

# Newcastle Voice Beaumont Street



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## Executive Summary

A proposal by the Hamilton Business District Committee (HBDC) to allow food and beverage business owners to increase their kerb width to accommodate additional customer dining has been explored by Council for approximately five years. If approved by Council, the proposal will allow business operators to pay for the construction of the kerb extensions and increase their potential for on-street dining over and above their current footpath dining allocation. These additional areas would then be leased under the terms of Council's Outdoor Dining Policy. Council and the HBDC engaged consulting engineers to draft a concept plan which meets the requirements of the Newcastle Development Control Plan (Outdoor Dining Element) and the Roads Act, the governing legislation in this case. There are multiple challenges related to the implementation of this proposal, from the resulting streetscape to the varied impact on traders in the street.

The community consultation was conducted on behalf of Strategic Planning Services to identify the key issues, clarify the community's understanding of the current proposal, and importantly, to inform the public of the proposal. This report summarises the results of the Beaumont Street kerb extension consultation which was conducted within the Newcastle LGA.

A community workshop was conducted and facilitated by Newcastle Voice with the community, business owners and key user groups. A total of 52 community members, predominantly small business operators, met to gain further information and discuss the proposal, which allowed for the collection of a wide range of suggestions.

Participants in this consultation hold a diverse range of views. Some feel passionately opposed to a change which they believe is advantageous for some traders over others. Some are passionately in favour of kerbside extensions which they believe is marketable to their customers. In a ranking and voting exercise, the primary concern was the number of parking spaces available. While the number of parking spaces on Beaumont Street is a central concern, the need to keep Beaumont as a cosmopolitan, dynamic competitor with other commercial precincts was clearly recognised. It was recognised by participants that a divided business community is an impediment to making changes to the appearance of Beaumont Street.

In addition to parking, many other issues were drawn to Council's attention, including, street cleanliness, access to Beaumont Street and the need to differentiate Beaumont Street with the use of a clear branding strategy.

It is apparent that the challenges facing Beaumont Street are as complex as those facing any suburban shopping street with a wide range of mixed businesses and varied customers. The information gained from this consultation will form part of a report for the Traffic Committee's February 2010 meeting, which in turn will report to Council for determination later in 2010.

## Introduction

This report summarises the public opinion gathered in relation to a proposal for kerb extensions for outdoor dining on Beaumont Street, Hamilton. The consultation was conducted on behalf of Strategic Planning Services to identify the key issues, clarify the community's understanding of the current proposal, and to increase the information publicly available.

## Report Purpose

Council and the Hamilton Business District Committee have been investigating additional kerb extensions to sections of footpath along Beaumont Street. In order to ensure there is no net loss of parking, a 'parking bank' of additional parking spaces has been created on Beaumont Street and nearby adjacent streets.

Council and the Committee have agreed to investigate a trial kerb extension located at Cibo Tapas Bar (No 76 Beaumont Street). Compensatory parking nearby has already been provided for the three parking spaces that would be removed by the proposed work.

If the proposal is adopted by Council, funding for the construction of the kerb extension would be provided by the business owner. The additional outdoor dining area would then be leased by the owner from Council.

In August 2009 the proposal was publicly exhibited and Council asked residents and business owners/operators to comment regarding the proposal. An information leaflet was developed and distributed to nearby residents and business owners. Newcastle Voice members were made aware of the proposal and the opportunity to write a submission in Newcastle Voice's monthly newsletter to all members.

This public exhibition demonstrated that there were strongly held views both for and against the proposal. The content of a number of the submissions indicated that further consultation was required to improve the community's understanding of the project's key components and how parking offsets were to be achieved.

The opportunity for increased community engagement presents itself again, and is welcomed by Council as a part of its commitment to increase community engagement. This community consultation will help Council:

- To gather community input about the proposed kerb extensions.
- To gauge the extent of divergent opinions between those in favour and those against increased kerb widths.
- To inform interested parties about the current proposal.

## Methodology

### Scope of Consultation

This consultation was focused primarily on the building owners, business tenants and near residents of Beaumont Street, and was designed to supplement the period of public exhibition in August 2009.

A number of communication tools and engagement methods were implemented as part of this consultation. The purpose of this activity is to increase the engagement with members of the business and residential community about the current kerbside extension proposal on Beaumont Street and to do so in a public, transparent way. All promotional tools are included in Appendix III.

### Information Provided

A poster and information fact sheet were created and distributed along Beaumont Street and to immediately adjoining businesses to inform those traders and their customers. The poster was prominently displayed at several locations in Beaumont Street. The poster was also visible during the Hamilton Good Food Fair on Beaumont Street to increase awareness of the public workshop session and register interested parties.

Throughout the consultation program, local media was used to inform the public about the workshop session. Specifically, a media release and 'This Week at Council' were created and distributed in the week leading to the session. Furthermore a paid advertisement was placed in the Herald prior to the consultation.

Information on the workshop sessions was provided on Council's website. The weekly Council e-newsletter also had an item about the consultation.

### Workshop

The workshop session was promoted to building owners, tenants and the community through the Traffic and Infrastructure services' information fact sheet mail drop off. Invitations were also sent to all Newcastle Voice members (1500 individuals) as well as through the monthly Newcastle Voice (MyVoice) newsletter.

The workshop session was held on the following date and location. Attendance at the workshop session was recorded via an attendance register. Attendance figures are as follows:

Date & Time	Location	Participants
Wednesday, 25 November 6-8pm	Gallipolli Legion Club	52

## Methodology

### Data Collection

Workshop sessions can build a sense of community and are a useful tool for in-depth insight into the opinions of a small group, allowing many contributions. Unlike a survey, they enable the discussion of complex issues and underlying concerns and allow for deliberation and the brainstorming of ideas.

A workshop outline was developed to ensure that Strategic Planning, Traffic and Infrastructure Services' needs were met – and to increase the engagement of the community in the proposal.

The workshop was held in the evening to ensure business owners could attend and increase the possibilities for community engagement among those concerned with the proposal. The workshop was semi-structured to allow participants to impart their likes and dislikes about the current kerbside extension proposal on Beaumont Street as well as allowed for discussion and deliberation around Beaumont Street.

Information was presented to the community about the current proposal. Three council officers spoke to the participants about the following:

- Project scope and current position, purpose of this meeting, and next steps;
- Current proposal, using the engineering drawing to display the current proposed locations for kerbside extensions on Beaumont Street;
- Current design of the traffic barrier required by the Roads Act, discussion about drainage, and access;
- Changes to parking space locations, including new spaces in Cleary Street; and
- Changes to duration of parking limits – and variation of parking limits along Beaumont Street - from 30min spaces, to 1 hour, to 2 hours.

### Consultation Area

The focus of this consultation was on Beaumont Street and as a result, invitations to the workshop session was centred around traders, building owners and Newcastle Voice members residing in neighbouring suburbs of Beaumont Street.

In addition, all residents and ratepayers who attended the Hamilton Good Food Fair on Beaumont Street, where Newcastle Voice was present, were informed and invited to attend the session.

### Representation

The views collected in this report can not be said to be statistically valid because of the relatively small number of participants at the workshop. Nevertheless, an important snapshot of a concerned community was obtained.

Consistent themes presented in this report are derived from contributions and the reliability and validity of those interpretations can be assessed.

## Participants

The community workshop was open to all residents and ratepayers of Newcastle, with an emphasis in all promotions and invitations for building owners, business traders and near neighbours, as their views are of particular interest of Council for this proposal.

The workshop session was facilitated by Newcastle Voice, whose responsibility as researchers is to protect the privacy of individual participants.

There were a total of 52 participants, from a head count on the evening and the attendance register. All of the participants were community members, with two Councillors present throughout the session to observe. A few demographics were collected from workshop participants:

- 57% of participants indicated they own a business on Beaumont Street.
- 50% of participants heard of the event through one of Newcastle Voice's promotional efforts; the remainder had heard by word of mouth from colleagues or friends.
- 65% of the participants were men, 35% women.
- Participants live in the following suburbs: Hamilton, Edgeworth, Merewether, North Lambton, Adamstown, Bar Beach, Paterson, Rankin Park, Charlestown, Islington, East Maitland, New Lambton Heights and Tighes Hill.

## Data Handling and Analysis

The data handling and analysis was carried out by Council staff from the Customer Service, Communication and Consultation Service unit. The approach used during the consultation was designed to increase inclusiveness and provide more information to the community. An iterative process developed themes from the workshop transcript.

All participants were informed of what the workshop was about and what would happen to the information provided, including its potential use in any reports or publication. All responses are treated in confidence, to ensure the anonymity of respondents. No identifying information is included with any responses selected for this report.

At the conclusion of the workshop session, participants were asked to provide feedback. Due to the workshop session going over its allotted time, additional feedback about the session was provided verbally as people left the venue.

## Findings

Currently Beaumont Street is open to four lanes of traffic, of which two lanes are designated for on-street parking. It offers kerb-side dining intermittently to customers and provides both on and off-street parking.

Discussions gave all participants the opportunity to comment on the street, the proposal, and the future of Beaumont Street as a whole. Maps and schematic drawings of the concept plan were on display and provided valuable information to those present on the exact nature of the current proposal. The community remains divided and the issue of extending the kerbside on Beaumont Street holds much interest and concern, both of an emotional and commercial nature. The divided business community along Beaumont Street is a key impediment to implementing the current proposal.

An exercise to clarify the issues facing the street was carried out by Newcastle Voice. Workshop participants discussed and agreed that the following relatively minor changes to Beaumont Street would represent a potential future streetscape:

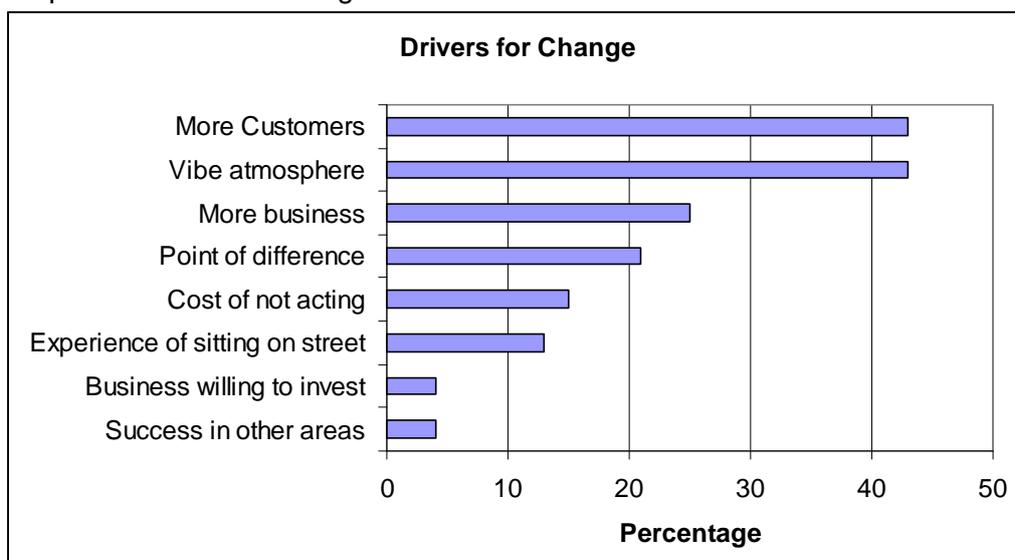
- Intermittent kerbside extensions on some of Beaumont Street;
- Introducing a parking bank with spaces behind Beaumont Street, as well as some additional spaces on Beaumont;
- Reducing the four-lane street to a two-lane without on-street parking

A suggestion was made to Council officers at the completion of the workshop. Instead of the construction of permanent kerb extensions, the suggestion was made to close Beaumont Street from Donald to Tudor Streets each evening – perhaps with seasonal adjustments - for restaurant and café traders to extend their outdoor dining areas onto the street. This alternative proposal could offer an excellent solution which may be acceptable to both the daytime traders needing close access to parking spaces as well as those evening traders keen to encourage a cosmopolitan, relaxed dining atmosphere in their street, with an increase in entertainment options as well. There is an opportunity for Council to further investigate this option with the community at a later date.

## Drivers for Change

Participants were asked to vote on the most important drivers for change, as determined from the participants' list of eight options. When asked the reasons participants would be willing to have the above changes implemented, 42% said that it would create a "vibe" atmosphere which would invite more people to the street and another 42% said the changes would have the potential to attract more customers to Beaumont Street.

Graph 1: Drivers for Change



## Promotion & Marketing

The workshop participants recognised that the marketing of Beaumont Street could be improved. There was discussion about the slogans or taglines for the street – which are reflective of the street's current value, as well as the need to differentiate Beaumont Street from other locations in the local government area. Indicative comments from workshop participants:

- "This is a vibrant, cosmopolitan tourist destination. People come from all over Australia – big cities, regional New South Wales. There's a spillover from the racecourse and the entertainment centre."
- "We all need to consider: why do people come here?"
- "Our businesses need to prosper and we need to promote the street to get more people here."
- "Our competitors now and into the future are Darby, Westfield- how to keep them at bay?"

### Future Vision

There was interest in clarifying a future vision for Beaumont Street, with an extensive list of the kinds of things people could envision for their area, and concerns about proposed developments which would detract from that future. Indicative comments from workshop participants:

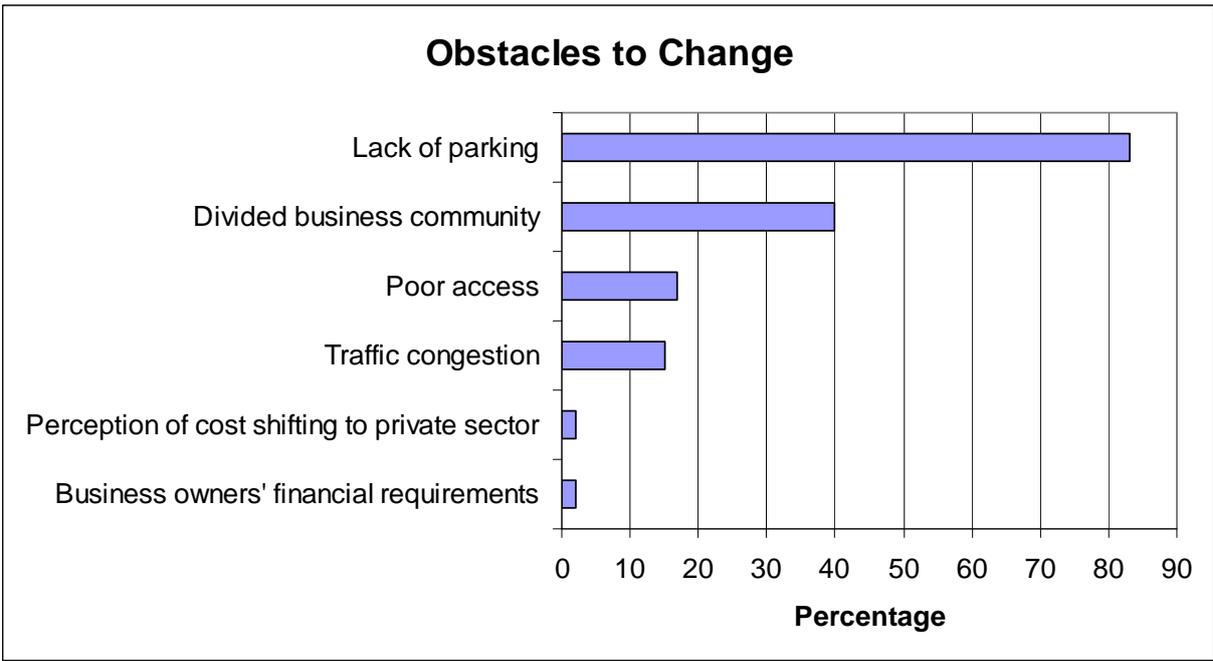
- “We need to offer something new on Beaumont Street, the kerb extensions could do that.”
- “I don’t want to see Beaumont Street stifled and stagnant. We must evolve ”
- “Entertainment precinct preserved: hotels, restaurants, clubs. Other businesses flow on from that.”

### Obstacles to Change

Participants were then asked to vote on the top nine obstacles identified during the discussion. When asked what was the greatest potential obstacle to ensure the above mentioned changes were successful, 83% of participants said it would be the lack of parking spaces and 40% said it would create a divided business community on Beaumont Street. Of note, the following obstacles, although discussed during the workshop, did not receive any votes:

- Uncertainty and disruptions
- Commercial risk
- Limitations of current design

Graph 2: Obstacles to Change



Furthermore, because participants were given the opportunity to have more than one vote at each stage of this activity, overall totals do not add to the total number of participants.

### Short-term Parking

Workshop participants raised concerns regarding the perception that a few business traders/owners will benefit while the majority will not, without due cause. The pragmatic focus of that concern is valuable short-term car parking spaces on Beaumont Street. Short-term parking spaces would be lost if kerbs are intermittently extended.

Although more 30-minute car parking spaces have been introduced by Council recently, there was extensive discussion regarding changing the number and locations of car parking spaces along Beaumont Street, as well as varying the time limits for parking.

There were many comments from participants about this important issue facing the street:

- “We need more parking spaces!!!
- “I am a business owner and I paid \$1000s for parking which I still haven't seen”.
- “Accept the facts of life- this is an inner suburb of the 8th largest city in Australia, parking will always be short.”
- “We need parking convenience”

During the discussion, some business traders realised and better understood that kerb extensions would be undertaken at a business' expense. Some participants mentioned that they viewed this as cost-shifting from Council to the private sector. Others mentioned that they were concerned that the disruptions of the intermittent building, if the proposal were to get approval from Council, will have a negative economic impact on businesses on Beaumont Street.

### Pride of Place

Workshop participants voiced the need to get the basics right prior to extending kerbs in order to attract more customers to Beaumont Street. This covered activities which Council could initiate, such as cleaning the pavers. The perception among those present is that Council prohibits traders from cleaning them themselves. The discussion raised the need to improve the public toilet at James Street so that undesirable people are not moving between there and the public telephone booth. Also discussion surrounded the opportunity to beautify the street with the use of plants. Some indicative comments from the workshop:

- “We need to improve James Street Plaza: loos, landscaping. We need to get together to make it happen.”
- “Kerbs, guttering, tree plantings. These are things Council can do.”
- “Get the basics right and you get the people. See Newcastle Mall – traders are saying it's much better even in the few weeks since it reopened to traffic.”

## Access

Access to Beaumont includes both public transport access and pedestrian access. The State Government has yet to decide on the rail line and a possible transport interchange. That decision will directly affect the Beaumont Street business community and customers, due to the proximity of the Hamilton Railway Station.

There were observations about the public buses running empty and a suggestion to extend the free bus two extra stops to Hamilton to increase trade. Some participants were concerned that this would increase the daytime all-day commuter parking, increasing the difficulties for short-term daytime parking.

- “Keep our visitors happy – the pedestrians and the motorists. Especially the Kent crossing which is very difficult and is often not clear.”
- “The buses which run up and down are under-used. Where are these routes going to and from? That needs looking at.”



## Appendix I – Workshop Materials

# Beaumont Street Kerb Extensions Workshop 25 November 2009

## Agenda: 6-8pm

<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>5 mins</b>
Newcastle Voice and Principal Strategist	
<b>Into the Deep End</b>	<b>20 mins</b>
Newcastle Voice	
<b>The Current Proposal</b>	<b>25 mins</b>
Infrastructure Services Co-ordinator (roads)	
Transport and Traffic Coordinator (parking)	
<b>Break</b>	<b>15 mins</b>
<b>The Case for Change</b>	<b>40 mins</b>
Newcastle Voice	
<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>5 mins</b>
Principal Strategist and Newcastle Voice	

## Ground Rules

- Today is about gathering community perspective broadly, so every contribution is valued.
- A range of views, perhaps divergent from your own, may emerge today: that's fine.
- Photographs may be taken and used on the Council's website and to promote future Newcastle Voice events. Please let us know if you would **not** like to be photographed.
- Thank you for your participation today.

## Feedback Form

Your feedback is important to us - thank you for taking the time to complete this sheet and provide us with your comments.

1. What did you particularly like about this workshop?

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2. Please suggest any improvements that could be made.

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3. Any other comments?

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4. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the workshop.

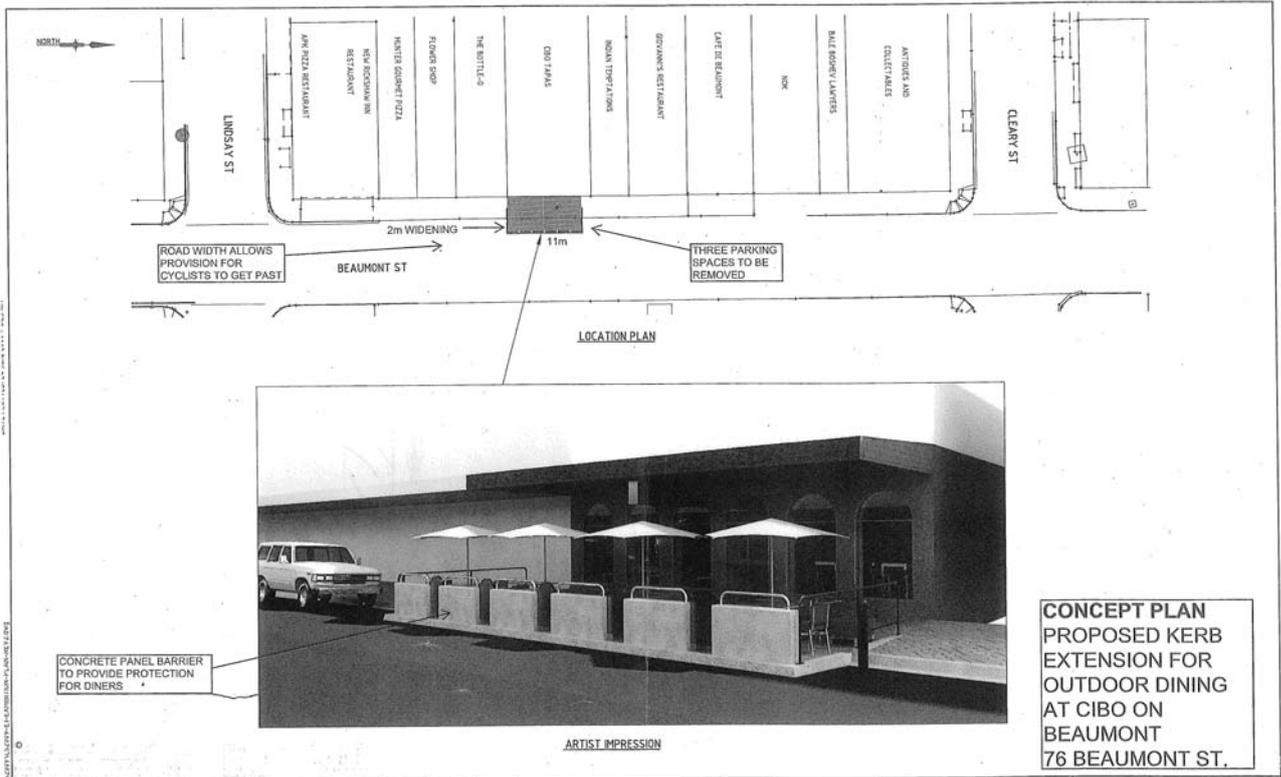
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5. Would you attend another group like this– on a different subject?

YES / NO

NAME: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## Concept Plan Displayed





## Appendix II - Workshop Notes

## Workshop Notes

The following is a complete record of the comments gathered through the workshop session, sorted by theme:

theme	comment
access	The buses which run up and down are under-used. Where are these routes going to and from? That needs looking at.
access	How do people get to Beaumont Street now? Is there a study? (Reference to parking study 2006: average parking time 20 mins during the day)
access	What's happening with the rail and bus interchange: whatever the decision - and the timeframe for implementation - it has a big effect on Beaumont Street
access	Keep our visitors happy - the pedestrians and the motorists. Especially the Kent crossing is very difficult and is often not clear.
access	Extend the free bus to Hamilton the two extra blocks: that would bring more people in.
access	If you extend the free bus, you must be prepared as a community for city commuters to park near the bus stops for the day and catch the bus into town, ie more all day parked cars.
DA	Salvation Army Cleary Street proposal - not supportive of that
DA	Need information about the current proposal
DA	This idea of kerb extensions is not new - we just want to catch on to what others have already now.
DA	This is a gastronomical street - we need a different item to sell and attract more people - the kerb extensions offer that.. More outdoor dining
DA	There were parking spots to be bought with the s.94 contributions - in James Street. Does that need to be developed into more parking in some kind of public/private development?
future vision	Entertainment precinct preserved: restaurants, hotels and clubs. Other businesses flow on
future vision	Staving off the Enemy - Darby Street. Multicultural cosmopolitan style, we should be cashing in on it
future vision	Street theatre, circus activities. Need to strike a happy medium between an open street for traffic and giving people a reason to come
future vision	We need to embrace opportunities to stay vibrant, change as we always have here on Beaumont Street
future vision	Modernise Beaumont Street - bring more people in
future vision	We need to offer something new and different on Beaumont Street - kerb extensions
future vision	We need a vibrant cosmopolitan entertainment, increase the live bands in restaurants, make this place thrive for breakfast lunch and dinner
future vision	I don't want to see Beaumont Street stifled and stagnant, would hate to see it become another mall. We must evolve.
future vision	Adult theatre in cafes, would like to see more on offer
future vision	This is an absolute little gem, a powerhouse. It's economic, residential, shoppers, Beaumont Street must be kept vibrant.
future vision	We need to maintain our pre-eminence in the region: food, finance, services, it's a unique cross-section here.
future vision	I'd like to see a party atmosphere here, more people dining. Little Swallows cleans up and they have the biggest outdoor dining area now, and they're always busy.
future vision	Why not try new things?
future vision	We should try to find ways to collaborate. Other communities such as ours find ways to grow their areas, we can do the same thing.
marketing	New and younger people to be attracted to Beaumont, students to mid-20s.

- marketing                      Our businesses need to prosper and we need to promote the street to get more people here.
- marketing                      We need a theme for Beaumont Street, see Lygon Street Melbourne. It has a charm, needs some focus.
- marketing                      We have a strong sense of community - our uniqueness and innovation.
- marketing                      Slogan suggestion: "You're not quite sure what's going to happen on Beaumont Street."
- marketing                      This is a vibrant, cosmopolitan tourist destination. People come from all over Australia, big cities, regional NSW. There's the spill on from the Entertainment Centre and the racecourse.
- marketing                      We all need to consider: why do people come here?
- marketing                      Our competitors now and into the future are Darby, Westfield, how to keep them at bay?
- Marketing                      We need more people drawn to Hamilton.
  
- parking                      Resident parking congestion, beyond business customer parking issues
- parking                      We need heaps of parking
- parking                      We need parking with easy access to our stores, close to my store for heavy building materials
- parking                      We've had 30 years of parking troubles between residents and customers
- parking                      We need parking convenience: I reckon we're about 300 spots short now, already.
- parking                      I take a pretty dim view of parking meters.
- parking                      Accept the facts of life: this is an inner suburb of the 8th largest city in Australia, parking will always be short.
- parking                      My CONCERN is about parking - banking customers holding large amounts of cash may be unsafe if they have to put money into a meter first.
- parking                      I'm a business owner and I paid \$000s for parking which I still haven't seen (s94 donations and prior to 1979?). We get constant complaints now - you must replace lost parking.
- parking                      We need more parking spaces here!!!!
- pride of place                      Clean and attractive - clear out the undesirables, illegal beggars.
- pride of place                      The public toilets (James Street Plaza) should be inviting and clean. They are NOT now.
- pride of place                      We need urban renewal: kerbs, guttering, tree plantings. These are things Council can do. Sitting on the road side is UNATTRACTIVE - that needs to change.
- pride of place                      We need to improve James Street Plaza: loos, landscaping. We need to get together to make it happen.
- pride of place                      Get the basics right first: the pavers are filthy (shop owners are told we're not to clean them because they're not our property); there are illegal beggars which turn people off from coming here, we've had a 3 year battle to get bike racks in.
- pride of place                      Get the basics right and you get the people.
- pride of place                      See Newcastle Mall - traders are saying it's much better even in the few weeks since it re-opened to traffic

A suggestion came from the floor in the final comments of the evening – to close off the street between Tudor Street and Griffiths Road with temporary bollards at the end of the business day each day, so that the restaurant and café traders could spread out across the street.

## Drivers of change towards the future position, in order

The 'vibe', the atmosphere to be created with more people in the streets	22
Potential to bring more customers to Beaumont Street	22
The business opportunity to attract more business to Beaumont Street	13
Creating a point of difference	11
The opportunity cost of NOT acting	8
Enjoyment of the experience of sitting on the street	7
Empirical evidence of success with this proposal of kerb extensions in other areas	2
Business willing to invest in the proposal	2

## Obstacles to change towards the future position, in order

Lack of parking spaces	43
A divided business community	21
Access difficulty	9
Increased traffic congestion, from 'gawkers' on the street	8
Financial requirements mis- or not understood by business owners	1
Perception of cost shifting from council to private sector	1
Uncertainty and disruptions from the proposal, business by business progress of building site along Beaumont Street	0
Commercial risk of the proposal for owners	0
Limitations of current design (no protection from west or south)	0



# Appendix III – Promotional Materials

## Fact Sheet

### Beaumont Street Kerb Extensions



**Council has been working with the Hamilton Business District Committee exploring the option of increasing the width of pavements along parts of Beaumont Street.**

This would increase the amount of kerbside dining which could be available along the street and would correspondingly reduce the number of parking spaces directly on Beaumont Street.

Concept plans of the proposed extension and the proposed sites along the street are now available for interested community members.

All community members, business owners and tenants along Beaumont Street are invited to have their say at a public meeting:

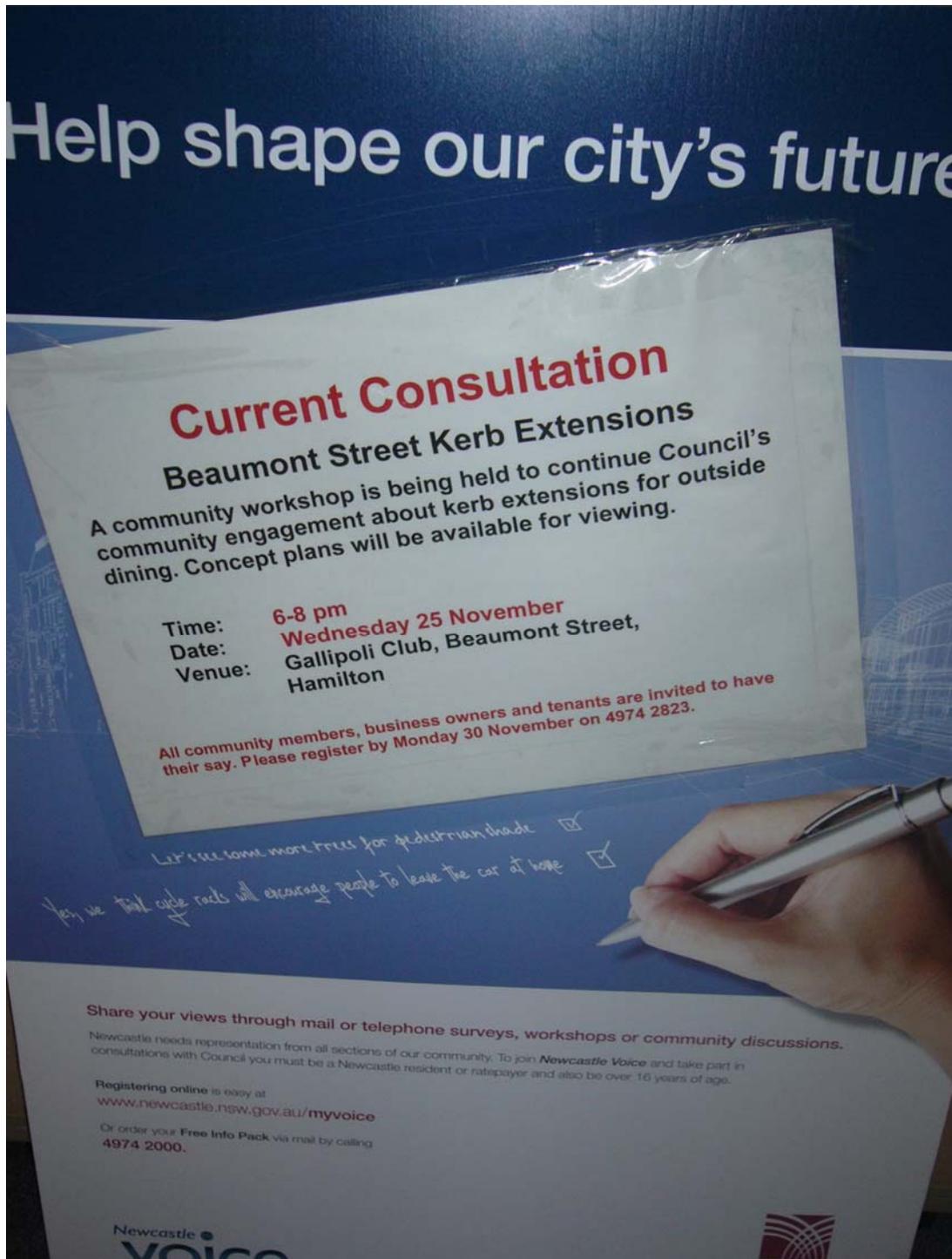
**Wednesday 25 November, 6 - 8pm  
Gallipoli Club, Beaumont St, Hamilton**

Council officers will be present to discuss the proposal. They will answer questions on the potential impact on the precinct.

The consultation is being conducted for the project by Newcastle Voice. Please RSVP by Tuesday 24 November on 4974 2823.

For further information please contact Principal Strategist  
Ian Rhodes on 4974 2141 or email [irhodes@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:irhodes@ncc.nsw.gov.au).

## Signage



## Advertising





**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**QUEENS WHARF TOWER & ADJOINING WALKWAY TO THE HUNTER ST MALL TEMPORARY CLOSURE**

The Queens Wharf Tower and adjacent ramp including the overhead walkway to the Hunter Street Mall and adjoining stair access points will be closed to pedestrians for its bi-annual wash down between 5am and 11am on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November 2009.

Alternative access to Hunter Street is via the railway over bridges at Perkins Street or Scratchleys. Disabled access is via Wharf Road and Watt Street roundabout.

Council apologises for any inconvenience. For more information call Greg McKenzie on 4974 6047.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**PROPOSED CONCEPT PLANS FOR KERB EXTENSION**

Council, in consultation with the Hamilton Business District Committee, invites you to a public meeting to discuss the concept plan for kerb extensions in Beaumont Street, Hamilton. This plan was on public exhibition during August 2009. Details of public meeting are:

Date: Wednesday 25 November 2009  
Time: 6.00 - 8.00pm  
Venue: Gallipoli Club, Beaumont Street, Hamilton

Council officers will be present to discuss the proposal. They will answer questions on the potential impact on the precinct.

This is an opportunity to have your say.  
Registrations by Tuesday 24 November to Newcastle Voice on 4974 2823.

**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES**

Council wishes to advise that Rodgers Street, Carrington between Hargrave and Robertson Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic on Wednesday 18 November 2009 between the hours of 7.30am and 1.30pm.

The closure is necessary for gas connection to the house main and is in accordance with the Roads Act 1993, Part 8, Division 1.

Bhoojal Reddy Ph: 4974 2664

Council has received applications seeking temporary closure of city streets for the following events:

**KING STREET FAIR - Sunday 29 November 2009**  
- between 6.00am and 7.00pm

- King Street, Newcastle - between Darby & Perkins Streets
- Crown Street, Newcastle - between Hunter & King Streets
- Brown Street, Newcastle - between Hunter & Church Streets

**NEWCASTLE HERALD CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT EVENT - Friday 18 December 2009** between 3.00pm and 10.00pm

- The Terrace and Cliff Street, Newcastle

Written comments on the applications may be lodged by any person within seven days of this notice and addressed to: The General Manager, Newcastle City Council, Attention: Jocelyn Cardona, PO Box 489 Newcastle 2300, or phone 4974 2666.

**TENDER**

**SUPPLY OF ONE NEW VACUUM EDUCTOR**

Contract No. 2010/202T

Tenders are invited and will be received up to 2.00pm Tuesday 8 December 2009 for:

The supply of one new cab chassis fitted with a new vacuum eductor body.

Documents are available electronically at [www.tenderlink.com/newcastle](http://www.tenderlink.com/newcastle).

Alternatively, hardcopies are available for a non-refundable fee of \$13.00 GST inclusive from the Customer Enquiry Centre, Ground Floor City Administration Centre, 282 King Street, Newcastle, 2300 or by calling 4974 2030.

Responsibility for lodgement by the deadline lies solely with the tenderer. Lodgement information is provided in the tender document. Council is not bound to accept the lowest tender or any tender submitted.

Enquiries must be directed to Paul Glasser on telephone 4974 6072.

A pre-tender meeting will not be held.

Ph: 4974 2000 Fax: 4974 2222  
PO Box 489 NEWCASTLE 2300

Lindy Hyam  
General Manager



## Community Service Announcements

20 November 2009

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### Next week at Council (extract)

*Wednesday 25 November*

**6pm to 8pm Newcastle Voice public meeting – Beaumont Street, Hamilton kerb extensions**

The Newcastle Voice team with Hamilton Business District Committee will be hosting a public meeting to discuss the concept plan for kerb extensions in Beaumont Street, Hamilton. This plan was on public exhibition during August 2009. The meeting will be held at the Gallipoli Club, Beaumont Street, Hamilton and council officers will be on hand to discuss the proposal. Registrations for the meeting are essential call 4974 2823 by Tuesday 24 November.