive, big-brother
over-rated. unknown. trendy
overreach punish offenders
oversighted,necessary, evil
Panacea, expensive,unproven.
Paranoid, skeptical, fearful
Passive surveillance Activity Vibrant
Peace of mind
Peace of mind
peace of mind, safety, confidence
Peace of mind.
people are better
perception vs safety

Perhaps helpful sometimes
placebo
Placebo for the frightened
pointless, delayed response
Pointless, wasteful, privacy
Police not cameras
Police presence better
police, safety, response
Police, safety, spying
POSITIVE PRE-EMPTIVE SAFETY
possibly useful
post event effective
practical and deters antisocial behavior
Preventative Record Safer
prevention - crime - safety
Prevention Protection Safer
Prevention, detection, safety
Prevention, security, inevitability
Prevents,backup,action
Privacy is important
privacy issues, cost of maintenance not a complete solution
privacy, big brother
Privacy,Effectiveness,Visibility
Proceed with caution
Productive Proactive positive
prosecution not preventative
Protection, deterrent, required
Protects the innocent
Public Safety, Reassuring
Quicker police response
Reactionary, expensive, misplaced
reactive
Reactive, not proactive

reassurance deterrent international
reassuring safe positive
Reassuring secure accountable
reduces antisocial behaviour
Regrettable Protective Invasive
required costly deterrent
Required, Reassuring, Balanced
Responsible Economical Safety
Retrospective victims help
sad but necessary
Sad Necessary Safer
saety for all
safe
Safe
Safe confident secure
Safe Evidence Protection
Safe appropriate necessary
Safe expensive rates tax
safe for all
Safe peace of mind.
safe police family
Safe protecting record
safe record watching
Safe Prevent crime
Safe protection caught on camera
safe reassuring online
Safe Secure Happy
Safe, accountability,

safe, convenient, precautions.
safe, honest, evidence
Safe, Necessary, Security
Safe, preventative,
Safe, secure, more enjoyable to go out
Safe, secure, please
Safe, smart, positive
safe, visible, secure
Safe.
Safe.. Smart.. deterrent
Safer if monitored
Safer Intrusive Necessary
safer protected responsible
safer public spaces
Safer Visibility Unsightly(!)
Safer Freedom Positive
Safer Invasive
Safer, crime prevention,
Safer, preventing or reducing crime
SAFETY
Safety
Safety
safety accountability security
Safety evidence security
safety for vulnerable
safety good feeling safety
safety good good
safety intrusive necessary?
safety nothing to hide
safety pleasant responsive
Safety prevention important
Safety protection insurance
safety protection security
Safety Reassurance Culpability
safety safety safety
safety security
safety security assistance
Safety security enjoyment
Safety security, comfortable
safety wellbeing assuredness

Safety Accountability Reassuring
safety confidence security
safety consequences deterrent
safety cost prevent vandalism
safety crime prevention
Safety Deterrent Security
safety helpful watchful
Safety Lower crime
safety necessary protection
Safety Privacy
Safety productive Technology
safety response police
Safety Security
safety security accountability
Safety watching help
Safety, privacy violation
safety, accessibility,
Safety, Accountability, Conscious
Safety, accountability, responsibility

Safety, assaults, antisocial
safety, assurance, openness.
safety, common sense, about time
safety, confidence, accountability
safety, deterrence, helpful
safety, deterrent for bad behaviour and crimes, quick response for police or security
safety, deterrent,
Safety, deterrent, positive
Safety, enjoyment and peace of mind.
'Safety', 'Essential' & 'Now'
Safety, expensive, necessary
Safety, important, criminals
Safety, Police, Awareness
Safety, prevention , control
safety, prevention, crime prevention.
Safety, prevention, getting home
Safety, Prevention,AWARE.
safety, privacy and security
Safety, privacy, monitored
Safety, Proof, Necessary
Safety, reassurance, witnesses/proof
safety, safety, safety
safety, safety, safety,
Safety, security, help
Safety, security, honesty
safety, security, imperative
Safety, security, necessity.
Safety, Security, Safety
Safety, visibility, accountability
safety,security, peace of mind
safety,vigalent,calming
safety. enjoyment of the area. encourage more people to be out and about.
Safety. Crime deterrent.
Safety. Evidence. Proof
safety. security. deterrent.
Safety. Security. Peace-of-mind.
Safety...Recorded evidence...Deterrent
Saftey Detterent Evidence
SAFTY,SAFTY,SAFTY
save our rail
scary practical helpful

Secure Survalance Reassurance
Secure, monitor, evidence.
secure, safe, at ease
Security - Safety - Surveillance
security oversight protection
security versus privacy
Security Well being Children are supervised
security, crime prevention
security, identification, unintrusive
Security, Safety, Comfort
security, safety, peace
Security,identification,survelance.
Security. less privacy
security. Safety,
Seen,evidence,security
sensible, necessary, appropriate.
Should be used
Should be used to assist police in tracking criminals and used with full force to convict criminals. If they are on camera doing something wrong, then there should be no denying the event and the law should be enforced without wasting time & money through the court systems
should be visible
simple reactive delayed response
Smart safet common sense
spy camera voyeur
spying no privacy big brother
stop naughty people
Surveillance is for watching the incident after it occurs for criminal legal purposes. It will not make me feel safe. More people and more activities and police precence makes me feel safer not cameras
Surveillance does not prevent crime but can be used to identify and charge people committing offences. Money could be much better spent on improving safety through more public events, increased pedestrian activity (well-connected footpaths and lighting), increased and later night time activity from cafes/bars/restaurants.
Surveillance goes un noticed by perpetrators
Surveillance is the wrong end of things, costly and then not always admissable in court when things do happen - or that camera just didn't capture that one incident.

The best thing is the activity of a good mix of of people - the atmosphere during the Live Sites and Chinese Lanten Markets was awesome. Spreading the energy into West Newcastle, Honeysuckle etc is counter productive and premature.
They are a deterrent for antisocial able behaviour.
Too late
track misbehaviours
uncomfortable invasive reactive
un-deterring, unnecessary, unhelping
unfortunate necessity possible misuse
Unfortunate Necessary Discrete
unfortunately necessary
unfortunately. often. necessary
Unnecessary Makes people complacent May help police later after events
unnecessary expensive
unnecessary expensive ineffective
Unnecessary Expensive Overpatrolled
unnecessary relevance unpopular
Unnecessary, ineffective, expensive
Unnecessary, invasion, reactive, not proactive.
unobtrusive as it is not in the way. valuable as evidence if something occurs. psychological feeling of support.
Unproven, expensive, unenforceable.
unsure
unsure record
use it responsibly
Useful after event
useful deterrent for crime
useful reassuring wothwhile
useful yet intrusive
useful deterrent presence

useful necessary protection
Useful, Discreet, Modern
useful, essential, safe
useful, preventive, helpful
Usefull, deterrent, witness
useless at time
Useless in moment
useless expensive intrusive
Useless, ineffective, expensive
useless, populist, unsubstantiated.
Very good idea
very very important
Visibility Puts off miscreants Peace of mind to marginal groups
Visibility, monitored,acted on..
Vital, safety, important
Waste of money
waste of money/proven not effective
Waste of time. People who commit violent crimes are not thinking of possibly getting caught. It may make it easier to convict offenders, but I doubt it directly helps to make people safer.
Wasteful, redundant, unneeded
Watched, security, safety
Watching crime on tv is too late for the victim. We need to improve our attitude to drinking and violence. Police presence is needed and they need to be supported by the system and public
Watching, delay, passive
we need them
welcome,lighting,police, singl, not in twos or threes as this just looks like another gang.
wont stop crime
Would be about time. Sick of Newcastle being stuck in the past
Would be an improvement
wrong, unnecessary, controlling
Yes yes. Yes

Appendix VI Additional comments- surveillance

Categorisation of surveillance comments by theme

Q: Please write in any other comments you have in regard to use of surveillance in Newcastle	
<i>n= 337 comments</i>	<i>% of comments</i>
Comments supporting the use of surveillance	
Support the use of surveillance (general)	24.6
Useful as evidence/after the event/in investigations	14.5
Deters crime or bad behaviour	8.9
Only an issue if you do the wrong thing	5.0
Would make me feel safer	2.1
Comments not supporting the use of surveillance	
Doesn't deter crime or bad behaviour	13.4
Against the use of surveillance (general)	4.7
Big brother / 1984	3.6
Privacy concerns	3.3
Expensive / waste of money	3.0
Not needed / No problem to fix	2.4
Would prefer to see the following in place of or in conjunction with surveillance:	
place activation/more people on the streets	10.7
greater police / security presence	9.8
lighting	3.6
improved transport and parking	3.6
education / prevention / address the cause	2.7
more small venues	1.5
alcohol management	1.5
Miscellaneous	
Back-end management (monitoring, response, maintenance)	10.4
Location	3.3
It must be visible / Have signage	2.4
Other comments	12.0

A busy, vibrant and healthy place full of people out and about engaging in positive activities creates an environment that self-regulates. Give the city a chance. Put money into lighting and activities rather than surveillance systems. And don't let any more large pubs/ clubs open. Keep it to small bars and restaurants.
A common basic need in a modern society, the types of mixed people that have different agendas from our traditional population has increased awareness to isolate many and being afraid to visit
A good idea
a greater police presence would negate the need for such measures
A larger police presents is needed around hamilton station
A waste of time and effort
Newcastle LGA can not be covered with cameras.
If there is a bad area just close it down totally
Ban alcohol from every public street between 7am and 7 pm.
A whole network of cameras like Darling harbour across the city and foreshore is essential to encourage its use by all citizens not just the boofheads
Activation of the public domain,
People out walking in well lit area with plenty going on, whether it be pubs, cafes, restaurants, cinemas
Diverse offerings to attract a range of people with a range of interest
Active frontages, rather than high walls or redundant buildings offers passive surveillance.
Focus on activation and vibrancy, rather than cameras. Cameras dont make me feel safe, but seeing other people walking around in a pleasant public domain with bars, restaurants, outdoor dining etc does.
actually don't notice if is there or not
additional surveillance is only an issue if you don't do the right thing.
Adequate
Although I dislike the idea of surveillance, I understand that it is useful in detecting criminals
Although surveillance I feel would be great after an event I don't believe it is taken into consideration at the time of something occurring.
An effective way to curb street violence when pubs and clubs have such early lockout times causing large amounts of people to be in the streets with nothing better to do than start violence for "entertainment value" The use of recorded surveillance would likely discourage trouble makers.
An improvement in surveillance and signage would encourage more people to visit Newcastle at night.
Any footage taken should not end up on entertainment shows without the authority of those filmed. Okay for legal system to use it not general media unless assisting the police.
Anything that can be a deterrent to anti-social behaviour is a good thing
Appropriate surveillance within the Newcastle LG Area would deter antisocial and violent behaviour as well as deter criminal activity - thus making it safer for those wishing to visit the entertainment precincts at night.
As above. Look at Sydney, Darling Harbour. It's 2015. Install the cameras in all traffic areas, in public places.
What are you waiting for. Another increase in our rates, "Please"
As long as it does not EVER take the place of people on streets and used properly. Never the thin edge of the wedge to Big Brother

At times of social buoyancy, people want to kick off constraints, but when danger lurks, they tend to welcome them, trading freedom for safety. However, I prefer to keep a balance. The pendulum is swinging towards fear, so there is a natural tendency to surveillance, but it carries both benefits and costs, and the costs are not at all obvious and easily left out of any cost/benefit analysis.
Backend management of such systems is complicated, but must be managed well to provide the correct results.
Being a Stockton resident Lighting and security cameras for Mitchell St from wharf to shops better to encourage activity and diversity rather than the perceived easy fix of proven to be ineffective cameras.
Cameras can't prevent crime, people drunk and or drugged up can't see the deterrence of a camera Can't believe this is still under discussion.... should be in place!
Odd that it is being installed in unused railway stations and not in areas where businesses, both commercial and entertainment, are operating!!!
CCTV in the streets of our CBD where the venues are would be fantastic. Melbourne CBD feels so much safer than Newcastle at all times of night as they have a very effective CCTV system plus police station in the middle of the CBD.
CCTV is helpful in discouraging anti social behaviour and also apprehending people who do the wrong thing. The more the better but it should be visible.
CCTV is not a problem for innocent persons
Council should investigate ways to increase passive surveillance rather than install CCTV. Seeing CCTV would make me feel unsafe and not want to visit that area.
Critical Mass is the best proactive surveillance available to public places. Provide and activate public places for the majority 'good' and the minority 'bad' will fall by the way side.
currently the only late night surveillance is between restaurants and bars. Walking down Hunter Street waiting for a taxi can be a scary thing when nothing is open for several blocks.
Depends where they are put and who has control of those
Develop now
Disregard the privacy nonsense that some wish to use as a reason for not having surveillance cameras installed. Many other cities throughout the world have them. If not a deterrent then at least there will be a better chance of catching nitwits causing problems or committing a crime regardless of how petty. Clear out all the deadXXXs who pervade the mall area and streets in the city.
do it
Doesn't prevent alcohol fueled crime or mental health based crime. These are the two crime types I come across the most regularly both here and on visits to Sydney.
don't have a problem with it. I've got nothing to hide. small price to pay for safety and accountability
Don't publicise it just do it in problem areas where alcohol and other drugs are a problem.
Due to the drinking culture of some of the Y generation and the associated unsavoury behaviour, surveillance particularly late at night/early morning has become important for public security.
Education and prevention is more important than surveillance and assumed guilt
Enough already.
ESSENTIAL - sadly sadly - to appreciate.
Even when its monitored & responded to in real time, cctv isn't as effective in preventing crime as high pedestrian traffic , good lighting & diverse activities drawing a wide range of community members into the city.
Expensive. Need more enforcement of laws against intox and public drinking. We need more respectful behaviour as the city grows more dense.
I would like to see the phrase evening economy used instead of nighttime. If you want city residents, they have to sleep. Pushing for nighttime venues e.g. After 11pm is inconsistent with residential life. There's plenty of scope for businesses to make in the daytime and evening before promoting night time business which will be at the expense of residential life

Fantastic idea, I feel very unsafe out in Newcastle a lot of the time. Surveillance cameras would allow people to feel safe, hopefully prevent crimes or if crimes did happen the. Surveillance cameras could greatly assist the police in finding the culprit
Fine as long as it done within the law
Footage should be available to individuals to help solve vandalism.
For me, it feels more reassuring to have a police foot patrol as surveillance.
CCTV is better than nothing.
for surveillance to be effective lighting must be effective and surveillance must be highly visible
George Orwell 1984
Get rid of the delaperlated buildings. Newcastle west looks AWFUL.
Gives you a feeling of not having to worry when out and about. Not having that constant worry that someone is going to spoil your night out.
good design, lighting and activation provides a more proactive approach to community safety than surveillance
good for assisting the police to identify offenders- wont stop the crime however
Good for detecting offenders after an offense. I have no problem with CCTV.
Great idea
Great idea if backed up by police presence
Great idea, not only in the entertainment precinct but outside it also where most of the vandalism happens and drunken disorderly roam. Where undesirables gather in public areas where families do their shopping, therefore can be seen and moved on.
Great idea. I've seen police shows from the UK that use this kind of surveillance and it is amazing how quickly they can get security or help to where it is needed.
has it been proven to be a deterrent? does anyone care that it is in place?
has to be monitored - so it can prevent negative behaviours
needs to be linked to the police and to venue security as per the Gold Coast/Surfers
Having a welcoming, open and well lit city is more important than cameras ever will be. Also people should have easy access to report areas they feel unsafe in to help target areas to improve.
Having owned property in CBD with surveillance found that did not stop bad behaviour and lack of police follow up when criminal activity occurred was not a high priority. At times police not interested in footage or follow up,
How much would this cost? What hours of the day is it expected to be relevant? Who is the beneficiary?
If you can get a reasonable amount of people into town in the earlier evening hours then the security will improve.
The cameras would probably mainly benefit the late night pub/clubbers. Given how diffuse the late night venues are how would you cover the areas?
I agree with surveillance used in our city as it makes a safer community and encourages more life in the CBD at night.
I am absolutely happy for there to be more surveillance, I think it is likely to make spaces safer over time.
I am concerned about the loss of anonymity, who would have access to the surveillance recordings, and how long the recordings would be retained (if not needed for an incident/issue).
I am not in favour of cameras in public places
I am supportive but wouldn't put it as my top priority. This answer would have been differnt 5 years ago when there was a far more vibrant culture and more people in the CBD however, the poeople just aren't there any more mainly due to the change to hotel hours and campaigns by fun busters to keep the city quiet.
I am sure it would be of comfort to parents of young people

I believe in passive surveillance and have lived in the CBD for 7 years and hesitate to walk to venues though I'd much prefer to do that because late at night there are so few people.
I believe surveillance not only deters bad behaviour, it aids the police in getting a conviction. Anything that allows me to walk to my car in peace is a blessing.
I believe Surveillance will not stop crime and make night life safer. All it can do is prosecute after the fact. Security and people in the streets will stop crimes.
I can see the point & would certainly want violence caught on camera so the attacker could be caught. But I go out pretty frequently & ride my bike at night & I feel quite safe.
I can see what they should be used for and it makes sense, but something can't stop me thinking of 1984 and big brother.
I consider surveillance cameras do not stop crime however to be effective in long term they need to operate effectively, monitored and be valued evidence in gaining convictions for offences
i do not believe that surveillance video in itself is a crime prevention measure but it can help identify criminals and help with capture and prosecution if video is of sufficient quality, there is no use in installing low resolution camera systems.
I don't agree with the civil liberty argument against surveillance of public areas. If people are doing nothing wrong, they have nothing to fear from being surveilled
I don't believe in cameras to catch people preventing a crime. Crime should be prevented before it happens. Better education more discipline. Installing cams is an admission that there is a problem with society, and questions need to be asked why. Give me a politician who can say we have the Least no of cams per population and he will have my attention. one who boast about the most no of cams and I treat the remarks as Ignorant
I don't experience any negativity because I am smart and don't put myself in places, i think no matter what there is a bad culture in some places and surveillance might not even improve the situation.
I don't have a problem with it. If you're doing the right thing, it shouldn't matter. It's been shown in other parts of the world to help deter and solve criminal activity
I don't have a problem with surveillance in Newcastle. It's necessary in this day and age.
I dont know anything about surveillance systems in Newcastle
I don't think CCTV is needed the most important thing is more police presence.
I don't think it would make any difference to crime levels or safety. Improved lighting, police presence is what is needed.
I dont think surveillance will assist with a decrease in crimes. It has more to do with a respectful attitude. It seems too 'big brother' for this to occur.
I have made many visits to UK, particularly London. The surveillance cameras there are reassuring. I would however still use common sense when choosing a travelling route and a means of transport.
I have no issues at all with surveillance being used.
I have no problem being monitored, nor sure anybody else. Use the vision to catch and take action. I do have a problem with untrained Council staff accessing the visions. Only suitably qualified and trained professionals should be in a position to monitor people's activity as this type of surveillance has been developed to recognise persons who may be a risk.
I have not, in the 38 years of being an Eastend resident and 7 years without private transport, ever felt fear being out on the street at night. N.B. usually walking home before midnight.
I have walked around newcastle often at different times of the day and night and do not beleve surveillance is justified
I like to think there is likely to be less crime if under surveillance and also if something goes wrong it will identify the wrong doers
I lived in Manchester for 2 years in the UK and the piloted CCTV where they had street wardens walking the streets, linked in by comms to people watching the surveillance footage. Very effective. AM and PM hours. Felt very safe.
I support its implementation. Newcastle is way behind other cities.
I think a higher police presence would be more effective.

I would be interested in seeing the research in regards to surveillance cameras and crime prevention.
I think cameras could be helpful in deterring crime but at the same time worry about the average citizen's privacy
I think it can be used to spot crime and monitor unsocial behaviour but there is the potential for misuse in that it can shut down spontaneous interactions in the street that are actually people having fun and not creating a public nuisance simply by entertaining themselves outside and not inside venues.
I think it is a great idea.
I think it is helpful at catching the criminals after the crime has happens but won't necessarily stop the crime from occurring in the first place.
I think it would be a good idea.
i think its a really good idea to make our city streets after after dark
I think its an important inclusion of the future safety of our city.
I think its more important that areas be well lit and there be plenty of foot traffic
I think it's useful for catching crimes but we should concentrate on prevention
I think more people in general will create a much safer atmosphere than surveillance cameras.
Criminals will soon figure out ways around surveillance, e.g. blind spots etc.
I think public money could be much better spent on improving the streets with night events, better lighting, police patrols. If business want cameras, let them spend the money.
I think smart surveillance is a bad idea.
I think surveillance would help with identifying criminals after a crime has occurred but I'm not convinced that drunk or drug affected people at night would consider the fact that cameras are or aren't present before getting violent or engaging in other criminal behaviour.
I think that it would assist police being able to deploy their resources more productively on bust nights.
I think that these cameras would be less important if the kinds of venues in Newcastle were less likely to encourage bad behaviour. Smaller bars, more galleries and theatres and fewer beer barns.
I think this is a necessary tool to use in the protection of families and tourists who visit our city.
i think this is good - there is a real aggressive male culture in newcastle - the chip on your shoulder with men and as a women I would feel safer and having young adults as children I would feel better for them - they have indicated the real "aussie" male aggressive behaviour that still exists
I understand they may make some feel safer but I feel that the unsociable actions that occur are usually alcohol related and those involved wouldn't have a clue if there is surveillance or not. It may be of more use as was written earlier re: to detect areas of potential unrest to assist before anything happens. I have no privacy issue with surveillance.
I would be more supportive of surveillance use if the benefits were made known.
I would fully support the installation of surveillance cameras in Newcastle CBD and other busy areas, e.g. Darby Street and Hamilton.
I would have it displayed on big screens around the CBD on special occassions, footy, public showings with alcohol and food in the CBD, people can see what others are doing, and maybe just watch their behaviour and contact authorities should the need arise. I would go as far as having a phone number to ring to warn of anti social behaviour in and around an area, so that camera from all angles may be focused in that location for a period of time.
I would like more venues open later with peoplw able to walk safely in between. Parking meters and the lack of transport make it less likely I will go to Newcastle. Surveillance cameras will make no difference to my feeling safe.
I would prefer no surveillance but would need to see research about its effectiveness
I would support surveillance in Newcastle especially around known problem areas.

I would welcome the use of surveillance in Newcastle, especially if good camera technology was used including night vision aspects.
I would welcome this initiative, as it can identify people behaving anti-socially and hopefully, action can be taken.
Idiots and drug affected people don't care who is watching. The courts are full of people clogging up the system doing the same crimes. What we need is to encourage sensible, mature, responsible people in to the city. Places where the focus is on meeting friends with choices of food, alcohol, coffee and music. Not loud action packed drink til you drop pig styes. Then more free inner city transport, rail to Newcastle and ways to get home predictably and safely. I don't think watching crimes and anti-social behaviour when there aren't the police to deal with it is very smart
If a person is not being antisocial , then , for me I would not have any concerns of being on camera.
If Council doesn't start adopting an open government approach people will see it as big brother.
If people are about, you ding need computers.
If security was improved, I might be encouraged to return home before dark. How about cleaning up the graffiti ?
If someone is doing the right thing, they should have no concerns with security camera... but I can imagine the "privacy police" will be up in arms about this suggestion. I think it's a good idea - bring it on!
If system was operational, and effective and not used for the wrong purposes I think this could be a great asset.
If there were more people, more activity, this would diminish crime in Newcastle. CC TV cameras are only a part of the solution.
If this survey is to condone the purchase and use of security cameras as a means of preventing crime, it is a forlorn hope. Start with the basics - extra good lighting, extra good police presence and then security cameras.
If used in an open an honest way it could be empowering to the community, such as open access via website to the main cameras so those that find the thought of surveillance comforting, but still regarding the thoughts of those that don't by allowing them to know when/where they are able to be seen.
If used intelligently and there was public awareness.
if you do not misbehave ,surveillance should not even be an issue or threat . it protects those doing the right things !!!!!!!
If you do the right thing then you have nothing to fear from surveillance systems
If you have nothing to hide, then you have nothing to worry about.
Surveillance can help prevent, detect and protect, but more importantly it can improve the perception of safety in public areas, which leads to more pedestrian activity and safety.
If you're not doing anything wrong, why should it bother you?
I'm not adverse to camera surveillance, however I don't believe it is worthwhile if it means taking funding away from community events.
I'm not convinced it works directly because it only allows for a delayed response. It would not immediately stop a crime from occurring. If an intoxicated person wants to fight they would may not realise there is surveillance around
Im not sure it is required.
I'm not sure what the evidence is but I would have thought if folks know that they are there then they would have better behaviour. But maybe they just go somewhere else where there isn't a camera???
In order to reduce anti social behaviour the potential to be caught / recognised needs to be portrayed to possible offenders otherwise you may catch the offender but the events has already taken place
in the public you can be caught breaking the law
Increased CCTV is only a small part of the picture. Lively vibrant spaces do equally as good a job and if lots of people are around there's little need for eye in the sky.
Install ASAP

Introduction of and publicity relating to CCTV or similar will discourage unsatisfactory behaviour and assist in encouraging visitors to secure areas
Is there any proof that CCTV prevents crime? Useful in some degree after the crime has been committed.
it could be enhanced as a means of protection with a public awareness media program.
It does very little to prevent crime, it only helps obtain evidence after the fact. A dick doesn't look around for camera locations before being a dick.
It is only part of the solution but really it is a marker of a good city - just like having public transport, live music, variety of restaurants/cafes etc all-nite venues that are not just huge beer halls, etc etc etc.
It is pretty much open slather for people to do whatever they like
It may act as a deterrent, not sure what facts are available to support the use of cameras. Seems to be a lot of conflicting opinions but it if helps deter anti social behavior it may be worth it.
It must discourage criminals and be of value to our Police in finding those who behave badly.
it needs to be advertised that surveillance is prevalent throughout the area , with relatively discrete signage at each specific site as well.
It needs to be monitored. What's the point of having it unless it can be used to immediately identify a problem and send appropriate resources to that area?
It needs to be used on the main walking routes between venues
It needs to happen as is the case in Europe!!!
It operates quite effectively in other parts of the world so I don't see why Newcastle should be any different.
It seems such a shame that it is deemed necessary.
It seems to be the way of the western world but increased healthy public activity and lighting seems to be just as effective a deterrent BUT with less of a public persona as such. Surveillance seems to contribute to deterring crimes in an area but not help capture assailants.
They seem to be popular in the mind of middle class voters but overall over-rated.
It shouldn't be used instead of police patrols.
it will deter antisocial behaviour towards others & vandalism
It will provide a sense of safety. It can be used to assist police. Less vandalism and anti social behaviour - urinating in public, vomiting in public and assaults.
it won't solve the problems
It would only be a concern to me if it were to be made available to others illegally.
It'll keep the old wingers feel safe and happy locked up in their Newcastle east retirement village apartments.
It's a waste of money. The best surveillance is more people in and around Newcastle's night time venues.
Its all about cost, but we should have the best available.
Life is short.... It's only money.
Spent wisely it will benefit all who make a living from the Nightlife in the town.
Its all very well to have expensive surveillance equipment, but you also need a better police response.
It's good to know if I get king hit he person will get caught but I would prefer not to be king hit at all.
Its great, I believe it will help reduce trouble spots and bring assistance faster to those needing it because of street problems or danger. It will also provide links or evidence of wrong doing when it should occur.
Its sad that as a community we need to resort to such measures however I have been visiting the local area (CBD) for 45 years and it is disappointing to experience the change in appearance of the city and behaviour of citizens in the city over this period. ANY measures to reverse this trend would be welcome.!!!
It's sad that it is probably necessary

It's too difficult to cover all areas adequately. it's good for vandalism, so it'd work on Darby Street, but on Hunter or King Street it's just too big.
Just do it. It may help protect against vandalism, Theft and littering also.
Lack of privacy
Lets not let our society become 1984 esque.
Lets not turn our CBD into an Orwellian nightmare with invasive CC-TV everywhere.
look at surveillance often
Main problem is the pub culture, more small cafe/ bars and classier restaurants would bring older people in. Better parking and taxi availability would negate need for surveillance as the only time i worry is when we are waiting for a taxi with generally a crowd of impatient drunks or when we are wandering back streets to get to car. Public transport is woeful. If you could get from venue to car/ taxi as in < 5 mins would feel much safer. We tend to leave early so can get a taxi without waiting hours.
May encourage vandalism ?
Maybe good idea in some areas but fix the problem not recording of the problem. All focused on the assumption of late night behaviour - most rate paying residents are home by the time of late night drug /alcohol young peoples illegal / antisocial behaviour..
money could be better spent elsewhere
More foot police
More people as in europe would provide stimulation as long as there is facilities and pleasant spaces. More bobby style policemen on foot who are approachable is more important than groups of armed police who are just as intimidating visually as a group of ill behaved youth.
More police on the beat, increase fines for offenders, close pubs and clubs by midnight or earlier in the evenings.
Must be fully active in all areas if it is to achieve any usefulness. Areas not under visible surveillance become dangerous.
Must be monitored in real time.
Necessity for the future...society is changing at a local ,National and International level...Unfortunately security is now an important issue and we must be aware and plan accordingly.
Need to actually be able to monitor these cameras. they will just get vandalised
need to be maintained well and not damaged or malfunctioning
would be better to be proactive than reactive
Need to have fewer dark spots where you can feel threatened. Esp Honeysuckle carpark and side streets off Beaumont Street in Hamilton. Thanks.
Never have issues going out in Newcastle so it's probably not needed
Never mind the cost just do it.
Newcastle after dark is something I try to avoid.
Newcastle is safe and a fun place to go out during the evenings thanks to good lighting and good safety measures. Visible foot police are a necessity
Newcastle needs to be allowed to grow up. Surveillance is not the problem.
NO HIGH RISE
No issues.
not a big brother fan
not a step i would support, would prefer a busy area, inclusive culture and visible police presence, plus good public transport, newcastle public transport is infrequent and scary
Not aware if there is any.

Not sure that it prevents crime much but if you can catch the bastards that do it I would be a lot happier. It would have to be advertised that it was there, to deter incidents. And if behaviour can be monitored and attended to by security asap that would also prevent incidents from escalating. But obviously privacy and the "big brother" thing is an issue too. I guess it's a fine line. But as I don't do anything criminal, I'd be happier with surveillance than not in going out areas.
not sure this is necessary
Not sure what problem you are trying to fix.
Not sure, but if studies show it helps increase safety then yes do it
Not worthwhile unless monitored 24/7
Now that the rail has been truncated more cameras would be needed to monitor safety between buses and train transportation and shuffling.
Ok with concept.
Older people would feel more comfortable.
Only of real value if used as a deterrent
Only those who act badly should give surveillance a second thought.
Only useful if monitored; potential for both invasion of privacy and prevention and solving of crime.
People have in-built surveillance systems. Smartphones and the like. I don't believe that security cameras will deter offenders.
People presence is as important as cameras.
Please don't
Please don't waste our money on this. It might make some people for safer but I have not seen any research to support the idea that it does make people safer.
Police not cameras. Get more on the ground.
potential benefits: security guards behaviour better monitored outside of view of venue entry/exit point camera and, police can prosecute for criminal behaviour with evidence from surveillance.
pretty slapdash at the moment. East End Foreshore still has a lot of antisocial behaviour that goes unchecked, including the car hoons and vagrants camping out in the engine shed.
privacy is important as well so the system needs to be well designed
Probably useful, if maintained, functioning, well positioned
Public presence of police or security is more a deterrence.
Put cops back on the beat instead.
Put this money into cycleways
Putting the money and effort into public transport, some police foot patrol presence and encouraging businesses to be open goes a long way to eliminating the behaviour cctv is trying to detect. Prevention is better than reacting after the problem occurs
Reassuring to people in the area.
Should help to quickly identify areas needing attention.
Could help to deter crime.
Could help identify offenders.
Reducing public drunkenness will make me feel safe more than surveillance systems.
regulated access to alcohol and visible (polite) police and security presence is preferred
Reliable camera surveillance has been proven to cut down on criminal behaviour and attacks in many areas. e.g. Brisbane Mall. There are lots of eggs of successful prosecutions and behaviour changes in difficult areas.
Research shows surveillance cameras have no effect as a deterrent as most crimes are opportunistic, and the presence of surveillance was not considered by perpetrators. Police and security presence is far more effective with dealing with criminal and antisocial behaviours immediately rather than after the event.

Safety of all
Seems that any footage is difficult to access when required (ie after an assault). & people are very cunning when it comes to assault, they know where the surveillance cameras are and avoid (and that goes for hotel security staff too. I would prefer to go to a venue where there is no specifically hired security staff (in fact I have a very low opinion of them as they all seem to be aggressive)
Seemsoodidea
Should be done in high traffic areas and places with known problems.
Should be high tech and clear in identification
Should be used at all late night public transport areas
should have more
Shouldn't we strive to create a sense of community rather than install CCTV? It seems similiar to the argument used by Americans that they need to carry a gun in case someone else is carrying a gun - surely we could encourage a standard of behaviour that doesn't accept intoxication and violent behaviour rather than just set up a system to photograph it?
simply think use of CCTV can improve chances of apprehending Offenders in all areas of concern no matter what the Criminal or anti-social behaviour being captured on CCTV. Strongly support the use of CCTV. Do not think Responsible Service of Alcohol is being reasonably enforced by Licensees and/ or Police. To many intoxicated fools wandering the Streets.
So everyone's a criminal these days?
Spend money elsewhere, public transport and lighting
Spend the money on more parking in the city or better public transport. That is what stops me going to the city more often.
Studies seem to indicate CCTV is effective at detecting crime but not necessarily preventing it. Possibly if that money funded extra beat police officers/security partols this may be more effective?
Support and encourage
Supportive of CCTV in problem areas
Surveillance and CCTV have only moderately demonstrated their effectiveness towards reducing crime, and evaluations of these measures can be limited. They can be expensive to install and maintain, and I don't think they should be used as a one-size-fits all solution to improving public perceptions of safety and use of public spaces. If CCTV/surveillance are used they need to be implemented alongside a raft of other crime prevention and CPTED measures, including improved lighting, increasing foot traffic, encouraging more venues/shops/businesses to open etc. It is great that Newcastle Council is considering these as an option and trying to identify ways to stimulate, improve and support the night time economy. Newcastle has a lot of potential.
A report they may be useful:
http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/current%20series/tandi/421-440/tandi430.html
Surveillance cameras have made a very positive difference in troubled areas in the UK for years now. They have also assisted to identify assailants and thieves.
Surveillance cameras will assist in catching anti social behaviour and make people accountable for their actions.
surveillance does not always prevent crimes, but may be useful in solving crimes. For security it may be necessary. I do sometimes feel protected by their visible presence. I would prefer they were there than not being there at all.
Surveillance does not take the place of creating a culture where violence to others is not acceptable. Work needs to be done to help people think about the implications of drinking too much, and using violence in any situation.
surveillance doesn't stop bad behaviour or keep us safe, the footage can assist in identifying offenders and making them suffer consequences.
Surveillance gets called for by people not really out at night, and doesn't help people who are, when the trouble starts. It's an illusion imho.

Surveillance helps to deter violent behaviour
Surveillance in public places is a valid deterrent and useful if needed for evidence. It also can provide a sense of security. It only becomes a problem if used to invade someone's personal privacy.
Surveillance in the right areas could be a good idea eg (near nightclubs , pubs ect) the mall, but I wouldn't agree to it in parks for example civic park.... People should be able to feel safe without being watched while having a picnic with a partner / family n kids ect..... Or sun baking during a lunch break....
surveillance is at best a placebo. it is sometimes good for after-the-fact response but does nothing to prevent crime. The argument on surveillance has been resolved, should you look at the relevant research. passive surveillance mechanisms on the other hand, do work, so public spaces should be designed to accommodate these instead
Surveillance is good but that is one part lighting police cleaning the gangs out will all contribute to feeling safe not just one
Surveillance is necessary, but the real problem is transport. If I new I would be able to get to and from the CBD easily and safely without waiting hours for cabs, I would Definately spend more nights in newcastle
Surveillance is not likely to reduce the initial crime but if it helps apprehend peop;e doing the wrong thing then in the long term it will make people feel safer.
Surveillance is only as good as its monitoring. Are the costs of ongoing monitoring being factored into running costs, or only initial purchase and installation?
surveillance is only useful after the crime has been committed.
greater security on the ground with a stronger police presence would help deter unruly and criminal behaviours
Surveillance is only useful if it is actively monitored and the police can respond immediately. Linking speakers to to the CCTV system allowing an operator to speak and be heard in a potential or criminal or anti-social situation would be beneficial.
Surveillance is secondary to the respect and general attitudes of the public and police presence ... NCC needs to support a more creative friendly environment that enables more polished entertainment.
Surveillance is useless unless it is backed by rapid response from police
surveillance may act as a deterrent to crime and provide evidence for conviction. For some people, especially when intoxicated, the only deterrent is a visible police presence. Police officers should be in dress uniform, not paramilitary overalls and jack boots, should patrol on foot in pairs with a mobile back up of four officers available at short notice.They should project a protective feeling not one of intimidation.
Surveillance may assist to catch people after the event but provides little by way of deterrance
Surveillance may prevent crime/assault/civil issues but I would suggest that some people will do it anyway so unless backed by immediate response crime/assault/civil issues will still occur
Surveillance needs to be developed hand in hand with community education. It's a small comfort to have an assailant prosecuted after the crime ie I would rather walk around in crowded, activated, well lit places at night than be in dark areas with CCTV.
Surveillance needs to be obvious, We need signs to indicate that it is being used and when an offender is caught we need to advertise (shame) them with the evidence.
Surveillance on its own doesn't solve anything if no one is watching to respond to crimes or assaults.
Surveillance only helps find culprits after an incident. It does not deter drunken mistakes in the moment, as they can't think that clearly. Immediate repercussions (like police & witnesses) & treating the reason for drunken incident is the key. 1984 is not an instruction manual !
Surveillance should be monitored by the Police for quick response for incidents and issues.
surveillance should only be by other people not cameras or this so called smart situation. I.E passive surveillance. People watching.
Surveillance unless maned and acted upon at the time of an incident is useless.

Surveillance when used in combination with police control of drunken, antisocial & drug related behavior will help to make Newcastle safe at night. I don't beleive that door security staff alone is a safe way to deal with brawls and drunken behavior outside pubs in Newcastle- surveillance would ensure that bouncers are doing the job safely and legally as well as protecting the public from troublemakers outside these establishments.
Surveillance won't stop anti-social behaviour, but it will help catch the perpetrators
Surveillance would not prevent vandals and anti-social behaviour, but providing an activated space and outdoor environment through adequate lighting and effective public transport options will.
Take the cars of the streets and restore the Rali
The "average", "compliant", "sensible" Joe's of Newcastle will never make an objection to increase public safety. We can accept that "right here- right now" we are not Sydney and cannot expect that kind of public transport infrastructure. BUT we need plans link this amazing place to the rest of NSW very soon.
The best security is other people. If local and state government gave tax incentives and planning priorities and in some cases exceptions from inappropriate planning restrictions for the sensitive development extension and renovation of existing buildings there would be more people living in the city. Especially if priority was for local developers using local labour providing for local residential needs and using local materials and capital on existing heritage buildings. The building of towers for foreign developers to sell to foreign student/ business investors buying citizenship through investment in off the plan apartments has gone on long enough destroying communities, amenity and overpopulating and overloading infrastructure schools hospitals etc. Wrong and destructive economics.
The cameras need to be monitored so if there is an incident services can be there and recorded to for further reference.
The council has no idea we pay rates to provide ares for public recreation yet when shows appear public land is fenced off & rate payers are forced to pay to use these facilities the \$\$ wasted on the memorial walk for rusted silhouette figures could have been utilised for newcastle resident improvement rather than hiking rates I feel that the security that council will be imposing will be another revenue raiser & violation of our every day life by the compliance police who book residents for parking outside their own homes & maintain lawns yet council states these are enforced to control the flow of traffic my street has virtually been reduced to one way traffic where prior when vehicle did park partially on their lawn allowed the flow of two way traffic & a clearer view of children that dart out in front of traffic traversing the street
THE MONEY TO FUND THIS COULD BE SPENT ON SOMETHING MUCH MUCH BETTER, THIS DOES NOT ENSURE ANY SAFTEY AT ALL, IT ONLY HELPS THE VICTIM IN FINDING THEIR ATTACKER THE CRIMINAL. SO REALLY THATS NOT EVEN A PROMISE, IT WILL JUST BE WRONG FOR MORE REASONS THEN THE RIGHT REASONS.
The More The Better
the more the better
The police and venues should pay the full costs - not Newcastle taxpayers
The sooner the better.
The three words are my initial feelings though they are unsubstantiated. I feel this would be an expensive undertaken and that i'm not convinced would deliver value for dollar. As a deterrent i question its effectiveness (drunk people don't think rationally). Ultimately i think it is a sad reflection of our nightlife if this is required. I hope that there may be a more positive means of using this money to address anti-social behaviour eg more transport options and availability, more venue options, etc
The wider community shouldn't be concerned about cameras unless they are doing something wrong!
There are more important things to prioritise, such as beautification of city, rejuvenation of public spaces ,increased lighting and more flexible and extensive public transport. Our transport system is outdated and lacks flexibility. We need light rail and more extensive routes for citizens.
There is a lot of anti social behaviour that occurs in Newcastle, especially around the Foreshore and CBD. Surveillance would deter and prevent this type of behaviour and make it easier for Police to target the offenders. I believe it is necessary for Newcastle as it is for the majority of the cities around the world.

There is some fear associated with the concept as it has notions of "big brother is spying on you" feeling, which could possibly develop into unsavoury applications. Nevertheless, I do realise that it can be a useful tool in helping to solve crime. Does it stop crime? I don't know the answer to that. If it did help stop crime and would definitely be in favour of it.
There is too much surveillance
There may be other things that can complement surveillance. I have heard of research that playing classic music in public places decrease the amount of anti-social behaviour.
there needs to be a balance of security versus citizen privacy and respect for citizen movement. Surveillance systems are inferior to police on the beat - without deadly weapons
There needs to be sensible restrictions on those who view, control and use them and their recordings.
They are not an invasion of privacy and if you aren't doing anything wrong you have nothing to fear from surveillance cameras
They don't prevent crime, but they may help solve one if it isn't smashed or disarmed first.
They don't protect people from assault or property from damage
They help identify criminals
thin edge of the wedge
Think surveillance is only one measure to make Newcastle safer, needs increasing however so does police/security guard presence.
This is an issue that should be the responsibility of venues, property owners/lessees, police, not Council. It is an unreasonable imposition on ratepayers. If it is a law enforcement or crime reduction aid, then it should be provided by the police as part of their equipment, such as cars, radios, weapons, etc.
This would be of great benefit to Newcastle's future, we are going to be more on show to many nationalities with a greater student presence and we want the experience for everyone to be reassuring and positive. There are still people who go out to cause harm, I observed it in the middle of the day yesterday so any added security will be beneficial.
Unknown monitoring of the surveillance.
Unless it is police foot patrols cctv surveillance is only god for prosecuting the bastard after the crime
Use every means possible to change the culture of excessive drinking and related violence & anti-social behaviour (wee-ing in doorways, ugh, disgusting!) that plagues Newcastle. Safe public toilets and good lighting and GREAT - frequent, reliable, safe - PUBLIC TRANSPORT are essential.
use it responsibly
Use of extra surveillance might be useful- especially in tracking people who have committed antisocial actions. Presence of more people and possible police is a more effective deterrent in the first place.
Use strategically for high risk locations, but comprehensive coverage not needed
Useful
Important
But not enough if it's not backed up with other safety measures. Should also be working and easy to detect people
Very important to reduce crime and catch wrong doers
Very little has been gleaned from the cameras and nothing has been prevented in my view.
Visible presence of police or security personnel is the most effective.
Divert Council funds from daytime parking inspection to evening security staff.
We are over policed as it is. Make people accountable for themselves instead.
We don't need an unnecessary, ineffective and expensive surveillance system that will squander valuable money and resources that could be much better used on more important and effective strategies.

We havent experienced any problems or heard about much activity to justify surveillance. Perhaps because we arent generally out after 11pm and dont frequent large venues where people drink to excess. Usually go to cafes/restaurants/small bars and theatre.
We need it
We need more of it!
We should not overdo it. It's good around places where people tend to get drunk and violent, but it becomes intrusive if it's everywhere.
While surveillance does not necessarily prevent all anti social behaviour it will deter many who contemplate it, so that those who want to enjoy the facilities offered by the city can do so in comfort and safety. Those who behave in a socially responsible way should have no fear of it.
Whilst I'm sure there are some privacy concerns in regards to use of surveillance, my overall feeling is that it is a useful tool in investigating crime and may contribute to a feeling of increased safety for communities, and over time, reduce crime.
who would be paying for it?
Who's watching? Is there going to be real-time response? What's the purpose, is it to bust kids who spray paint or really encourage night time community engagement?
why has it taken so long?
why would anyone object if they have nothing to hide? of course pictures taken in surveillance should not be misused eg published in a newspaper unless a crime has been committed. this WOULD be an invasion of privacy.
Will require careful management and clear-cut guidelines concerning the use of private agencies to monitor, and interface with police groups.
with all the mafia on every corner we shouldnt need anymore
Would be good to help police deal with anti social behaviour, and to have it on camera would be excellent so the drunken fools can't hide
Would like to have NCC publish up to date reputable and/or scholarly, peer-reviewed research on efficacy of surveillance, especially studies in other LGAs or equivalent
Would like to see that fellow citizens help keep others safe rather than relying only surveillance.
?Use of public education to foster community responsibility, inclusiveness
would make me feel more comfortable at nite
Would need evidence based research to prove this is an effective deterrent as opposed to an effective tool for catching people after the fact. Emphasis should be on prevention.
Wouldn't a more vibrant culture be better?
You have had someone / CCTV keeping eye CBD area and other popular and troublesome areas. Although since lockout / close rules have been changed Newcastle I feel has become safer.
You have to be kidding me - this is your solution???? Please invest in community building and innovative projects rather than some law-and-order stunt. We all know that activating spaces & improved lighting actually results in better public safety, not surveillance.