

Newcastle Voice South Stockton PDP



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Executive Summary

Consultation was conducted on behalf of Strategic Planning Services to gather community opinion on proposals put forward in the draft South Stockton Public Domain Plan (PDP) with a survey and a public exhibition period.

This report summarises the results of the We Love Our Coast - South Stockton Reserves survey which was conducted with the Newcastle Voice community reference panel and the broad community from 18 January to 29 February 2012. The survey had 597 responses.

The survey sought opinions regarding proposals at Pitt Street Reserve, Lion Park and Griffith Park. Results showed notable differences in the opinions of Newcastle Voice members and anonymous community members, where the anonymous community members indicated lower levels of agreement and support for the proposals. The results are summarised in the table below.

Table 1: Summarised Results

% agreeing/supporting proposal	TOTAL SAMPLE	Newcastle Voice - All members	[Newcastle Voice - Stockton members]	Anonymous Community Members
<i>Sample size n=</i>	597	538	[49]	59
Pitt Street				
Expansion of Stockton Tourist Park	✓ 62%	✓ 64%	- [51%]	✗ 42%
Skate park relocation to Griffith Park	✓ 57%	✓ 59%	✓ [65%]	✗ 44%
Restricting vehicle access	- 52%	- 54%	✓ [67%]	✗ 44%
Lion Park				
Viewing Platform (at Lion Park)	✗ 23%	✗ 23%	✗ [35%]	✗ 24%
<i>Griffith Park received higher endorsement</i>				
Removal of informal carpark	- 47%	- 48%	- [49%]	✗ 41%
Griffith Park				
Multipurpose Community Centre	✓ 58%	✓ 60%	✓ [59%]	✗ 42%
Relocation of library	- 52%	- 54%	- [51%]	✗ 36%
Café	✓ 76%	✓ 78%	✓ [76%]	✓ 58%
District Playground	✓ 78%	✓ 79%	✓ [84%]	✓ 64%

- Agreement 55% or higher
- Agreement 45-55%
- Agreement 45% or lower

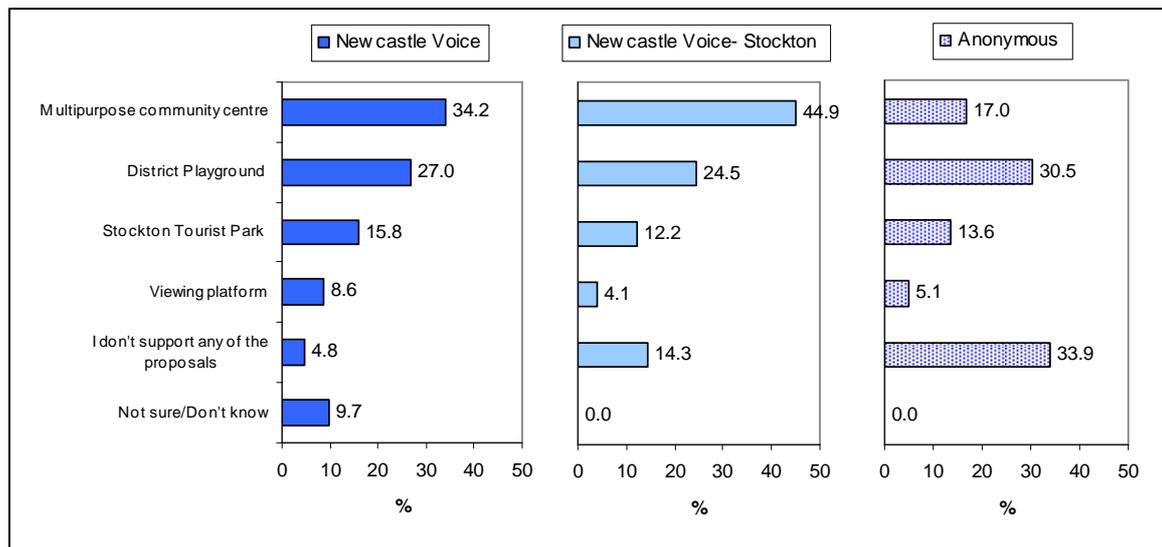
The majority of respondents were agreeable with the expansion of the Stockton Tourist Park and relocation of the skate park (should the Tourist Park expansion proceed). Those who disagreed with the Tourist Park expansion cited leaving the area as public space as the key reason for not supporting the proposition.

Respondents indicated Griffith Park as the preferred location for a viewing platform. However, from review of open-ended responses, some respondents did not see the benefit of constructing a platform. Similarly, support for removing the informal car park was not overwhelming. Open-ended responses revealed a sensitivity regarding parking, stating that parking wasn't adequately considered in the PDP and respondents not supporting timed &/or metered parking.

The construction of a district playground in Griffith Park received high levels of support, evident across both Newcastle Voice and the anonymous community. While overall the multipurpose community centre, incorporating the library and a café, received moderate levels of support, the proposed location was questioned by respondents. Among those disagreeing with the proposal, the waterfront location was noted as a reason for disagreement (with a preference for the space to be left as public open space). Similarly, respondents who disagreed with the proposal expressed concerns with relocating the library, citing the proposed new location as being less accessible, taking business away from existing venues and questioned the cost spent on improving existing facilities. Despite this, half of respondents still agreed to relocating the library and more than half were favourable to the café proposition.

The district playground and multipurpose community centre, incorporating the library and a café, were endorsed as the top two priorities from the PDP for Council.

Figure 1: Top Priorities by group



The consultation report will inform finalisation of the South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan.

Introduction

Background

Newcastle's beaches and coastline are some of the city's greatest assets. It is an area that is increasingly being recognised at local, national and international levels for its beauty, environmental values, recreational opportunities and diverse range of activities.

Our beaches receive in excess of two million visits per year and are a hub of community activities and the venue for a range of experiences. Newcastle's beaches and coastal facilities are a vital part of the city's culture.

The experiences people are seeking from the beach are many and varied. As the community's experience of the beach changes and becomes more diverse, Newcastle's coastal facilities, buildings, and service provision need to change.

In 2010, consultation was conducted with the community to gather feedback on proposed recommendations from the draft Newcastle Coastal Revitalisation Masterplan – with a survey and a public exhibition period.

The draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan follows on from the Newcastle Coastal Revitalisation Strategy which set out strategic directions for coastal public domain from Merewether to Stockton.

The South Stockton Public Domain Plan provides a framework for public domain improvements and to investigate possible expansion of commercial activities on public land at the southern end of the Stockton Peninsula.

The study area is bounded by Stockton Tourist Park to the north, Pitt Street to the east, Hunter Street and Wharf Crescent to the north of Griffith Park, and up to Hereford Street at the northern end of Ballast Ground.

Report Purpose

As part of the public exhibition process (18 January to 29 February 2012) undertaken by The City of Newcastle for the draft South Stockton Public Domain Plan, Council engaged with the community, the purpose of which was to:

- find out what is important to the community in the short and long-term,
- ensure information is disseminated about the Public Domain Plan, and
- enable Council to manage coastal assets and work with stakeholders for the benefit of the community over the next 20 years.

The Newcastle Voice survey was supplemented by a call for written submissions. The content of these submissions is being analysed and reported separately.

Scope

A number of communication tools and engagement methods were implemented as part of the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan consultation. Activities were undertaken to engage all residents, which includes the Newcastle Voice community reference panel.

Information Provided

Four core flute signs and colour A3 posters were prepared and distributed. The signs and posters were positioned in key locations across the Stockton area. Over 200 flyers were letterbox dropped to nearby residents directly fronting reserves. The flyer was also mailed to business owners and appropriate government agencies. Copies of these materials are included in Appendix I.

Media

Throughout the consultation program, local media was used to inform the public about the public exhibition, Community Information Day and survey. Advertisements were placed in the Stockton Messenger on the 26 January 2012 and 19 February 2012. A media release was distributed on 11 January 2012, and the Lord Mayor had a column on the topic on 25 January 2012 (see Appendix II). Information about the Community Information Day and the survey was provided on Council’s website and distributed to subscribers of Council e-news on 30 January and 6 February.

Survey

A survey of 14 questions was developed to obtain community views on specific elements of the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan. A copy of the survey is provided in Appendix III. The survey was administered in several ways:

1. Newcastle Voice members – online,
2. Newcastle Voice members – print,
3. Broad community- online through Council’s website,
4. Broad community- print. The survey was available from:
 - a. Newcastle Library
 - b. Stockton Library
 - c. Council’s City Administration Centre
 - d. Councillor’s room
 - e. Lexie’s Café at Stockton
 - f. Stockton Tourist Park

Community Information Day

Invitations to the Community Information Day were mailed to nearby residents, and business owners in Stockton. Invitations were also sent to all Newcastle Voice members via the Newcastle Voice newsletter.

Location	Time	Attendance numbers
Stockton Senior Citizens Centre, Mitchell Street	10am - 12noon	100

Methodology

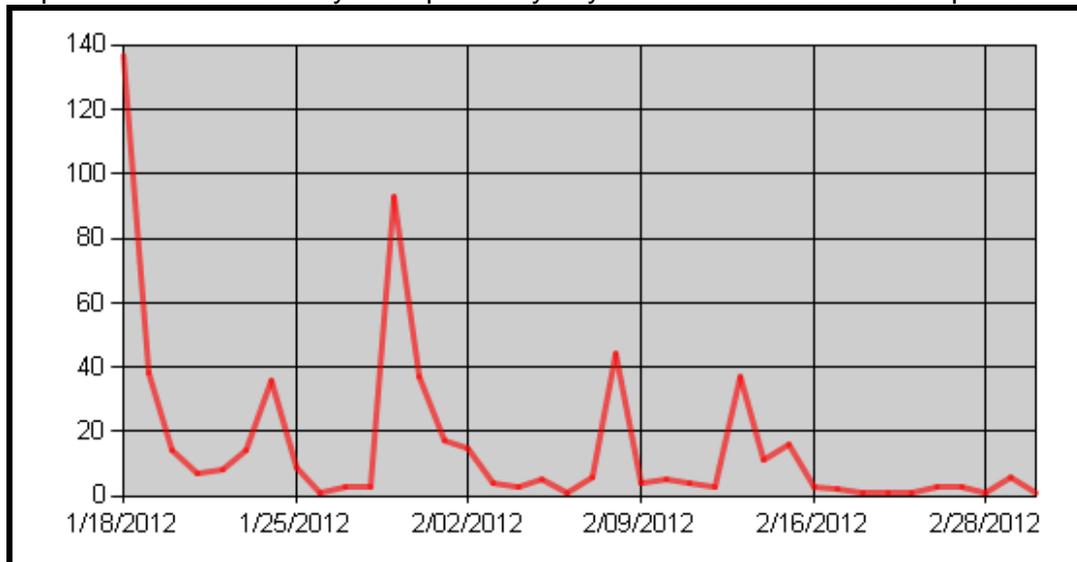
Data Collection

Data collection took place from 18 January to 29 February 2012. The survey was divided into three primary sections corresponding to the Public Domain Plan - Pitt Street Reserve, Lion Park, and Griffith Park. To control order bias, certain questions were randomised as they were delivered to respondents. Open-ended questions were provided with the Pitt Street Reserve and Griffith Park sections to gather information regarding objections to specific proposals, and an open-ended question was also included at the end of the survey giving respondents the opportunity to address concerns not covered in closed survey questions. A copy of the survey is provided in Appendix III.

The 14 question survey was sent to all active Newcastle Voice members, either in print or hard copy depending on their selected mode of consultation. A link to the online survey was emailed to 2474 Newcastle Voice members on 18 January 2012, with reminder emails on 30 January, 8 February and 13 February 2012. The survey was originally scheduled to close on 10 February 2012, however this date was extended until 17 February 2012 to allow people to attend the South Stockton Public Domain Plan Community Information Day on 11 February 2012 and complete the survey afterwards.

The survey was available to the broad community (via the avenues listed previously) during the public exhibition period, from 18 January to 29 February 2012.

Graph 2: Number of surveys completed by day across the data collection period.



Consultation Area

The consultation encompassed the whole Newcastle local government area (LGA). The entire Newcastle Voice panel was invited and promotional activities were aimed at the entire LGA.

The breakdown of the demographics of respondents by suburb is provided in Appendix IV.

It should be noted that being a Newcastle Voice member is voluntary, and therefore participation in its activities is also voluntary.

Key demographics were captured from respondents from the broad community, even though they completed the survey as an anonymous community member.

Participants

The breakdown of the demographics by gender, age and employment status is provided for the Newcastle Voice respondents and anonymous community respondents in Appendix IV. Please note that a limited amount of demographic information was captured for the anonymous broad community.

In brief, Newcastle Voice results (538 responses) show that:

- 9.11% of respondents live in Stockton, 7.62% in Merewether, 6.88% in New Lambton, and 6.13% in Wallsend.
- 35.12% of respondents live in Ward 1, 19.52% in Ward 2, 22.30% in Ward 3 and 16.91% in Ward 4.
- 48.51% of respondents were 55 year or older
- 58.45% of respondents are employed full or part-time, and 32.23% retired.
- 49.90% of respondents have lived in the LGA for 25 years or more.
- The gender split was 46.55% male and 53.45% female

In brief, broader community member results (59 responses) show that:

- 83.05% live in the Newcastle LGA and 6.78% live in the Hunter.
- 57.63% of respondents were 55 years or older
- 64.32% of respondents are employed full or part-time; and 33.9% are retired
- The gender split was 55.93% male and 44.07% female

Representation

The views collected in this report can not be said to be statistically valid however, they represent the views of major stakeholder groups and community members.

Although sampling 2474 Newcastle Voice panel members represents over 1.7% of the Newcastle LGA population, the sampling frame for this survey was not statistically representative of the population.

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

Furthermore, there is a possibility that anonymous community members completed the survey multiple times. The panel management system cannot detect duplicate entries from anonymous respondents, deterring individuals who may have wished to 'stack' the survey results.

Data Analysis & Handling

The data handling and analysis was carried out by Council staff from the Customer Service, Communication and Consultation Service unit. To determine the top ranking priorities among the proposals, the combined percentages of respondents who 'completely' and 'somewhat' agree with proposals were calculated. The strength of response can be read from the graphs at each section.

All responses are treated in confidence to ensure the anonymity of respondents. All are included whole, as they were received, in Appendix VII to XII. Where a comment has been included in the body of the report, it has not been edited for spelling and grammar. No identifying information is included with any responses selected for this report. All comments received are included in Appendix VII to XII.

Response Rate and Survey Design

The survey had 597 responses from two groups:

- 21.74% response rate from Newcastle Voice (538 out of 2474)
- 59 completed surveys were received from members of the broad community. As the survey was not sent to a sample of the broad community, a response rate cannot be calculated.

Findings

Preliminary data analysis revealed marked differences in the data obtained from the anonymous community members versus Newcastle Voice members. As such, in the following sections, results will be presented in combined form where the total number of respondents are (n= 597) and separately where the Newcastle Voice respondents are (n= 538) and the anonymous community members total (n= 59).

Within the group of Newcastle Voice respondents, there were 49 Stockton residents. High level results for these Stockton residents have also been annotated for your reference. Please note, as this is a fairly low number of residents is not adequate to draw conclusions of significance and results must be interpreted with caution.

Appendix VI shows the data set for each of the four groups mentioned herein.

Pitt Street Reserve

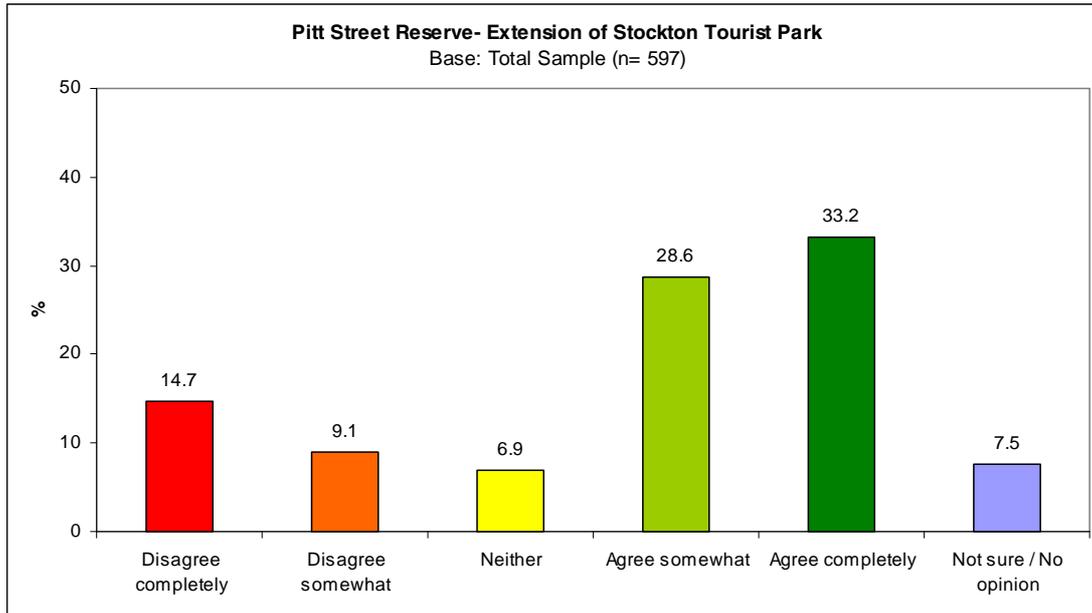
Three aspects of the South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan were assessed in regard to the Pitt Street Reserve:

- expansion of the Stockton Tourist Park,
- skate park relocation to Griffith Park west (assuming the Tourist Park extension proceeds), and
- restricting car access along the edge of Pitt Street Reserve by installing additional bollards.

Expansion of the Stockton Tourist Park

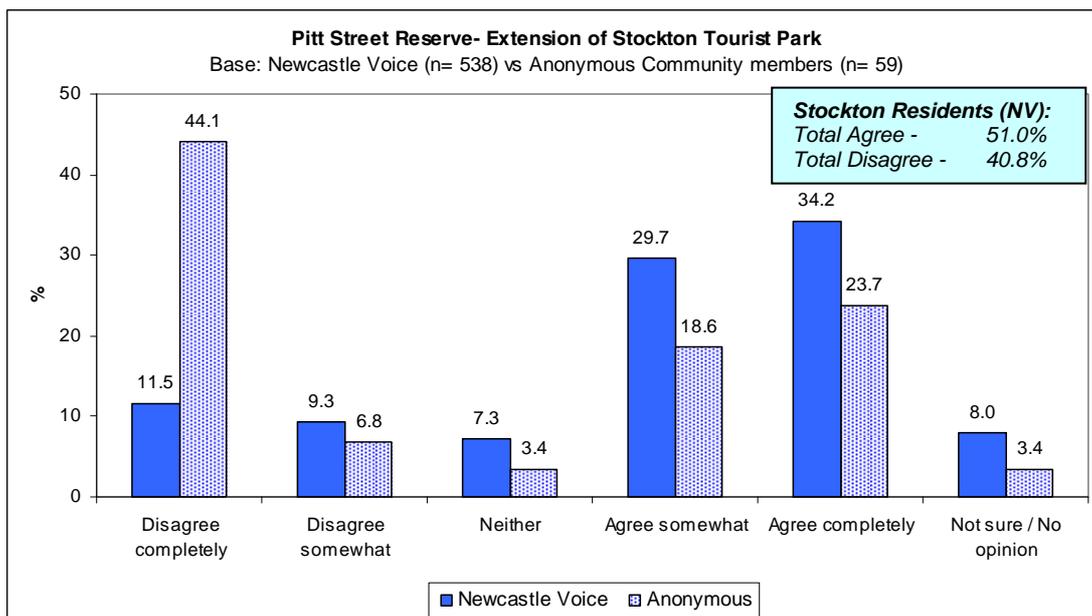
Survey respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement with the proposed expansion of the Stockton Tourist Park, with an additional 25 cabins east of the existing swimming pool. Overall, the majority (61.8%) of respondents were agreeable with the proposal. Just under one-quarter (23.8%) of respondents disagreed with the proposal. The results are presented in Graph 3 below.

Graph 3: Agreement with proposed extension of Stockton Tourist Park



During the analysis it was noted that the anonymous community members were less agreeable with the proposed Stockton Tourist Park extension than the Newcastle Voice respondents. As shown in Graph 4 below, a higher proportion of anonymous community members disagreed with the extension of the Tourist Park with 50.9% indicating that they 'disagree somewhat' or 'disagree completely' with the proposal compared to 20.8% of Newcastle Voice respondents. Of the Newcastle Voice respondents who live in Stockton, the proportion agreeing with the extension of the Tourist Park (51.0%) was greater than those disagreeing (40.8%).

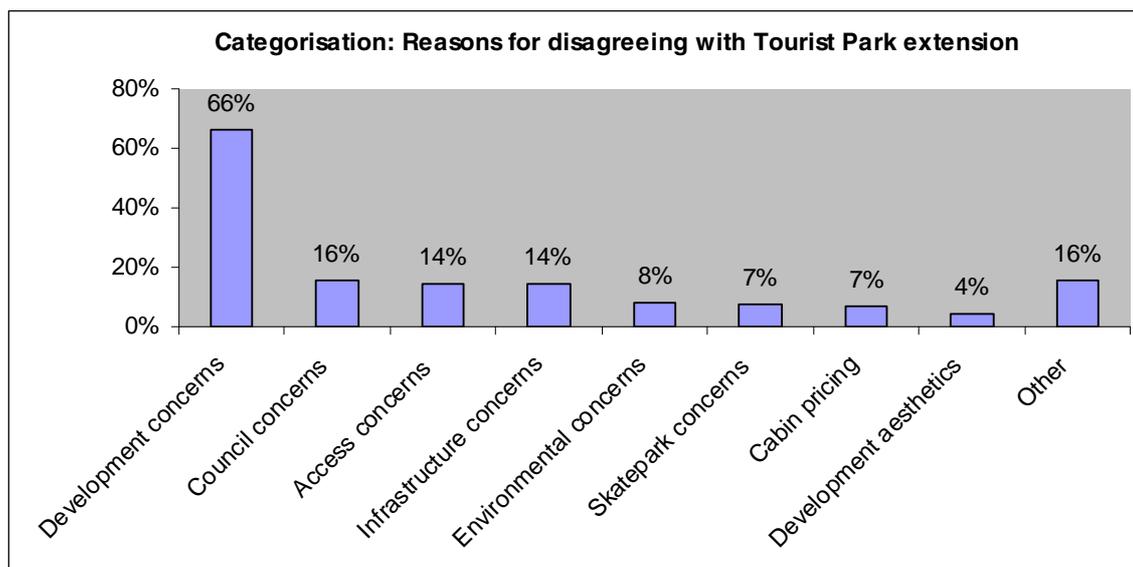
Graph 4: Extension of Tourist Park - Anonymous community members vs Newcastle Voice members



Disagreement with extension of Stockton Tourist Park

Comments left by respondents who disagreed (137 respondents) with the proposed extension of the Tourist Park were grouped into eight categories summarised below in graph 5. Where a response covered a number of topics, the response was categorised into multiple categories accordingly. The table in Appendix VII outlines responses grouped into each category. Please refer to the full listing of categories and the type of comments that fell into each category in Appendix VII.

Graph 5: Categorisation of reasons for disagreeing with Tourist park extension



Development Concerns

Of those disagreeing with the proposed extension, 66% of responses could broadly be classified as concerns regarding the loss of public space and over-development, for example:

- *“Having the tourist park use that land would make the area unusable for the rest of the community ...”*
- *“This is open crown land for the people of Stockton that is used regularly by locals and visitors. Taking this open land for the tourist park development is not right. It is noted only very little of this money generated by this park will be used in Stockton - most of it will be used in other crown land area in Newcastle. So Stockton suffer loss of open space and cabins in seaside location for little return to the local Stockton community.”*
- *“This proposal will take away too much of the public coastal land that community can access and use. This is community land and should be kept as such.”*
- *“25 cabins would be quite a dense development and take up an inordinate amount of green space. Over development is undesirable.”*
- *“The intensification of land usage via building developments on the waterfront of Stockton will take away valuable open space from the whole of Newcastle.”*

Other respondents commented on the Tourist Park being adequate in its current state and that camping and caravan sites may be more appropriate than cabins, as illustrated by the following respondent comments:

- *"...The current tourist park is large for the community and tourists. It seems that the larger majority of the year the current park is not at full capacity."*
- *"There are enough cabins for the Stockton caravan park - if we expand, then the area will continue to grow & more & more area will be needed. Public area, the ballast etc; is well used leave it as is! "*
- *"Requires more camping spots to attract return tourism. Cabins take up more space and tend to be one-offs as far as ongoing tourism is concerned."*
- *"Where is the space for people with caravans/tents? ..."*

Concerns regarding Council

In terms of other broad themes identified, 16% of responses were classified as relating to Council - as simply a Council revenue raising exercise. For example:

- *"This is just a grab for cash by Council."*
- *"I doubt there's a need to expand more cabins to existing STP other than for revenue purposes."*
- *"It is an invasion of public parkland by the council to make a few bucks."*

Access Concerns

Some respondents (14%) commented that the extension to the Tourist Park would limit access to the breakwater, beach and pool:

- *"I am not convinced that we can still have EASY access to the breakwater and our pool."*
- *"The expansion of the park will form a barrier for access to the break wall. While access may be maintained, the physical barrier that expansion will cause will deter people from accessing the area..."*

Infrastructure Concerns

In regard to infrastructure, respondents noted concerns regarding possible increases in traffic as well as noise and parking difficulties associated with the proposed development:

- *"Expansion of the tourist park, together with increased pedestrian & motor traffic, will most probably negatively affect the reserve."*
- *"The is already insufficient public parking in this area & this will only increase competition for it."*
- *"...Noise factor with vehicles and people in the expanded section."*

Other Comments

A small proportion of responses expressed environmental concerns (8%), concerns regarding relocation of the skate park (7%), comments that cabins would be too expensive to hire (7%), as well as other mixed comments.

At a quick glance, the anonymous community members and Newcastle Voice respondents cite different reasons for disagreeing with the proposal to expand the Stockton Tourist Park.

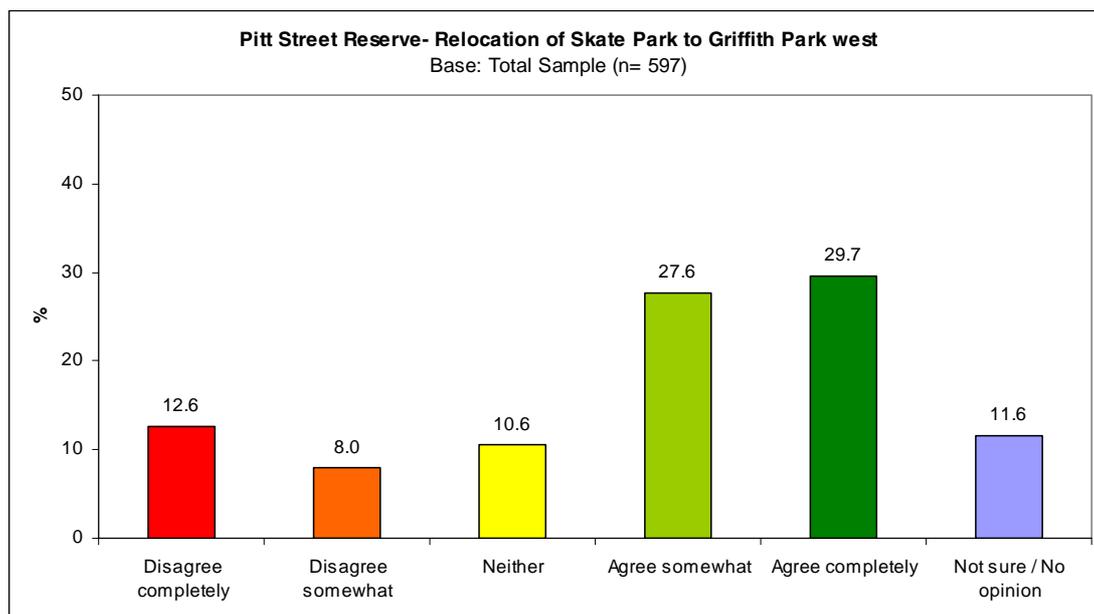
Table 1:

Top 5	Newcastle Voice respondents (n= 105)	Anonymous Community Members (n= 29)
1	Takes away public space / not useable for the community / should be public land	Takes away public space / not useable for the community / should be public land
2	Don't overdevelop / leave things as they are	Don't relocate the skate park
3	Revenue raising / cash grab	Prevents access to the breakwall
4	Use for caravan or camping sites (not cabins)	Don't overdevelop / leave things as they are (
5	Cabins are too expensive for families	Not beneficial for Stockton residents

Relocation of the skate park

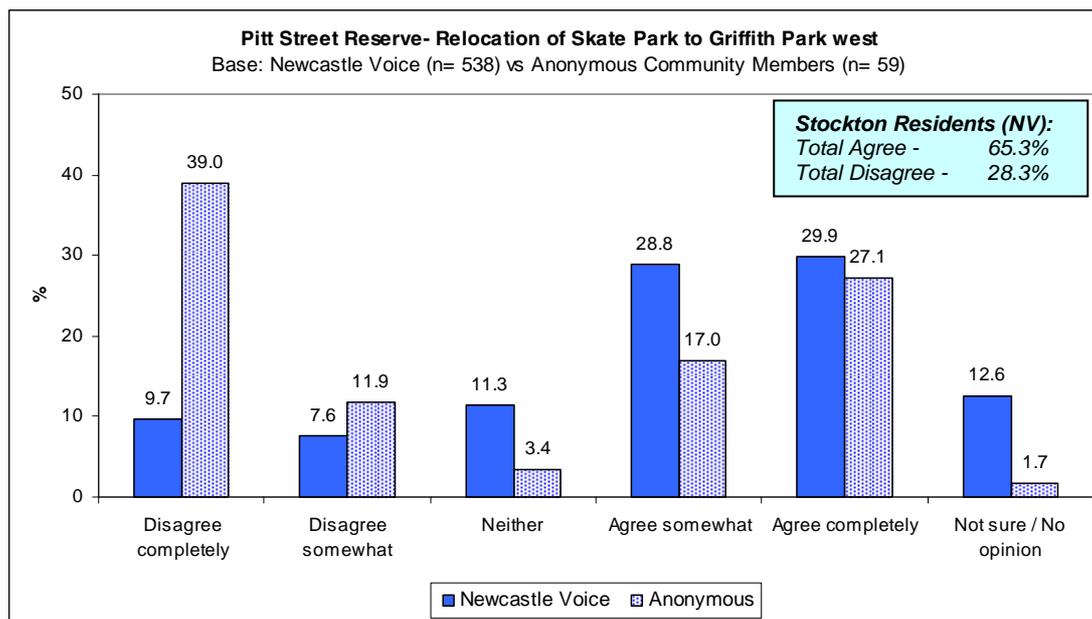
Respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement with the proposal to relocate the skate park from the Pitt St Reserve to Griffith Park West should the proposed extension of the Stockton Tourist Park proceed. Overall, 57.3% of respondents were agreeable with relocation of the skate park, with one-in-five (20.6%) disagreeing.

Graph 6: Agreement with relocation of skate park



Results regarding relocation of the skate park were notably different for anonymous community members, split with 50.9% disagreeing with the proposed relocation of the skate park and 44.1% agreeing. Comparatively, among Newcastle Voice members 58.7% agreed with the relocation. This was even more pronounced among Newcastle Voice members from Stockton, with 65.3% agreeing. These results are summarised below in Graph 7 below.

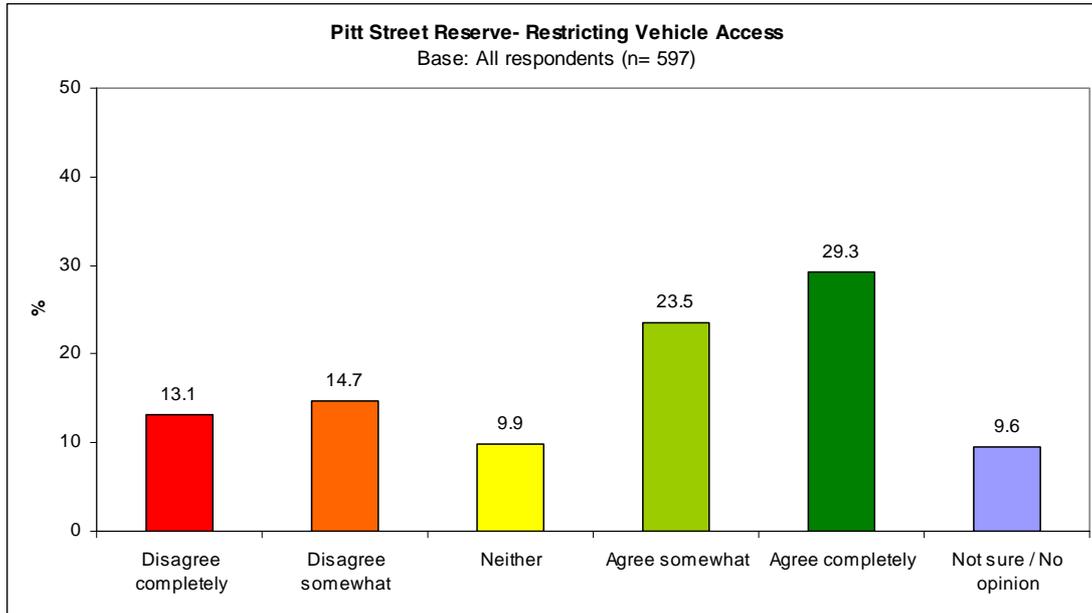
Graph 7: Relocation of skate park- Anonymous community members vs Newcastle Voice members



Restricting car access along Pitt Street Reserve

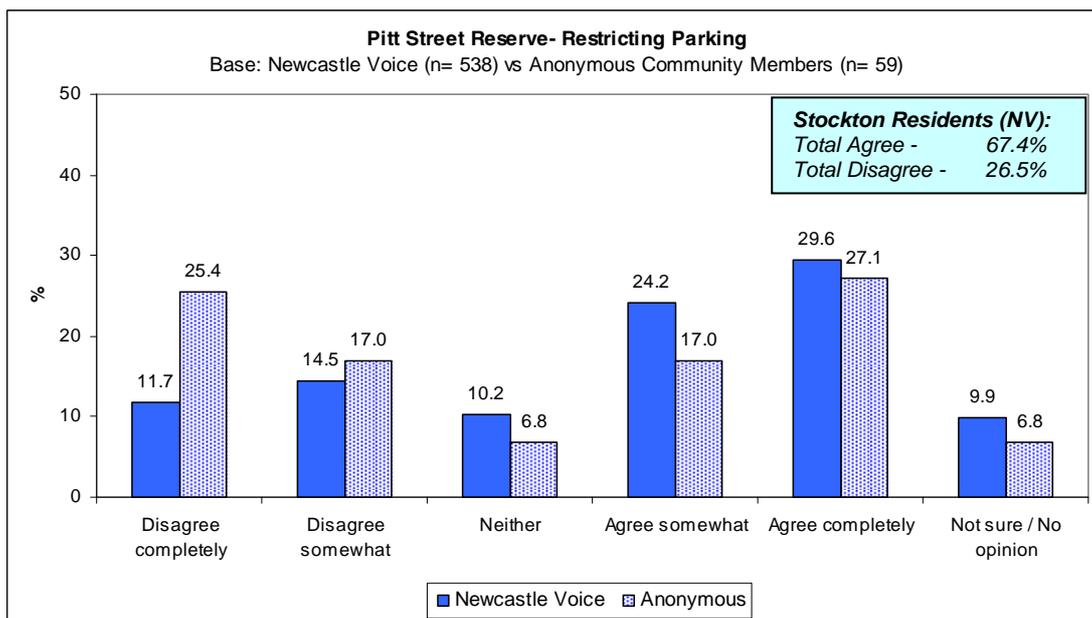
Respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement regarding the proposal to restrict vehicular access along the edge of Pitt Street Reserve with the use of additional bollards. The results from this question are presented in graph 8 below. Overall, just over half (52.8%) of respondents were agreeable with restricting vehicle access. Just over a quarter of respondents (27.8%) disagreed with this proposal.

Graph 8: Agreement with restricting vehicle access to Pitt Street Reserve



The level of agreement among anonymous community members was split, with 44.1% agreeing and 42.4% disagreeing with the proposal to restrict vehicle access. Newcastle Voice members were more favourable to the proposition, with 53.8% agreeing and 26.2% disagreeing. Newcastle Voice members from Stockton were even more favourable, with 67.4% agreeing with the proposal. These results are presented below in graph 9.

Graph 9: Relocation of skate park - Anonymous community members vs Newcastle Voice members



Lion Park

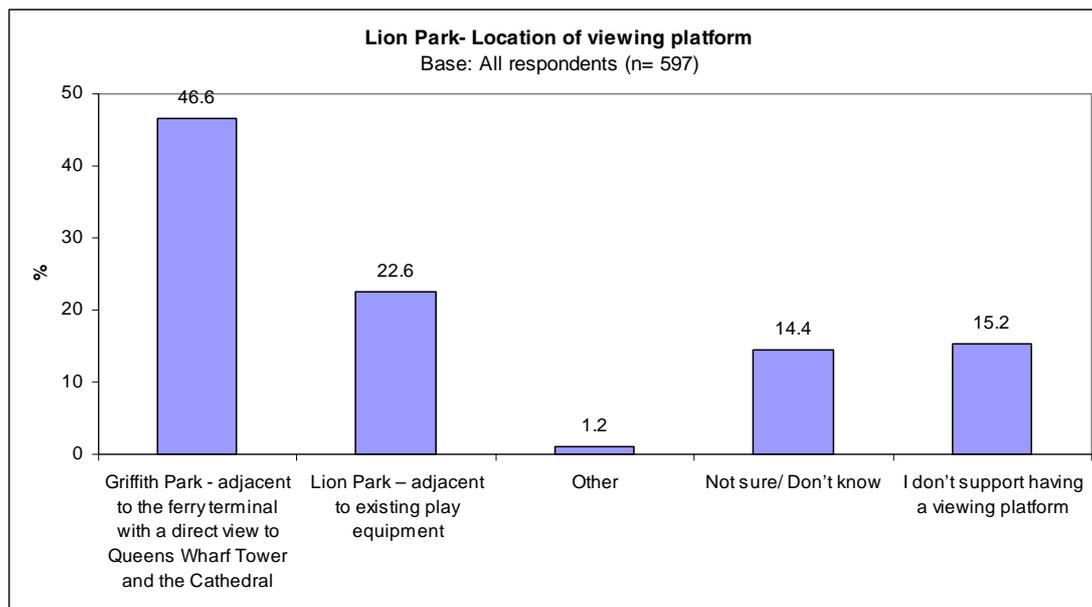
Two aspects of the South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan were assessed in regard to Lion Park:

- possible location for viewing platform; and
- removal of the informal car park located at the site (returning it to a grassed open space).

Foreshore viewing platform

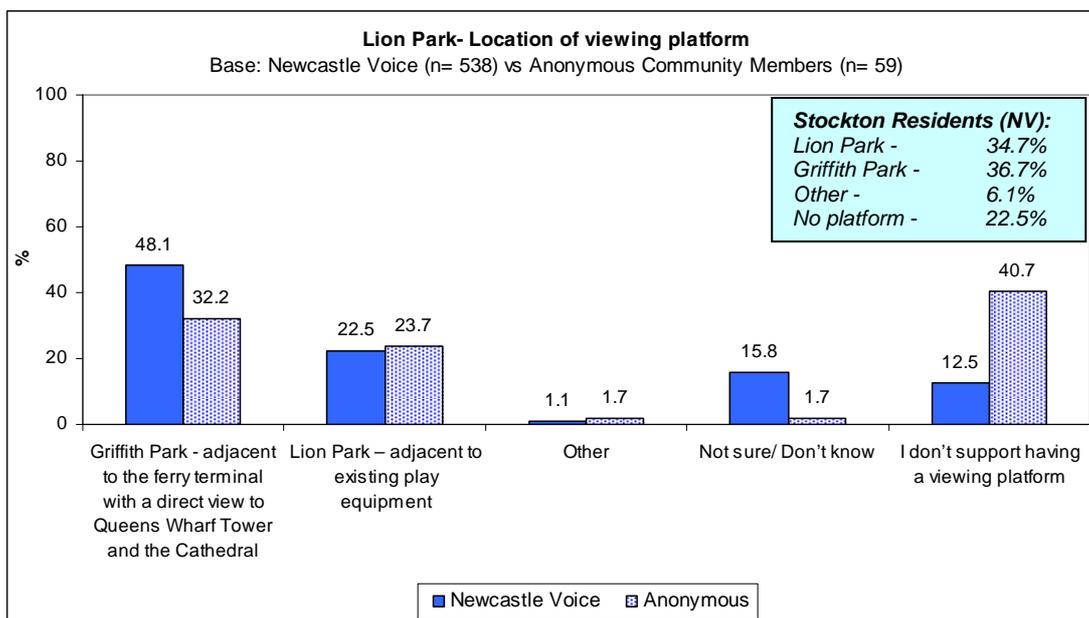
Respondents were asked to nominate their preferred location for a foreshore viewing platform proposed in the South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan. Lion Park and Griffith Park - adjacent to the ferry terminal with a direct view to Queens Wharf Tower and the Cathedral were two options presented to survey respondents. The results from this question are presented below in graph 10.

Graph 10: Preferred location for viewing platform



Griffith Park emerged as the preferred location of the viewing platform receiving endorsement from 46.6% of respondents. This was followed by Lion Park at 22.6%. There was also a notable proportion (15.2%) of respondents not supporting having a viewing platform. As is evident from graph 11 below, more anonymous community members were non-supportive of the viewing platform proposition than the remainder of respondents. However, among anonymous community members who did support the viewing platform, Griffith Park emerged as the preferred location.

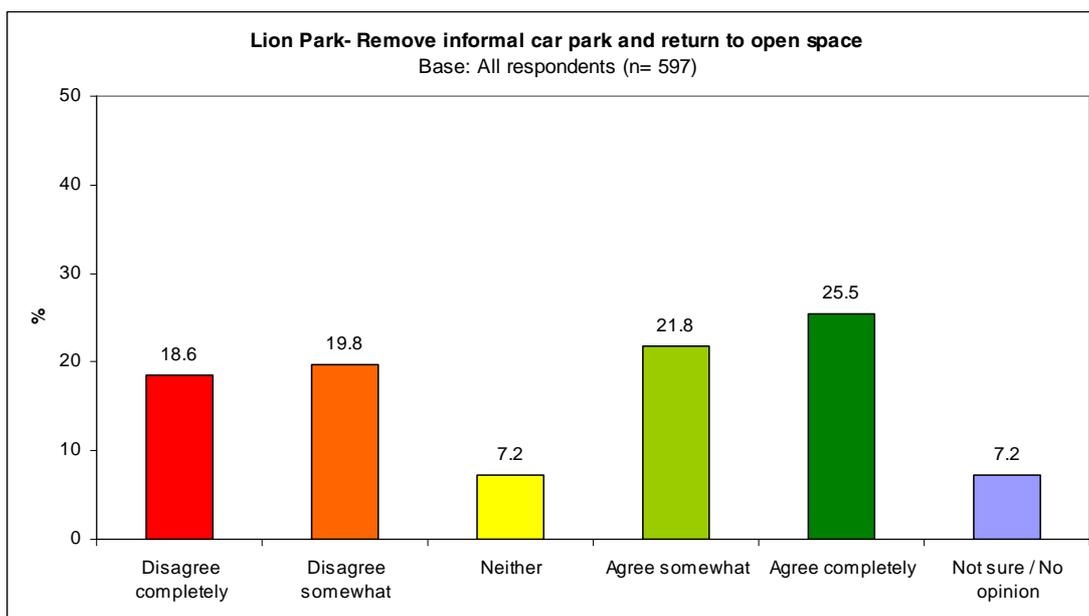
Graph 11: Preferred location for viewing platform - Anonymous community members vs Newcastle Voice members



Return informal car park to open space

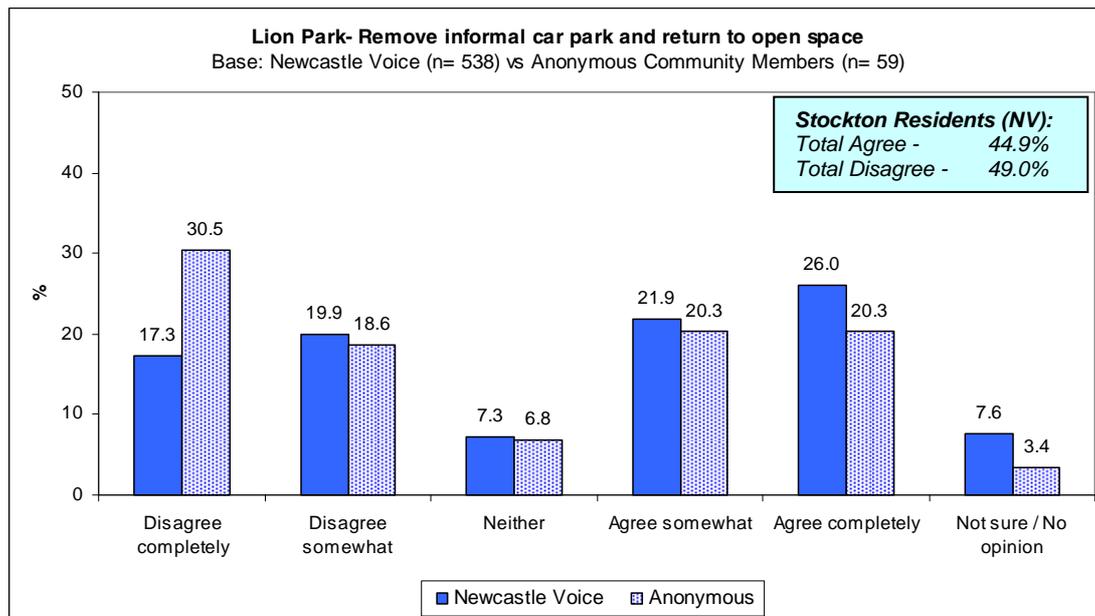
Respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement with a proposal to remove the informal car park at Lion Park and return the area to an open, grassed space. This proposal received mixed support, with 47.3% of respondents agreeing 'somewhat' or 'completely', 38.4% disagreeing 'somewhat' or 'completely', and 14.4% indicating that they neither agreed nor disagreed or where unsure with the return of the informal car park to an open space.

Graph 12: Agreement with removal of informal car park at Lion Park



The anonymous community members were less agreeable to the proposal. Graph 13 below shows that half (49.1%) of anonymous community members disagreed with the proposal compared to 37.2% of Newcastle Voice members. Disagreement among Newcastle Voice members residing in Stockton was also high at 49%.

Graph 13: Lion Park - Removal of informal car park- Anonymous community members vs Newcastle Voice members



Griffith Park

Aspects of the South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan assessed in regard to Griffith Park were:

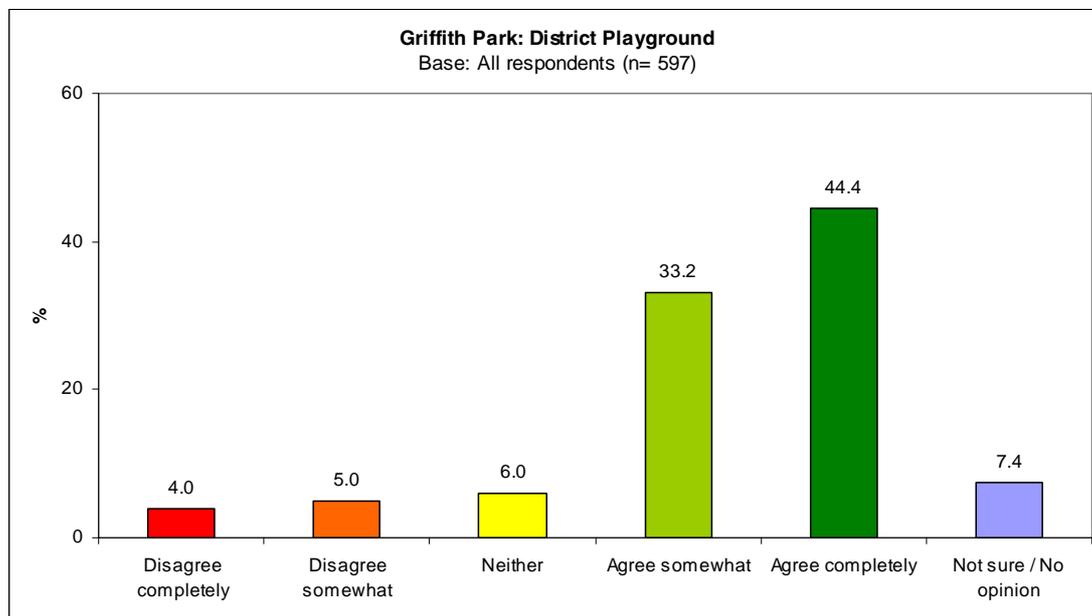
- proposed addition of all-ages district playground to Griffith Park,
- proposed multi-purpose community centre, and
- several aspects related to the proposed community centre including possible relocation of the library, a proposed café at the centre, and the introduction of timed parking in the area

District playground

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement with the proposed district playground at Griffith Park. The majority (77.6%) of respondents were agreeable with the proposal. Support for the playground proposal is illustrated in the comment below:

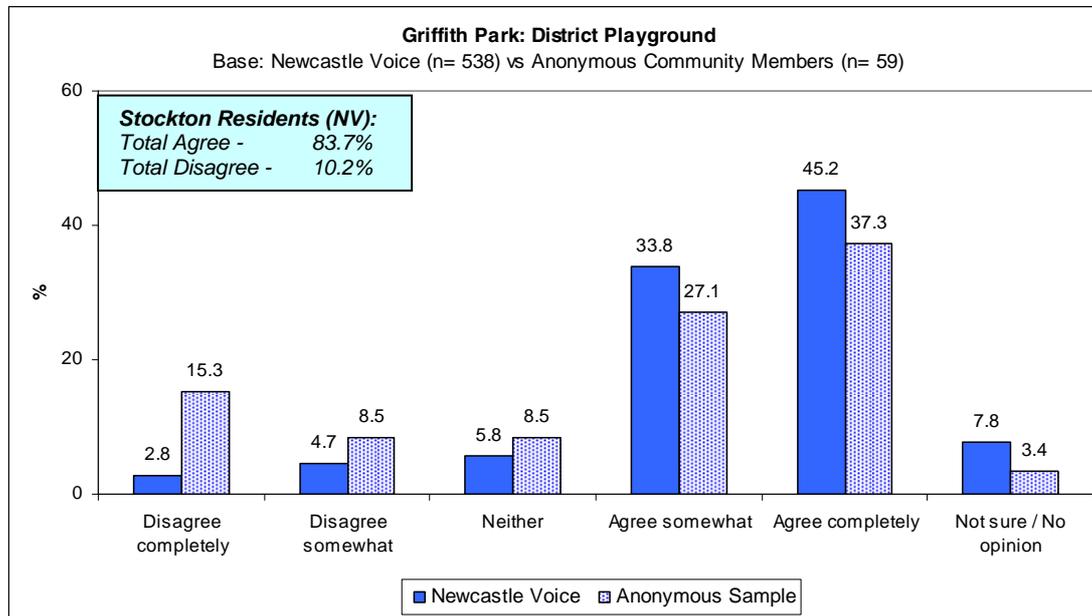
- *“The all ages playground is a wonderful idea. Speers Point Park playground and cafe is a great success and it would be nice for more of these types of areas to pop up in and around Newcastle for all to enjoy (ie, both kids and parents and grandparents)!”*

Graph 14: Agreement with proposed playground at Griffith Park



There were no marked differences between the groups of survey respondents, with all indicating high levels of support for the proposal - Newcastle Voice members (79% agreeable), Newcastle Voice members from Stockton (83.7% agreeable) and anonymous community members (64.4% agreeable). The results are shown in graph 15 below.

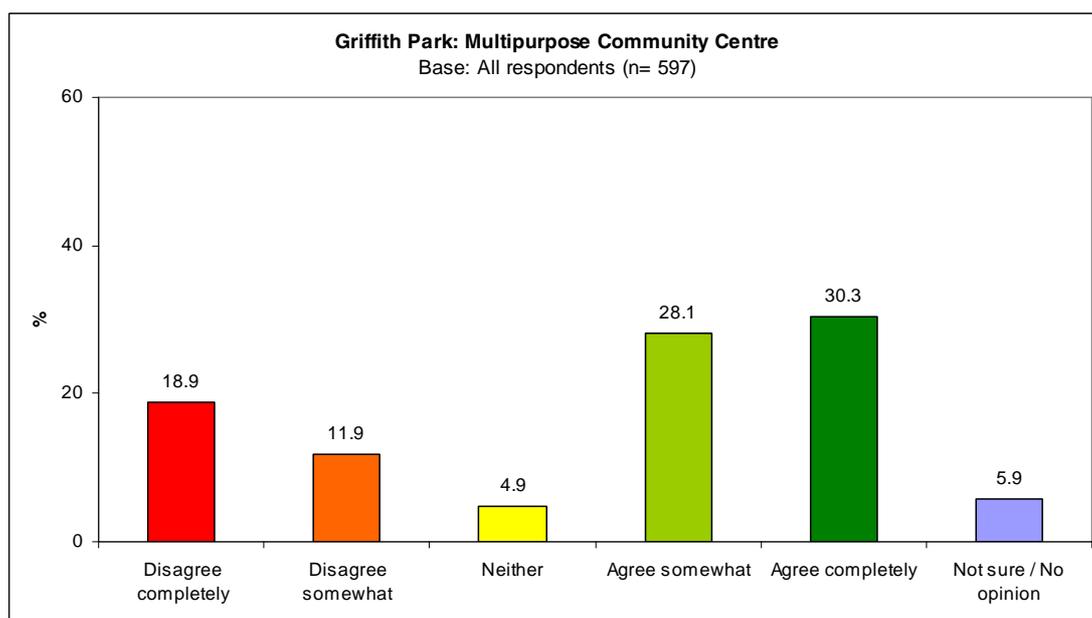
Graph 15: Griffith Park - playground- Anonymous community members vs Newcastle Voice members



Multi-purpose community centre

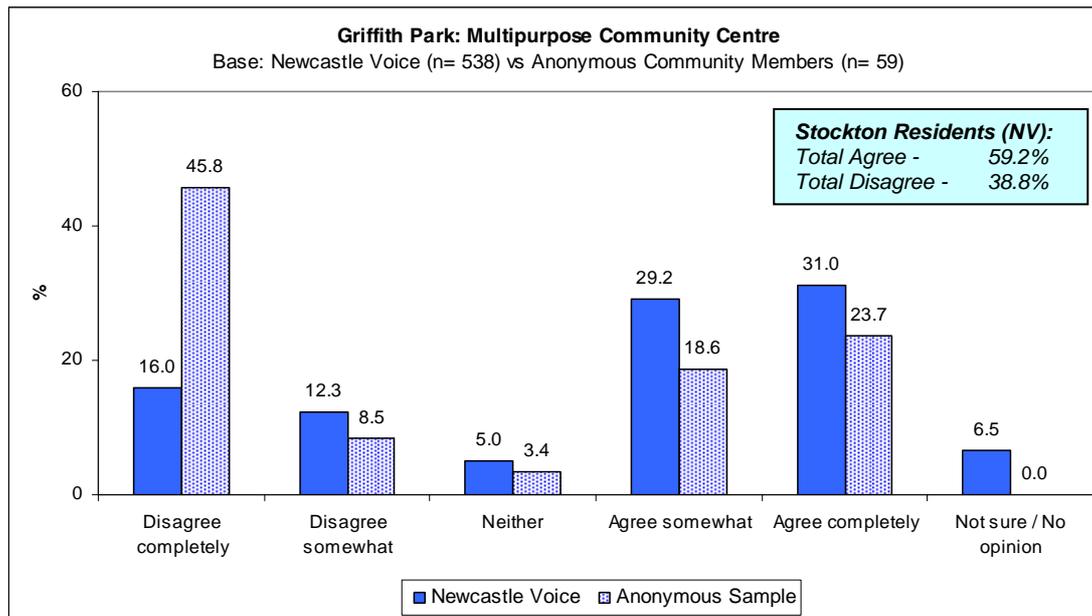
Respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement with a proposed single story multi-purpose community centre, incorporating the library and a café centre on the waterfront. Overall 58.4% of respondents were agreeable with the proposed community centre. However, approximately one-third (30.8%) of survey respondents disagreed with the proposal.

Graph 16: Agreement with Multipurpose Community Centre at Griffith Park



Analysis by Newcastle Voice members versus anonymous community members showed divergent results. Amongst the anonymous community members, 54.2% disagreed with the proposed community centre. The level of disagreement amongst Newcastle Voice members was lower in comparison, at 28.3% for all Newcastle Voice members and 38.8% amongst Newcastle Voice members from Stockton. These results are shown below in graph 17.

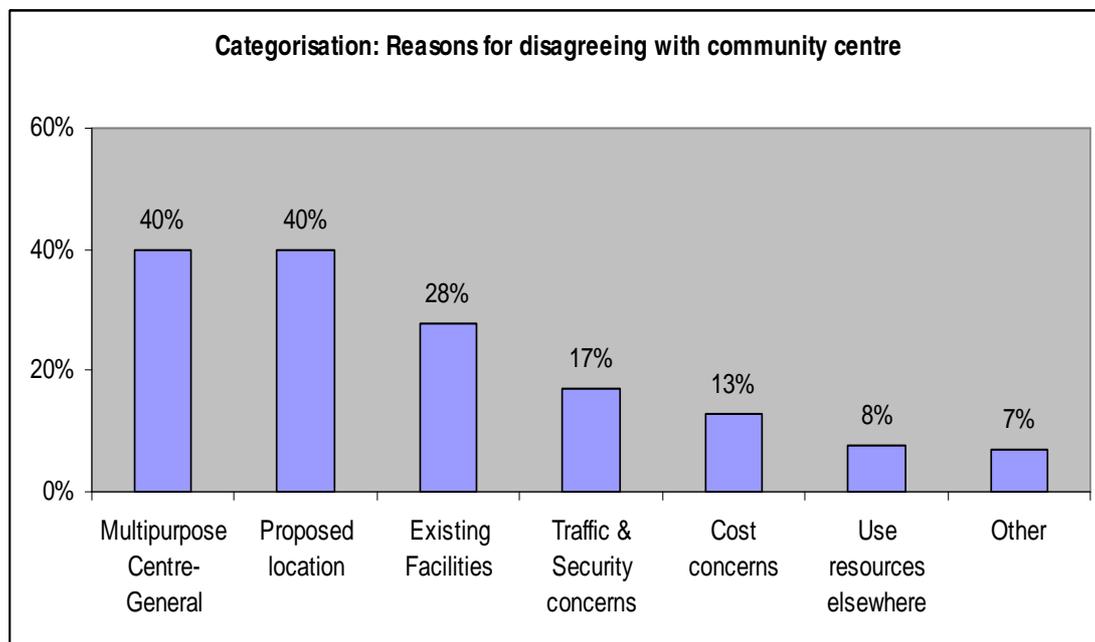
Graph 17: Griffith Park - Multipurpose Community Centre - Anonymous community members vs Newcastle Voice members



Disagreement with multi-purpose community centre

Comments left by respondents who disagreed (170 respondents) with the proposed extension of the proposed multi-purpose community centre were grouped into six categories summarised below in graph 18. Where a response covered a number of topics, the response was categorised into multiple categories accordingly. The table in Appendix X outlines responses grouped into each category. Please refer to the full listing of categories and the type of comments that fell into each category in Appendix X.

Graph 18: Categorisation of reasons for disagreeing with community centre



Multi-purpose community centre- General Comments

Of those disagreeing with the proposed community centre, 40% of responses were classified as general comments regarding the centre, relating to supporting the centre (but not the waterfront location), whether the centre is needed / will be used, and concerns regarding ongoing maintenance. For example:

- *"I don't disagree with the need for a multi-purpose centre; I totally disagree with the need for it to be on the waterfront."*
- *"I object to ANY unnecessary alienation of waterfrontage. A community centre elsewhere is a great idea."*
- *"Not the right place as this site is at the end of Stockton. The centre would be better located at a more central place for access by all residents including pensioners not just the yuppies who can afford living on the harbour. On the Ballast between the old gantry wharf and scout hall and the old slip near the Boatrowers Hotel."*
- *"Is there a demonstrated need for a multi-purpose community centre in this location?"*
- *"My questions are concerning who would use this centre? What groups would be accessing the centre? Would the centre be accessible for everyone in Newcastle? Who would maintain the centre and be responsible for it? Is there a demand for this centre? Or, after a few years it would turn into a white elephant?...."*
- *"Will it actually be used and maintained? i.e. Will budget available for programmes and care after it is built? Or will it become an area for bored youth to gather and drink etc.? Also, will it be built so as to be integrated with the area, not stick out like a cheap, sore thumb?"*
- *"Does the council really need a community centre in this area or has a real need been identified..."*
- *"I don't think that it will be used. We don't need it."*

Proposed Location

In addition to those who indicated they support the centre but not the location, there were a number of responses (40%) that expressed concerns regarding the proposed area (without specifically mentioning whether they supported the centre or not). These responses formed the second category, where key themes included leaving the area as open parkland and not developing the area, such as:

- *“We need the foreshore kept free from development so that it doesn't end up like the mess near Fanny's with the hotel and town houses blocking the harbour.”*
- *“It is time to stop building concrete buildings on the Foreshore. Look at the Newcastle side Foreshore - nothing but concrete buildings - a complete eyesore.”*
- *“It would spoil the view of the Newcastle skyline not to mention the fact that the waterfront should be accessible to all people, all of the time.”*
- *“The area on the water should be kept as park land to be used by everyone not just people who can afford to hire the community centre.”*
- *“What do you mean by on the water front? How close? Does it block access and vista for the public space? A green verge is more important than a brick blob.”*
- *“Space on the waterfront to be left open for community use eg parks”*

Other respondents commented on the proposed location being inaccessible and not central, with some indicating that the development may restrict views, for example:

- *“I don't think this is the ideal position for the community centre. it is too far from the shopping centre.”*
- *“...Community centres can be put anywhere in Stockton but it should be nearer the centre of the suburb so that the housing commission residents to the north of the suburb are not disadvantaged.”*
- *“Another ploy from council to take away views of the area local residents have had for years.”*
- *“Council have, for several years, built property on the water front, blocking visual accesses to all...”*
- *“Did Stockton ask for this? A community centre on the outer edge of the community?”*

Existing Facilities

The third category that emerged during the analysis was in relation to existing facilities available to the community, mentioned in 28% of response. Here, respondents argued that existing facilities already serve the purpose of the proposed community centre, that the new centre may take business away from existing facilities, and that the money would be better spent improving existing facilities in the community:

- *“The foreshore is not the place to build a community centre. There are other facilities at Stockton that could be used for the community eg the surf club, bowling club, RSL club. Why not put money into updating the surf club instead of building a new building.”*
- *“There are a number of non council facilities that can and should be used by the community including school halls etc. Council money should be used on maintaining existing infrastructure not building more that would require further maintenance.”*
- *“There is no need. Improve the facilities we have which is central to everything.”*
- *“There are plenty of underutilised buildings in Stockton “CBD” already - better to buy & refurbish existing buildings. No need to build on open space.”*

Some respondents specifically mention the existing library, for example:

- *“I prefer libraries to be closer to town to be more accessible....”*
- *“... Leave library where it is as many people walk to the library and shops, or park once for both.”*
- *“The Stockton library borrowers need and want a library facility close to the shopping centre. They do not want to travel a distance to the library...”*

It is worth noting that while comments relating to existing facilities accounted for only 28% of responses overall, among anonymous community members this proportion was much higher at 87%. There is strong sentiment among anonymous community members that the focus should be on the use and improvement of existing facilities rather than the development of a new community centre, as illustrated in the following comment from one anonymous respondent:

- *“The current library is of sufficient size for the community and has very low usage. There is no need for a community hall as the local church and Masonic halls provide space also the RSL has a hall space and it would be better to use this space to support local business. The installation of a cafe will detract from the local business’ which already provide this service. If visitors come across on the ferry and can get food and drinks, they would have no need to move further into the community. The current ferry wharf facilities are more than adequate for the volume of people who use the service. Any construction of this type would block the view for those people who currently look towards the city from their houses (note I live in north Stockton not this area). Having spoken to community members I believe that the area of Griffiths Park was ‘Never to be built on’. Why would you reduce the parking at the ferry terminal and also introduce timed parking? Surely we would want to encourage people to use the ferry service. The current size of the parking facility seems to be adequate for the every day commuters and weekend traffic. A shared zone for the bus turning bay seems unnecessary & could introduce a potential pedestrian vehicle accident, especially if the play area is to be constructed. The current arrangement clearly defines the roadway and the pedestrian walkways.”*

Traffic and Security Concerns

Just under one-fifth (17%) of respondents provided comments relating to traffic, security and parking concerns, and these formed the fourth category identified during the analysis. The number of comments of this nature was much higher among the anonymous community at 43%. The following comments illustrate:

- *“Visitors to Stockton may not venture beyond this centre and experience the rest of Stockton. The centre would be a magnet for graffiti and vandalism, particularly when ferry stopped running for the night. Would clutter area and detract from sense of serenity and openness of location. Rearrangement of road and parking conditions would adversely impact on commuters and residents.”*
- *“There is already a community centre available and it doesn't need to be on the foreshore. Parking around the foreshore will become a problem and the building which will be isolated will be subject to vandalism.”*
- *“The current proposal requires the removal of car parking spaces, and introduction of timed (eventually paid!) parking, which will discourage use of the ferry and increase vehicle traffic into Newcastle along an already heavily congested road.”*

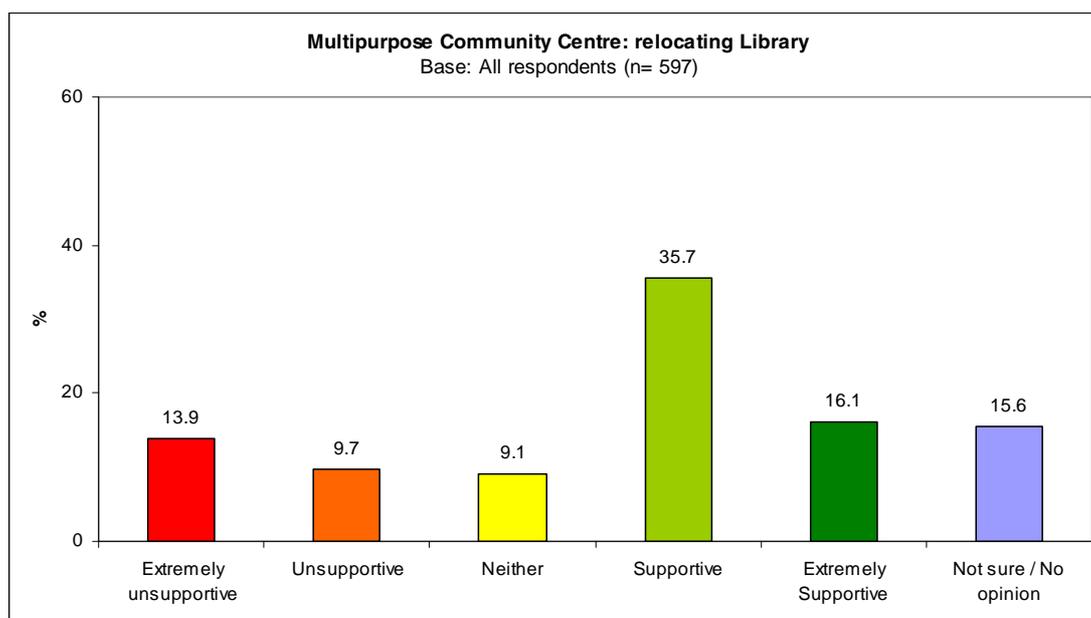
Other Comments

Other comments related to cost. Many mentioned that the proposal was a waste of money, with the cost outweighing the benefits, and that the resources would be better used elsewhere (with both the western suburbs and Hunter Street/Newcastle CBD receiving specific mention).

Multi-purpose community centre: Relocation of library

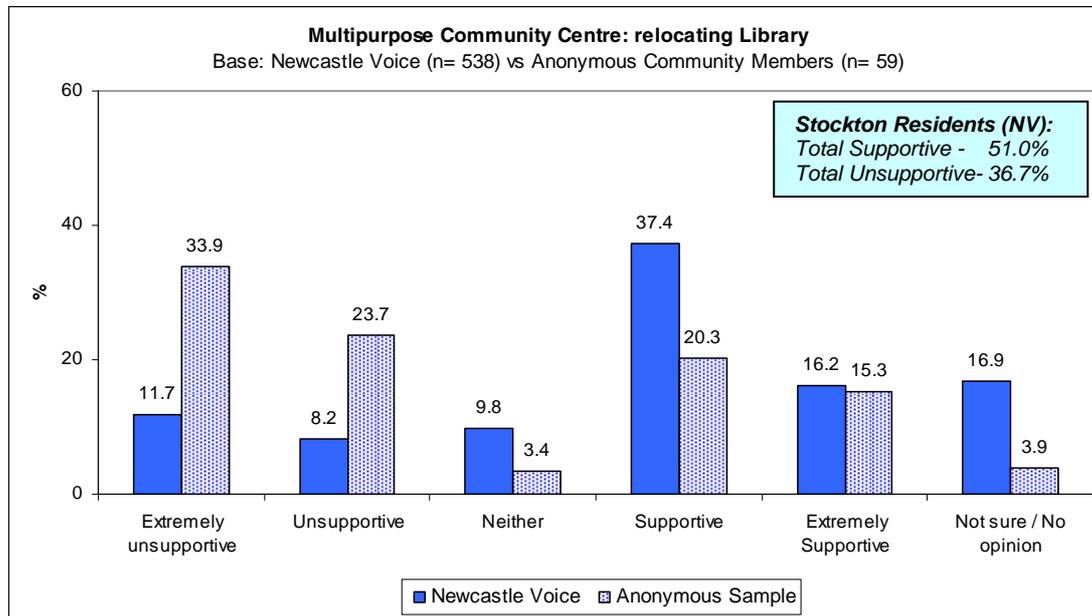
Respondents were asked to indicate their support the idea of combining an expanded branch library as part of the new centre, closing the existing Stockton Library on King Street. Just over half (51.8%) of the respondents agreed with this proposal, with 23.6% disagreeing.

Graph 19: Support for library relocation (should Community Centre proceed)



Over 57% of anonymous community members were not supportive of relocating the library. Looking at the Newcastle Voice members living in Stockton, 37% indicated that they were either extremely unsupportive or unsupportive of the proposition. Comparatively, a small percentage of Newcastle Voice respondents (19.9%) stated that they were not supportive of the library relocation.

Graph 20: Multi-purpose community centre - library relocation- Anonymous Community members vs Newcastle Voice members.



Some respondents commented that they had concerns with the elderly accessing the library in the proposed new location:

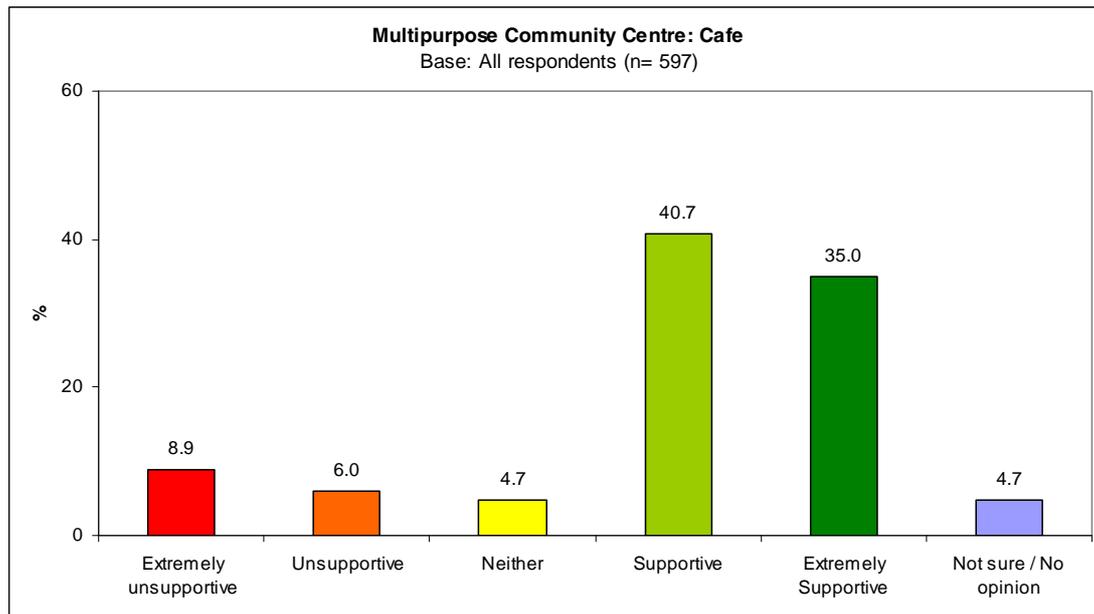
- *“Regarding the proposal to include the library as part of the multipurpose community centre, the older residents of Stockton should be considered in accessibility to the library and since Newcastle libraries are not open on Sundays or public holidays, is there a point in having it located near the ferry wharf?”*
- *“Most elderly people incorporate their shopping trip with a visit to the library which is lovely & central.”*

Multi-purpose community centre: Café

Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, respondents were asked if they would support the idea of combining a café as part of the new centre. Results show strong support for the café with 75.7% supporting the proposal overall. From review of open-ended responses, one of the reasons the café proposition is perceived as appealing is that it is seen as giving a sense of purpose to a Stockton visit, for example:

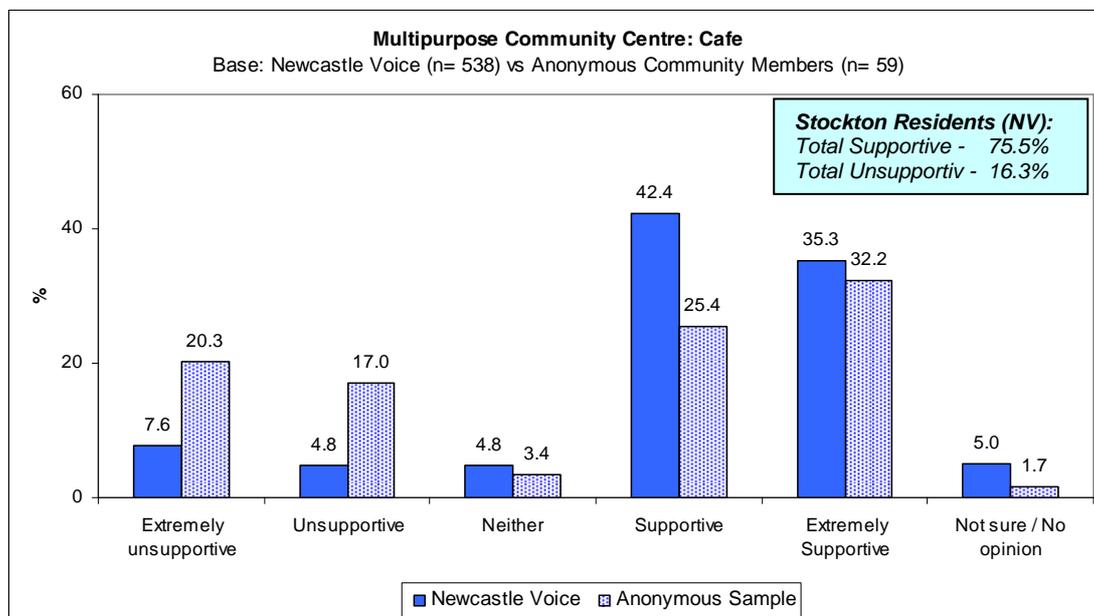
- *“... Tourists & travellers are ALWAYS looking for somewhere for a cool drink, snack coffee etc. without having to walk to Stockton shops. Top idea!”*
- *“I don't frequent Stockton often, however we did take visitors from Sydney across on the ferry recently. There is "nothing" on the other side, without a long walk. I support the idea of a playground and some sort of cafe type facility within proximity of the ferry terminal”*

Graph 21: Support for café (should community centre proceed)



On balance, the different groups supported or highly supported the proposal for an inclusion of a café - anonymous community members (57.6%) and Stockton residents (75.5%), as illustrated in graph 22 below.

Graph 22: Multi-purpose community centre- café- Anonymous Community members vs Newcastle Voice members.



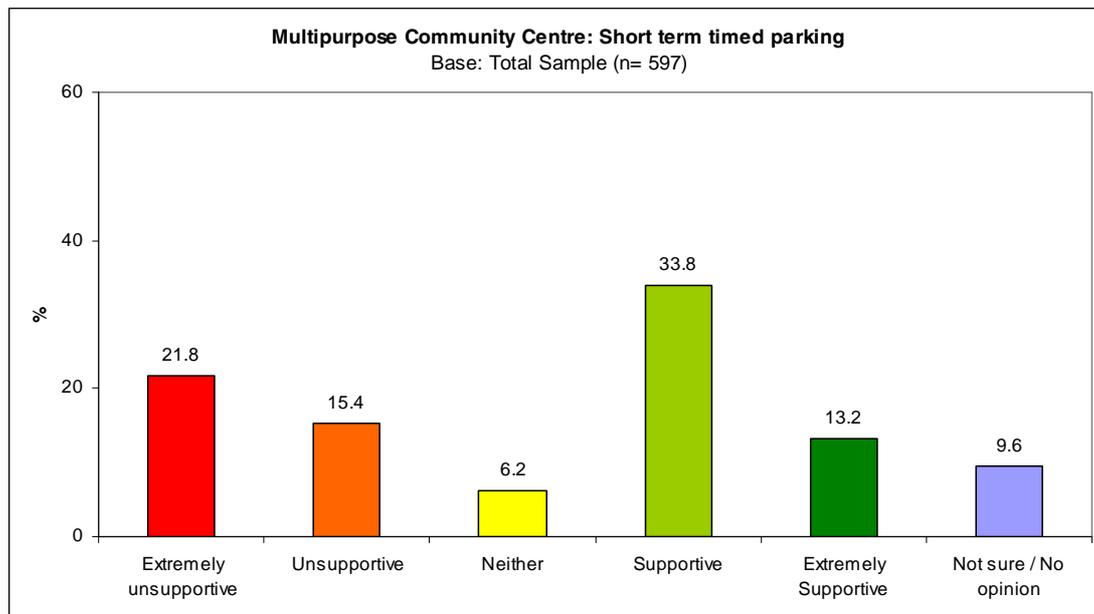
Multi-purpose community centre: Short-term timed parking

The existing car park at the ferry terminal is at capacity during the week (with people parking all day) but not during the weekend. All day parking is also catered for around the perimeter of the reserves with informal parking available.

Respondents were asked to indicate their support for the proposal that part of the existing car park at the ferry terminal have short-term, timed parking available (at no cost). Support for this proposal was moderate (47%), with 37.2% of respondents not supportive of the idea. The following respondent comments illustrate scepticism regarding parking remaining free and commuter needs not being met:

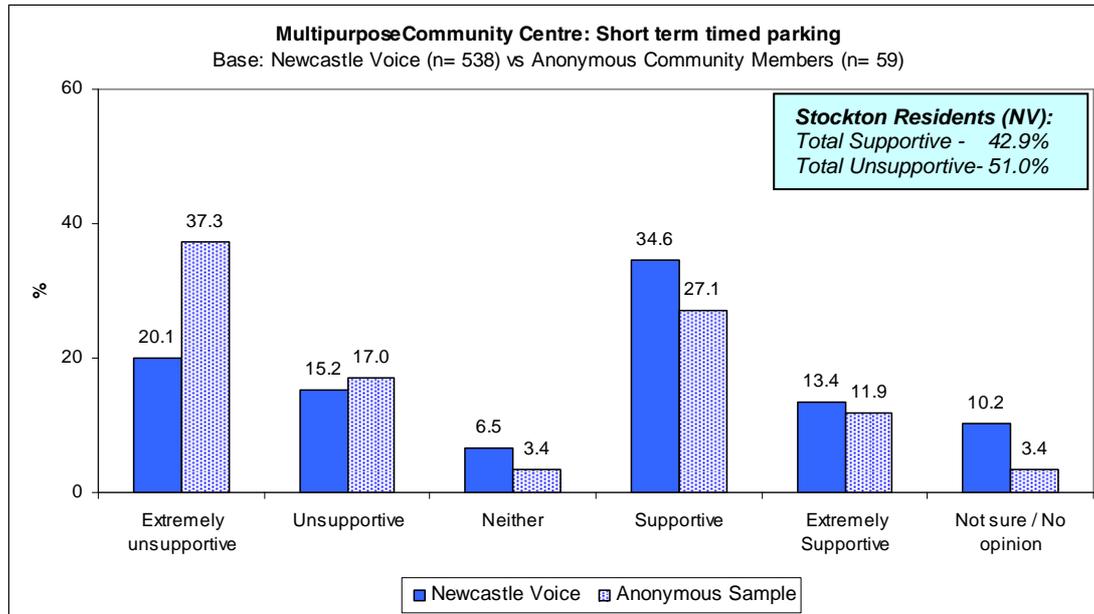
- *“It is important that commuters who park all day, because of work or travel do not lose parking close to ferry terminal and that it remains free. All day parking at some distance from ferry invites theft & vandalism (my family have experienced this).”*
- *“We should be encouraging the use of the ferry, not discouraging it. While it is stated that the parking will not be charged, it is obvious that timed parking will eventually lead to paid parking as Council try to raise additional revenue. Stockton contributes more than their fair share to the Newcastle community, its time to start giving back”*
- *“We all know Newcastle council cannot be trusted once these changes are done then the parking metres will come into it and then the whole idea of going to spend family time at Stockton will not be viable for families trying to make ends meet if you persist in these changes leave out the bloody paid parking metres.”*

Graph 23: Support for short-term timed parking (should Community Centre proceed)



These results were amplified among anonymous community members and Stockton residents, with 54.3% and 51.0% respectively unsupportive of short term timed parking as shown in graph 24.

Graph 24: Multi-purpose community centre- Short-term timed parking- Anonymous Community members vs Newcastle Voice members.

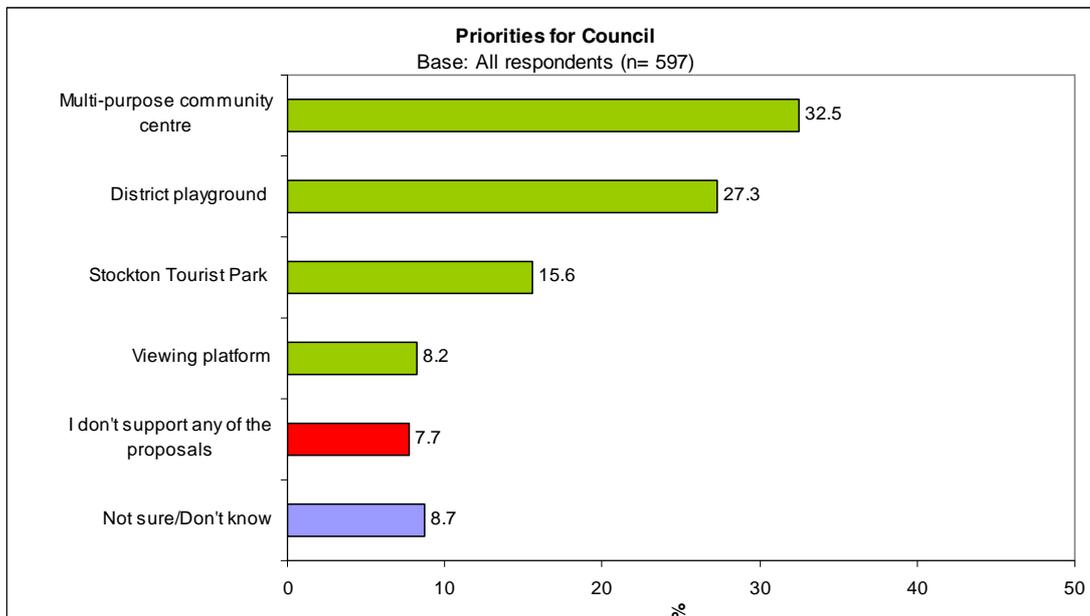


Proposed Projects - Priorities for Council

Respondents were given the opportunity to indicate which of the proposed projects should proceed first. The results for this question are presented below in graph 25.

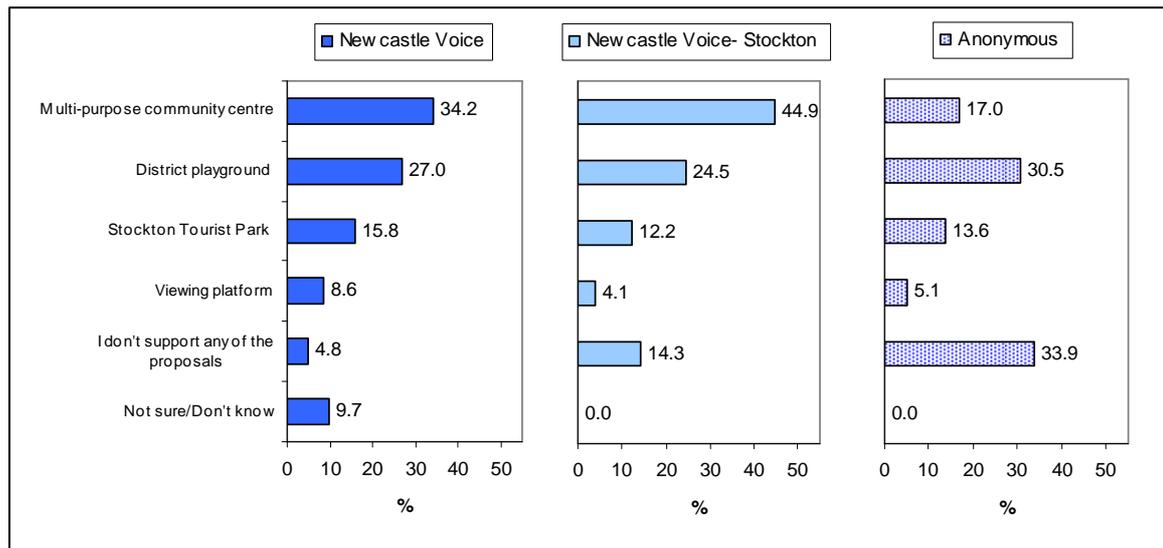
Overall, the multi-purpose community centre (including the library and café) received the greatest level of support with 32.5% of respondents indicating this should be the first priority for Council. The district level playground was next with 27.3% of respondents nominating this as the first project for development. Comparatively, the Stockton Tourist Park extension and viewing platform received fewer endorsements at 15.6% and 8.2% respectively. A small number of respondents (7.7%) indicated that they don't support any of the proposals.

Figure 25: Proposed Project- Priorities



Looking at the results by group, Newcastle Voice and the smaller groups of Newcastle Voice Stockton residents, ranked the top three projects identically. Among anonymous community members, support for the playground was evident, with 30.5% of these respondents nominating this project as the first priority. However, 33.9% of anonymous community members indicated that they do not support any of the proposals.

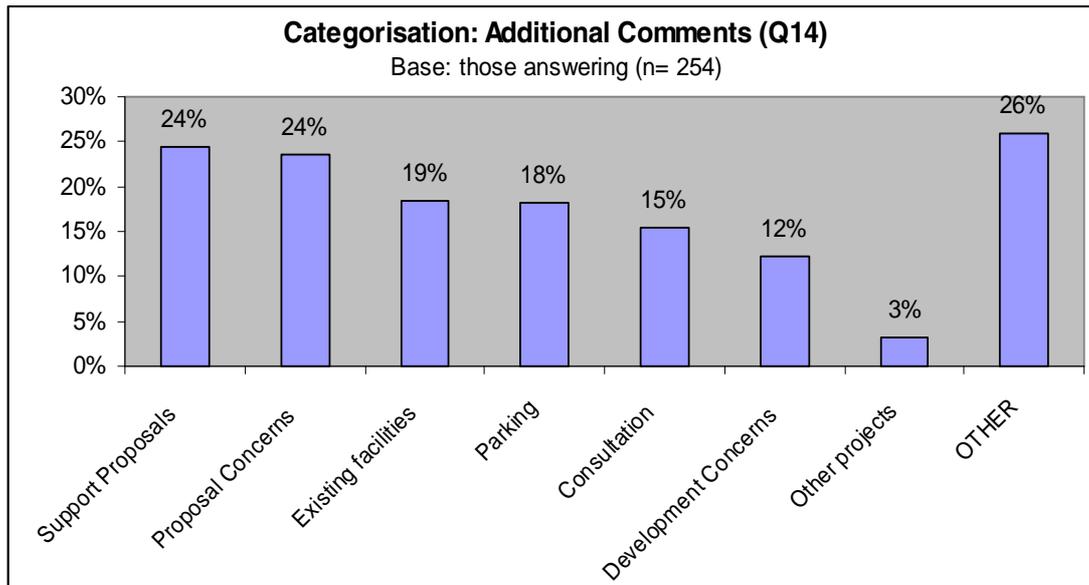
Graph 26: Proposed Project Priorities- Anonymous Community members vs Newcastle Voice members



Other Comments

Respondents were given the opportunity to leave additional comments regarding the South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan. In total, 254 respondents left a comment representing 42.5% of respondents. The types of comment left were diverse, some relating to the proposals and others were on topics not specifically addressed in the survey. Responses were categorised into seven broad categories, this is summarised below in graph 27.

Graph 27: Categorisation of reasons for disagreeing with community centre



Given the diverse range of responses, the 'other' category includes those responses that didn't fit neatly in the other broad categories. As with other open ended questions in the survey, responses covering multiple topics were categorised into multiple categories (so the one response may be categorised under parking and other for example). The table in Appendix XI shows all categories and the types of comments that fell into each. Each category is discussed in turn in the following sections.

Support for Proposals

On the whole, 24% of additional comments related broadly to supporting the proposals. The types of responses falling into this category were mentions of specific proposals, overall support, and calls for the proposals to be developed quickly. For example:

- *“All proposals show foresight and aesthetic community infrastructure development. Tourist park cabins are a fantastic idea and will attract tourists looking for quality accommodation in a great location. Cafe and view platform also supported - make sure they are well run and have interesting fare!”*
- *“Excellent prepared proposal, Stockton needs this development. Some of the profits from the tourist park extension should be given directly to improvements in Stockton.”*
- *“I completely support the development proposals that increase visitation and usage of the foreshores and parks on the north side of the hunter river.”*
- *“Turning Stockton into a more attractive destination is a great idea. The library and cafe would attract me to the area more often. The extension of the park may encourage me to book a group holiday there for an international exchange organisation that I volunteer for.”*
- *“I believe that a cafe at the ferry is a good idea, as this is good for tourists and locals alike....”*
- *“I love the idea of a district level playground and the community centre/library. As a resident of Stockton with a young child I think that our family would get a great deal of use from these facilities and that they would enhance Stockton's already good community atmosphere.”*
- *“The plans look pretty good to me, just get on and get it done, don't listen to minority group or the do gooders if you do nothing will get done....”*

Concerns with Proposals

Contrary to comments supporting the proposals, 24% of comments were expressions of concern regarding the proposals. The type of responses included in this category were mixed, including inadequate toilet/shade/picnic facilities, the proposed projects being a waste of money, and the proposals not taking into account age and disability needs.

- *“Include as part of works improved picnic facilities ie covered tables etc”*
- *“More trees for shade - eg. picnics, seats and tables in open shelters”*
- *“...Adequate toilet and washing facilities. Adequate tree areas for shade. Adequate play areas for children etc...”*
- *“Toilet facilities at Lions Park are badly needed. Walk to ferry toilets to far for some.”*
- *“It seems I have to keep saying this to the council but STOP SPENDING MONEY, unless of course you have discovered a gold mine under Hunter St in which case we should be expecting a rate cut. If you have not got it, don't spend it”*
- *“Just another example how NCC wastes ratepayers' money.”*
- *“Any proposal should be in the interest of the whole Stockton community including the older residents. Access for the older & physically impaired is a priority responsibility of all of us”*
- *“Have the transport needs of older citizens been considered in the proposal to move the library further away from residential area?...”*

Comments regarding Existing Facilities

Comments regarding existing facilities represent 19% of responses. Half of the 19% were comments regarding the proposed library relocation:

- *“A library on the waterfront is too far away from everybody. I like the king st library, its central.”*
- *“... I think that the library should be elsewhere, as this would create parking problems...”*
- *“... The library should be maintained in its current location to support the commercial precinct...”*
- *“...Relocating the library and building a community centre, however, would be ridiculous, as the people who want to access these types of services are better served with the current structures in the middle of the town. Children, families and elderly people are much more likely to use these services where they are currently located....”*

Other comments in regard to existing facilities included calls to improve the current main street shopping area, concerns regarding relocating the skatepark, the proposals not being in keeping with the Stockton 'feel', and concerns regarding the proposed café. For example:

- *"I do not want to see the Stockton reserves over administrated and full of buildings. Stockton is an inner city community that has retained its small town feel and this should be respected."*
- *"The large areas of open space around Stockton provide much of the old world charm that visitors and ratepayers enjoy. Any proposal to reduce these areas or change the casual access nature of them will lead to a loss of amenity to the community."*
- *"Don't move the skate park. The people that use it are the voters of tomorrow and they won't be happy... It's hard to get your teenage boy/girl to go on family outings but the promise of an hour or so at the skate park after lunch will usually see them come along..."*
- *"If money is available to be spent in Stockton - upgrade the main street - the business area in Stockton. Another cafe/restaurant will affect the income of existing cafes etc. in Stockton..."*
- *"Stockton is a unique community which has long been overlooked by council. I think attention should also be paid to the dreadful state of the shopping centre which affects residents daily."*
- *"Stockton needs to develop. There is no argument with that. However, there is a lot of infrastructure that needs to be improved in the suburb, such as a decent shopping centre, footpaths, street lighting and security concerns, particularly after night. Fix up these infrastructure problems first then start to develop the suburb..."*

Parking Concerns

Parking concerns were noted in 18% of responses. Here, respondents commented that extra parking was required and/or that parking hadn't been adequately considered in the draft South Stockton Public Domain Plan. There was also some scepticism regarding the proposed short-term timed parking:

- *"A community centre with library attached is a great idea. Doing it without adding extra parking is somewhat detrimental to its use - especially since the existing carpark is "at capacity during the week"."*
- *"Any new structures that involve inviting people to participate should be accompanied with adequate parking for the expected participants. Utilising current parking facilities only causes problems further down the line of developments and then are usually found to then have to expend extra money to then build what should have been built in the first place."*
- *"It is important that commuters who park all day, because of work or travel do not lose parking close to ferry terminal and that it remains free..."*
- *"Also, how can timed parking (at no cost) be achieved - without (ratepayers) paying for security or council officers to enforce? Why not simply extend the existing ferry parking to the east?..."*

Consultation

During analysis of additional comments, it was noted that some respondents claimed the survey was inappropriate as they were not as familiar with Stockton and/or that it is the views of the Stockton community that are most important. Comments such as these accounted for 15% of responses, for example:

- *"I appreciated the chance to input but I think some of the questions should only be for residents of that area- like parking."*
- *"I feel that the Stockton residents should have the greatest input as to the use of the space as they will be most affected, as long as they are reasonable in their requests"*

General Development Concerns

A number of respondents (12%) were concerned about the developments in general, including calls for fewer buildings on the foreshore, maintaining open spaces, and calls for more plantings:

- *"I feel strongly about leaving the areas discussed as natural as possible with new tree plantings and sculpturing and restricting vehicle access (which can be dangerous)..."*
- *"Newcastle is being crowded by too many coastal buildings. South Stockton will be spoilt by adding buildings open areas are necessary to promote tourism. Tourists want space & fresh air on the coast"*
- *"I do not believe that there should be any more buildings on the foreshore. Why build new while there are current buildings there that need repairs"*
- *"Beautification..... Trees!!!! I realise the council has serious issues with trees but as Newcastle areas has loads of polluters we need more trees. Maybe Coal loaders/ORICA could supply vegetation."*



Appendix I Promotional Materials

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South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan



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The draft *South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan* is a more detailed look at some concepts that are part of the Coastal Revitalisation Masterplan. We invite your feedback. Some of the proposed ideas include:

Pitt Street reserve

- Expanding the Stockton Beach Tourist Park south in keeping with design principles and to permit up to 25 cabins
- Restricting access of vehicles to reserves
- Extending shared pathways up to the tourist park and beyond

Griffith Park

- Building a community building, library and café near ferry terminal
- Building a district level playground with shade shelters and BBQs
- Relocating the local skatepark to west of ferry terminal
- Minor changes to car-parking and additional parking around edges

Lions Park

- More shade and seating; removal of informal parking area

Ballast Ground

- Improving efficiency of trailer parking near boat ramp

Reserves as a whole

- Stabilising dunes and revegetation works
- Enhancing environmental plantings
- Historical interpretation – with markers around the reserves
- Proposing possible locations for new viewing platforms

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Some of the proposed ideas include expanding the Stockton Beach Tourist Park to the south, a new community building, library and café near the ferry terminal, a district-sized playground at Griffith Park, relocation of existing skatepark to west of ferry terminal and general environmental improvements to the reserves.

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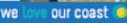
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Lions Park More shade and seating, removal of informal parking area

Griffith Park Building a community building, library and café near the ferry terminal, as well as a playground and relocating the local skatepark

Ballast Ground Improving trailer parking near the boat ramp

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Fact Sheet

South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan



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What is a Public Domain plan (PDP)?

A Public Domain Plan (PDP) develops a framework for public domain improvements for land that is owned by the public. The South Stockton Reserves PDP develops in more detail some of the concepts and ideas that formed part of the Coastal Revitalisation Strategy.

The PDP is placed on public exhibition to receive community input and further refine. Once adopted, the PDP will then guide future works on the reserves, subject to more detailed planning and costing and priorities set by Council.

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Key Concepts within the South Stockton Reserves PDP

Reserves as a whole

The PDP encompasses existing ongoing projects within Council including dunes restoration of Pitt Street reserve, foreshore stabilisation and upgrades to the cycleway.

Across the South Stockton Reserves a number of strategies for environmental improvement have been identified which include:

- structured planting to establish or extend vegetation communities
- tree planting to improve amenity and shelter
- a focus on reducing maintenance and repairing vulnerable areas.

A historic interpretation strategy has also identified locations and suggestions for interpretation e.g. markers in the ground etc.

Pitt Street reserve

Possible expansion of the Stockton Tourist Park to the south of the existing tourist park to include up to 25 cabins.
Restriction of general vehicular access to reserves.
Proposed extension to shared pathways up to Tourist Park and beyond.

Lions Park

- Small scale improvements to park including more shade and seating and removal of informal parking area.

Griffith Park

- Proposed location of a community building/library and café near ferry terminal (subject to more detailed investigations)
- Proposed district level playground with shade shelters and BBQs
- Proposed relocation of local skatepark
- Minor changes to car-park and more informal parking around edges of reserves.

Ballast Ground

- Improving efficiency of trailer parking near boat ramp; new tree planting; new beach access
- Dog free leash areas to remain.

Frequently Asked Questions

1 How much of the foreshore will be taken up by the proposed expansion of the Tourist Park?

Approximately 1 hectare (10,000 sq metres) will be used for the proposed tourist park extension which equates to approximately 3% of the total South Stockton reserves area.

2 How many cabins are proposed and will it be part of the existing Tourist Park?

Up to 25 cabins are proposed for the site. They could either operate as part of the existing Tourist Park or as a stand alone park.

The plan for the cabins ranges from studios to two bedrooms, with a reception, office and guest lounge.

The pros and cons of having a tourist park in this location is summarised on back page.

3 Will any of the income generated from the Tourist Park be spent in Stockton?

Yes, however at this stage the exact amount is not known. Any income generated will be used to fund improvements outlined in this Public Domain Plan and to improvements to the coast as a whole.

4 Can special events like New Years eve etc still be permitted on the foreshore?

Yes, special events will still be permitted on the foreshore as they are currently.

5 What is the vision/purpose for the buildings at Griffith Park and why is a library being proposed there?

Council has prepared a preliminary draft Community Assets and Open Space Policy and draft Stockton Peninsula Community Assets and Open Space Plan which has identified the need for a multipurpose centre and district level library at Stockton.

If this building was to be built then the existing library could be relocated. The multipurpose room could be used for functions, community meetings, etc. The café would be situated to allow protection from elements while still providing great views to Newcastle CBD and access to the playground.

6 Is this the best location for a new building?

The site takes advantage of its location to the ferry, access to Newcastle, the magnificent views and being adjacent to proposed playground. It is subject to more detailed design considerations given the issue of potential flooding.

7 Is there enough parking to cater for new community buildings and cafe?

At the moment the parking surveys indicate that the existing parking area near the ferry terminal is at capacity during the week (with all day parkers).

If this building was built, then it is likely that a portion of the car-parking area would be allocated for short term parking to allow people to park near the library and community building. Longer term parking would be provided around the edges of the reserves.

8 What age group would Griffith Park playground cater for?

The district level playground is likely to cater for children 0-12 years. It would be likely to include such things as a tots cycle track, climbing structure, sandpit, play and swing area with accessible swing.

9 If the skatepark is to be removed from King Street is the proposed site for relocation the right one?

The proposed location near the ferry terminal will allow more surveillance of the skatepark at all hours. This is still only a suggestion at this stage and feedback is sought on the preferred location.

10 Is there any money for Council to do any of the works?

Council does have some money from Section 94 funds which will be allocated to improvements in the reserves. Priorities need to be established to work out where the money will be spent.

11 Will Council continue with works on environmental improvements?

Council is committed to continuing with existing environmental improvements including dune stabilisation, erosion control and tree planting.

12 What is happening with the cycleway?

Council intends to plan for and extend the cycleway into a loop around Stockton.

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Economic benefit for the Newcastle coastal reserves. Income received from this development would be reinvested in the Stockton Tourist Park reserves and utilised to improve the coastline from Stockton to Merewether (including Stockton Swimming centre). Possible revenue level is \$1.2million per annum for the extension.	Not all money received will go back into Stockton coastline improvements as it will be allocated across whole coastline.
Economic benefit for Stockton business community.	Issue of potential "privatisation" of public land.
New facility with a design that is sympathetic to the landscape.	
Opportunity for a holiday experience in a unique location with easy access to beach and CBD of Newcastle.	Could be seen/perceived as only first stage in "creep" development.
Relocation of skatepark to a more "open" area with greater surveillance.	Proposed relocation of skatepark may create other issues/problems.
Large amount of open space already within Stockton reserves. Only a small percentage of open space to be developed (approx 3%).	Development on land that is currently open space and informal. Ideal is to leave as open space. Part of area allocated for off lease dog area, however, most people use Little Beach which will not be affected.
Has potential to operate on its own or be connected to the existing Tourist Park.	Will not be physically connected to existing tourist park (as road in between).
Will not affect neighbours' views.	
Will allow continued pedestrian access through and around the site.	
Will be of single storey nature and well landscaped.	

For more information visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au and search for *South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan*.



A3 Poster

South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan



we love our coast



The draft **South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan** is a more detailed look at some concepts that are part of the *Coastal Revitalisation Masterplan*.

We invite your feedback. Some of the proposed ideas include:

Pitt Street reserve Expanding the Stockton Tourist Park and the shared pathways that lead to it, restricting access of vehicles to reserves

Lions Park More shade and seating, removal of informal parking area

Griffith Park Building a community building, library and café near the ferry terminal, as well as a playground and relocating local skatepark to Griffith Park

Ballast Ground Improving trailer parking near the boat ramp

Reserves as a whole Stabilising dunes, environmental plantings, noting historical places with markers, and proposing locations for viewing platforms

Public Exhibition of the plan runs from Wednesday 18 January to Wednesday 29 February 2012, at

- City Administration Centre, 282 King Street, Newcastle (also available on CD)
- Newcastle Region Library & Stockton Library
- Lexie's on the beach Café, Stockton
- Council's website www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

A **Community Information Day** will be held on Saturday 11 February 2012 (10am - 12noon), at Stockton Senior Citizens Centre, Mitchell Street.

For more information visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au
and search for *South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan*.



Appendix II Media

Media release



11 January 2012

Have your say on the plan for Stockton foreshore

Newcastle residents are being encouraged to have their say on the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan, which will be on public exhibition for six weeks from 18 January to 29 February 2012.

Urban Project Delivery Coordinator TIM ASKEW says the plan outlines ideas for future improvements to the area.

"The main proposals in the draft plan relate to a possible expansion of the Stockton Tourist Park to the south as well as a new community building, library, café and playground near the ferry terminal at Griffith Park."

"Various environmental improvements are also identified."

"The public domain plan builds on some of the concepts in the Coastal Revitalisation Masterplan, examining them in greater detail."

Community members are invited to discuss the plan with Council staff at an information day to be held from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 11 February 2012 at the Senior Citizens' Centre, Mitchell Street, Stockton.

The draft public domain plan can be viewed at the City Administration Centre, Newcastle and Stockton libraries, Lexie's on the Beach Café and www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au.

For more information and interviews call TIM ASKEW on 4974 2886.

Lord Mayor's Column

Wednesday 25 January 2012

New plan for Stockton

Back in 2010, Council adopted the Newcastle Coastal Revitalisation Strategy [Masterplan](#), which provides a framework for the future use of 11 kilometres of coast in our local government area.

We are now focusing on specific areas more closely and have recently prepared a draft Public Domain Plan (PDP) for South Stockton Reserves. The PDP outlines future improvements to the area. It builds on some of the concepts in the Coastal Revitalisation [Masterplan](#), examining them in greater detail.

The main proposals in the plan relate to a possible expansion of the Stockton Tourist Park to the south, a new community building, library and café near the ferry terminal, a district-sized playground at Griffith Park and the relocation of the existing [skatepark](#) to the west of the ferry terminal. Various environmental improvements are also identified.

Community members are invited to discuss the plan with Council staff and consultants at an information day to be held from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 11 February 2012 at the Senior Citizens' Centre, [Mitchell Street, Stockton](#).

The draft PDP can be viewed at the City Administration Centre, Newcastle and Stockton libraries, [Lexie's on the Beach Café](#) and www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au. It will be on public exhibition until 29 February and residents are encouraged to have their say on the plan.

Newcastle's beaches and coastline are some of the city's greatest assets and so it is important that the future maintenance and development is planned appropriately.

Appendix III Questionnaire

ID: _____

We Love Our Coast – South Stockton Reserves

The City of Newcastle has prepared the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan to provide a framework for public domain improvements for the South Stockton Reserves area and to investigate in more detail the concepts in the Coastal Revitalisation Masterplan.

We are now seeking your views about the recommendations. Your feedback will help us better meet your needs.

The survey is divided into three key sections representing:

- Pitt Street Reserve
- Lion Park
- Griffith Park



Please take 10-15 minutes to complete this survey and answer ALL questions. You can be assured that all answers will remain confidential. For your reference, we have attached selected pages from the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan as well as the draft Stockton Tourist Park Extension Concept Plan.

Please send the completed survey back to Newcastle City Council in the postage-paid envelope provided (there is no need to put a stamp on the envelope) by **Wednesday 8 February**. We look forward to receiving your completed survey.

If you have any questions or want further information about this survey, please contact **Newcastle Voice** on (02) 4974 2238.

Pitt Street Reserve

Q1. To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should expand the Stockton Tourist Park east of the swimming pool, with up to 25 cabins? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 24-26) and draft Stockton Tourist Park Extension Concept Plan. **Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree completely (Go to Q2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree somewhat (Go to Q2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither (Go to Q3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree somewhat (Go to Q3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree completely (Go to Q3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure/ No opinion (Go to Q3)
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Q2. Please explain why you disagree with the proposal to expand the Stockton Tourist Park. **Please be as specific as possible.**

Q3. Should the Tourist Park extension proceed, the existing skate facility would need to be relocated. To what extent do you agree or disagree that it be relocated to Griffith Park west? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-33). **Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree completely	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree somewhat	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree somewhat	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree completely	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure/ No opinion
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Q4. To what extent do you agree or disagree to restrict car access along the edge of Pitt Street Reserve by installing additional bollards? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 24-26). **Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree completely	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree somewhat	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree somewhat	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree completely	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure/ No opinion
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Lion Park

Q5. A foreshore viewing platform is proposed in the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan. Indicate your preferred location. **Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Lion Park – adjacent to existing play equipment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Griffith Park - adjacent to the ferry terminal with a direct view to Queens Wharf Tower and the Cathedral
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, Please specify _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure/ Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't support having a viewing platform

Q6. To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should remove the informal car park and return the area to an open and grassed space? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 28-30) .**Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree completely	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree somewhat	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree somewhat	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree completely	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure/ No opinion
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Griffith Park

Q7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to have an all-ages district level playground in Griffith Park? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37) **Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree completely	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree somewhat	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree somewhat	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree completely	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure/ No opinion
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Q8. To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should build a single storey multipurpose community centre on the waterfront? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37). **Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree completely (Go to Q9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree somewhat (Go to Q9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither (Go to Q10)	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree somewhat (Go to Q10)	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree completely (Go to Q10)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure/ No opinion (Go to Q10)
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Q9. Please explain why you disagree with the proposal to build a multipurpose community centre. **Please be as specific as possible. (Go to Q13)**

Q10. Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the idea of combining an expanded branch library as part of the new centre, closing the existing Stockton Library on King Street.? **Please select one response for each option.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely supportive	<input type="checkbox"/> Supportive	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsupportive	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely unsupportive	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure/ No opinion
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Q11. Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the idea of combining a café as part of the new centre? **Please select one response for each option.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely supportive	<input type="checkbox"/> Supportive	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsupportive	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely unsupportive	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure/ No opinion
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The existing car park at the ferry terminal is at capacity during the week (with people parking all day) but not during the weekend. All day parking is also catered for around the perimeter of the reserves with informal parking available.

Q12. Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the proposal that part of the existing car park at the ferry terminal have short-term, timed parking available (at no cost)? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37). **Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/>					
Extremely supportive	Supportive	Neither	Unsupportive	Extremely unsupportive	Not sure/ No opinion

Q13. Of the following key proposed projects, which should be Council's first priority? **Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	All-ages district level playground in Griffith Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Multipurpose community centre (with library and café)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stockton Tourist Park extension
<input type="checkbox"/>	Viewing platform
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure/ Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't support any of the above proposals

Q14. Are there any additional comments you would like to provide regarding the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan? **Please be as specific as possible.**

Q15. Selected pages from the draft Public Domain Plan as well as the draft Stockton Tourist Park Extension Concept Plan were included with this survey. Were they helpful to you when answering this survey? **Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure/ Don't know

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.



Appendix IV Participant demographics: Newcastle Voice & Anonymous Community Members

Newcastle Voice *PARTICIPANT* Demographics

Gender

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Male	251	46.65 %
O2	Female	287	53.35 %

Age

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	16-24	10	1.86 %
O2	25-39	96	17.84 %
O3	40-54	171	31.78 %
O4	55-69	195	36.25 %
O5	70+	66	12.27 %

Employment Status

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Employed full time	217	42.14 %
O2	Employed part time	84	16.31 %
O3	Looking for work	12	2.33 %
O4	Studying	23	4.47 %
O5	Domestic activities/caring	37	7.18 %
O6	Retired	166	32.23 %
O7	Other [specify]	40	7.77 %
O8	Prefer not to answer	3	0.58 %

Years lived in Newcastle

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Less than a year	12	2.39 %
O2	1 - 3 years	44	8.75 %
O3	4 - 10 years	88	17.50 %
O4	11 - 25 years	108	21.47 %
O5	More than 25 years	251	49.90 %



Suburb live in

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Adamstown	9	1.67 %
O2	Adamstown Heights	12	2.23 %
O3	Bar Beach	7	1.30 %
O4	Beresfield	11	2.04 %
O5	Birmingham Gardens	6	1.12 %
O6	Blackhill/Lenaghan	1	0.19 %
O7	Broadmeadow	7	1.30 %
O8	Callaghan	0	0.00 %
O9	Carrington	9	1.67 %
O10	Cooks Hill	14	2.60 %
O11	Elernmore Vale	8	1.49 %
O12	Fletcher	4	0.74 %
O13	Georgetown	7	1.30 %
O14	Hamilton	18	3.35 %
O15	Hamilton East	2	0.37 %
O16	Hamilton North	5	0.93 %
O17	Hamilton South	7	1.30 %
O18	Hexham	0	0.00 %
O19	Islington	8	1.49 %
O20	Jesmond	6	1.12 %
O21	Kooragang	0	0.00 %
O22	Kotara	20	3.72 %
O23	Lambton	17	3.16 %
O24	Maryland	14	2.60 %
O25	Maryville	9	1.67 %
O26	Mayfield	26	4.83 %
O27	Mayfield East	5	0.93 %
O28	Mayfield West	8	1.49 %
O29	Merewether	41	7.62 %
O30	Merewether Heights	4	0.74 %
O31	Minmi	1	0.19 %



O32	New Lambton	37	6.88 %
O33	New Lambton Heights	5	0.93 %
O34	Newcastle (CBD)	20	3.72 %
O35	Newcastle East	9	1.67 %
O36	Newcastle West	1	0.19 %
O37	North Lambton	7	1.30 %
O38	Rankin Park	3	0.56 %
O39	Sandgate	0	0.00 %
O40	Shortland	7	1.30 %
O41	Stockton	49	9.11 %
O42	Tarro	6	1.12 %
O43	The Hill	6	1.12 %
O44	The Junction	6	1.12 %
O45	Tighes Hill	4	0.74 %
O46	Wallsend	33	6.13 %
O47	Warabrook	4	0.74 %
O48	Waratah	13	2.42 %
O49	Waratah West	5	0.93 %
O50	Wickham	4	0.74 %

Ward

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Ward 1	189	35.13 %
O2	Ward 2	105	19.52 %
O3	Ward 3	120	22.30 %
O4	Ward 4	91	16.91 %

Planning District

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Inner City South	108	20.07 %
O2	Inner City North	83	15.43 %
O3	Hamilton	80	14.87 %
O4	Mayfield	43	7.99 %
O5	Lambton	91	16.91 %
O6	Jesmond	19	3.53 %
O7	Wallsend	44	8.18 %
O8	Blue Gum Hills	19	3.53 %
O9	North West	18	3.35 %

Anonymous Community Member PARTICIPANT Demographics

Gender

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Male	33	55.93 %
O2	Female	26	44.07 %

Age

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	0-15	0	0.00 %
O2	16-24	0	0.00 %
O3	25-39	8	13.56 %
O4	40-54	17	28.81 %
O5	55-70	25	42.37 %
O6	70+	9	15.25 %

Where live

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	In the Newcastle local government area	49	83.05 %
O2	In the Hunter (Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens, Hunter Valley)	4	6.78 %
O3	Central Coast	0	0.00 %
O4	Elsewhere in NSW	6	10.17 %
O5	Interstate or overseas	0	0.00 %

Employment Status

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Employed full time	28	47.46 %
O2	Employed part time	9	15.25 %
O3	Looking for work	0	0.00 %
O4	Studying	2	3.39 %
O5	Domestic activities/caring	1	1.69 %
O6	Retired	20	33.90 %
O7	Other [specify]	2	3.39 %
O8	Prefer not to answer	0	0.00 %



Appendix V Topline results ; Total Sample, Newcastle Voice (total), Newcastle Voice (Stockton residents), Anonymous Community Members

All Respondents

Q1: Pitt Street Reserve To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should expand the Stockton Tourist Park east of the swimming pool, with up to 25 cabins? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 24-26) and draft Stockton Tourist Park Extension Concept Plan.

QUESTION TOTAL: 597
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	88	14.74 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	54	9.05 %
O3	Neither	41	6.87 %
O4	Agree somewhat	171	28.64 %
O5	Agree completely	198	33.17 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	45	7.54 %

Q3: Should the Tourist Park extension proceed, the existing skate facility would need to be relocated. To what extent do you agree or disagree that it be relocated to Griffith Park west? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-33).

QUESTION TOTAL: 597
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	75	12.56 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	48	8.04 %
O3	Neither	63	10.55 %
O4	Agree somewhat	165	27.64 %
O5	Agree completely	177	29.65 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	69	11.56 %

Q4: To what extent do you agree or disagree to restrict car access along the edge of Pitt Street Reserve by installing additional bollards? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 24-26).

QUESTION TOTAL: 597

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	78	13.07 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	88	14.74 %
O3	Neither	59	9.88 %
O4	Agree somewhat	140	23.45 %
O5	Agree completely	175	29.31 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	57	9.55 %

Q5: Lion Park A foreshore viewing platform is proposed in the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan. Indicate your preferred location.

QUESTION TOTAL: 597

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Lion Park - adjacent to existing play equipment	135	22.61 %
O2	Griffith Park - adjacent to the ferry terminal with a direct view to Queens Wharf Tower and the Cathedral	278	46.57 %
O3	Other, Please specify	7	1.17 %
O4	Not sure/ Don't know	86	14.41 %
O5	I don't support having a viewing platform	91	15.24 %

Q6: To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should remove the informal car park and return the area to an open and grassed space? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 28-30).

QUESTION TOTAL: 597

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	111	18.59 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	118	19.77 %
O3	Neither	43	7.20 %
O4	Agree somewhat	130	21.78 %
O5	Agree completely	152	25.46 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	43	7.20 %

Q7: Griffith Park To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to have an all-ages district level playground in Griffith Park? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37).

QUESTION TOTAL: 597

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	24	4.02 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	30	5.03 %
O3	Neither	36	6.03 %
O4	Agree somewhat	198	33.17 %
O5	Agree completely	265	44.39 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	44	7.37 %

Q8: To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should build a single storey multipurpose community centre on the waterfront? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37).

QUESTION TOTAL: 597

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	113	18.93 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	71	11.89 %
O3	Neither	29	4.86 %
O4	Agree somewhat	168	28.14 %
O5	Agree completely	181	30.32 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	35	5.86 %

Q10: Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the idea of combining an expanded branch library as part of the new centre, closing the existing Stockton Library on King Street?

QUESTION TOTAL: 597
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Extremely supportive	96	16.08 %
O2	Supportive	213	35.68 %
O3	Neither	54	9.05 %
O4	Unsupportive	58	9.72 %
O5	Extremely unsupportive	83	13.90 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	93	15.58 %

Q11: Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the idea of combining a café as part of the new centre?

QUESTION TOTAL: 597
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Extremely supportive	209	35.01 %
O2	Supportive	243	40.70 %
O3	Neither	28	4.69 %
O4	Unsupportive	36	6.03 %
O5	Extremely unsupportive	53	8.88 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	28	4.69 %

Q12: The existing car park at the ferry terminal is at capacity during the week (with people parking all day) but not during the weekend. All day parking is also catered for around the perimeter of the reserves with informal parking available. Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the proposal that part of the existing car park at the ferry terminal have short-term, timed parking available (at no cost)? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37).

QUESTION TOTAL: 597
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Extremely supportive	79	13.23 %
O2	Supportive	202	33.84 %
O3	Neither	37	6.20 %
O4	Unsupportive	92	15.41 %
O5	Extremely unsupportive	130	21.78 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	57	9.55 %

Q13: Of the following key proposed projects, which should be Council's first priority?

QUESTION TOTAL: 597
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	All-ages district level playground in Griffith Park	163	27.30 %
O2	Multipurpose community centre (with library and café)	194	32.50 %
O3	Stockton Tourist Park extension	93	15.58 %
O4	Viewing platform	49	8.21 %
O5	Not sure/ Don't know	52	8.71 %
O6	I don't support any of the above proposals	46	7.71 %

Newcastle Voice only

Q1: Pitt Street Reserve To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should expand the Stockton Tourist Park east of the swimming pool, with up to 25 cabins? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 24-26) and draft Stockton Tourist Park Extension Concept Plan.

QUESTION TOTAL: 538

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	62	11.52 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	50	9.29 %
O3	Neither	39	7.25 %
O4	Agree somewhat	160	29.74 %
O5	Agree completely	184	34.20 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	43	7.99 %

Q3: Should the Tourist Park extension proceed, the existing skate facility would need to be relocated. To what extent do you agree or disagree that it be relocated to Griffith Park west? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-33).

QUESTION TOTAL: 538

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	52	9.67 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	41	7.62 %
O3	Neither	61	11.34 %
O4	Agree somewhat	155	28.81 %
O5	Agree completely	161	29.93 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	68	12.64 %

Q4: To what extent do you agree or disagree to restrict car access along the edge of Pitt Street Reserve by installing additional bollards? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 24-26).

QUESTION TOTAL: 538

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	63	11.71 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	78	14.50 %
O3	Neither	55	10.22 %
O4	Agree somewhat	130	24.16 %
O5	Agree completely	159	29.55 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	53	9.85 %

Q5: Lion Park A foreshore viewing platform is proposed in the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan. Indicate your preferred location.

QUESTION TOTAL: 538

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Lion Park - adjacent to existing play equipment	121	22.49 %
O2	Griffith Park - adjacent to the ferry terminal with a direct view to Queens Wharf Tower and the Cathedral	259	48.14 %
O3	Other, Please specify	6	1.12 %
O4	Not sure/ Don't know	85	15.80 %
O5	I don't support having a viewing platform	67	12.45 %

Q6: To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should remove the informal car park and return the area to an open and grassed space? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 28-30).

QUESTION TOTAL: 538

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	93	17.29 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	107	19.89 %
O3	Neither	39	7.25 %
O4	Agree somewhat	118	21.93 %
O5	Agree completely	140	26.02 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	41	7.62 %

Q7: Griffith Park To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to have an all-ages district level playground in Griffith Park? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37).

QUESTION TOTAL: 538

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	15	2.79 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	25	4.65 %
O3	Neither	31	5.76 %
O4	Agree somewhat	182	33.83 %
O5	Agree completely	243	45.17 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	42	7.81 %

Q8: To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should build a single storey multipurpose community centre on the waterfront? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37).

QUESTION TOTAL: 538

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	86	15.99 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	66	12.27 %
O3	Neither	27	5.02 %
O4	Agree somewhat	157	29.18 %
O5	Agree completely	167	31.04 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	35	6.51 %

Q10: Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the idea of combining an expanded branch library as part of the new centre, closing the existing Stockton Library on King Street?

QUESTION TOTAL: 538

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Extremely supportive	87	16.17 %
O2	Supportive	201	37.36 %
O3	Neither	52	9.67 %
O4	Unsupportive	44	8.18 %
O5	Extremely unsupportive	63	11.71 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	91	16.91 %

Q11: Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the idea of combining a café as part of the new centre?

QUESTION TOTAL: 538

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Extremely supportive	190	35.32 %
O2	Supportive	228	42.38 %
O3	Neither	26	4.83 %
O4	Unsupportive	26	4.83 %
O5	Extremely unsupportive	41	7.62 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	27	5.02 %

Q12: The existing car park at the ferry terminal is at capacity during the week (with people parking all day) but not during the weekend. All day parking is also catered for around the perimeter of the reserves with informal parking available. Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the proposal that part of the existing car park at the ferry terminal have short-term, timed parking available (at no cost)? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37).

QUESTION TOTAL: 538
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Extremely supportive	72	13.38 %
O2	Supportive	186	34.57 %
O3	Neither	35	6.51 %
O4	Unsupportive	82	15.24 %
O5	Extremely unsupportive	108	20.07 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	55	10.22 %

Q13: Of the following key proposed projects, which should be Council's first priority?

QUESTION TOTAL: 538
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	All-ages district level playground in Griffith Park	145	26.95 %
O2	Multipurpose community centre (with library and café)	184	34.20 %
O3	Stockton Tourist Park extension	85	15.80 %
O4	Viewing platform	46	8.55 %
O5	Not sure/ Don't know	52	9.67 %
O6	I don't support any of the above proposals	26	4.83 %

Newcastle Voice (Stockton residents)

Q1: Pitt Street Reserve To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should expand the Stockton Tourist Park east of the swimming pool, with up to 25 cabins? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 24-26) and draft Stockton Tourist Park Extension Concept Plan.

QUESTION TOTAL: 49

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	12	24.49 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	8	16.33 %
O3	Neither	3	6.12 %
O4	Agree somewhat	12	24.49 %
O5	Agree completely	13	26.53 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	1	2.04 %

Q3: Should the Tourist Park extension proceed, the existing skate facility would need to be relocated. To what extent do you agree or disagree that it be relocated to Griffith Park west? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-33).

QUESTION TOTAL: 49

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	10	20.41 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	4	8.16 %
O3	Neither	2	4.08 %
O4	Agree somewhat	12	24.49 %
O5	Agree completely	20	40.82 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	1	2.04 %

Q4: To what extent do you agree or disagree to restrict car access along the edge of Pitt Street Reserve by installing additional bollards? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 24-26).

QUESTION TOTAL: 49

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	6	12.24 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	7	14.29 %
O3	Neither	2	4.08 %
O4	Agree somewhat	10	20.41 %
O5	Agree completely	23	46.94 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	1	2.04 %

Q5: Lion Park A foreshore viewing platform is proposed in the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan. Indicate your preferred location.

QUESTION TOTAL: 49

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Lion Park - adjacent to existing play equipment	17	34.69 %
O2	Griffith Park - adjacent to the ferry terminal with a direct view to Queens Wharf Tower and the Cathedral	18	36.73 %
O3	Other, Please specify	3	6.12 %
O4	Not sure/ Don't know	0	0.00 %
O5	I don't support having a viewing platform	11	22.45 %

Q6: To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should remove the informal car park and return the area to an open and grassed space? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 28-30).

QUESTION TOTAL: 49

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	12	24.49 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	12	24.49 %
O3	Neither	2	4.08 %
O4	Agree somewhat	8	16.33 %
O5	Agree completely	14	28.57 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	1	2.04 %

Q7: Griffith Park To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to have an all-ages district level playground in Griffith Park? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37).

QUESTION TOTAL: 49

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	2	4.08 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	3	6.12 %
O3	Neither	3	6.12 %
O4	Agree somewhat	12	24.49 %
O5	Agree completely	29	59.18 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	0	0.00 %

Q8: To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should build a single storey multipurpose community centre on the waterfront? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37).

QUESTION TOTAL: 49

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	15	30.61 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	4	8.16 %
O3	Neither	1	2.04 %
O4	Agree somewhat	14	28.57 %
O5	Agree completely	15	30.61 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	0	0.00 %

Q10: Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the idea of combining an expanded branch library as part of the new centre, closing the existing Stockton Library on King Street?

QUESTION TOTAL: 49
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Extremely supportive	14	28.57 %
O2	Supportive	11	22.45 %
O3	Neither	4	8.16 %
O4	Unsupportive	5	10.20 %
O5	Extremely unsupportive	13	26.53 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	2	4.08 %

Q11: Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the idea of combining a café as part of the new centre?

QUESTION TOTAL: 49
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Extremely supportive	24	48.98 %
O2	Supportive	13	26.53 %
O3	Neither	3	6.12 %
O4	Unsupportive	1	2.04 %
O5	Extremely unsupportive	7	14.29 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	1	2.04 %

Q12: The existing car park at the ferry terminal is at capacity during the week (with people parking all day) but not during the weekend. All day parking is also catered for around the perimeter of the reserves with informal parking available. Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the proposal that part of the existing car park at the ferry terminal have short-term, timed parking available (at no cost)? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37).

QUESTION TOTAL: 49

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Extremely supportive	9	18.37 %
O2	Supportive	12	24.49 %
O3	Neither	1	2.04 %
O4	Unsupportive	8	16.33 %
O5	Extremely unsupportive	17	34.69 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	2	4.08 %

Q13: Of the following key proposed projects, which should be Council's first priority?

QUESTION TOTAL: 49

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	All-ages district level playground in Griffith Park	12	24.49 %
O2	Multipurpose community centre (with library and café)	22	44.90 %
O3	Stockton Tourist Park extension	6	12.24 %
O4	Viewing platform	2	4.08 %
O5	Not sure/ Don't know	0	0.00 %
O6	I don't support any of the above proposals	7	14.29 %

Anonymous Community Members

Q1: Pitt Street Reserve To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should expand the Stockton Tourist Park east of the swimming pool, with up to 25 cabins? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 24-26) and draft Stockton Tourist Park Extension Concept Plan.

QUESTION TOTAL: 59

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	26	44.07 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	4	6.78 %
O3	Neither	2	3.39 %
O4	Agree somewhat	11	18.64 %
O5	Agree completely	14	23.73 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	2	3.39 %

Q3: Should the Tourist Park extension proceed, the existing skate facility would need to be relocated. To what extent do you agree or disagree that it be relocated to Griffith Park west? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-33).

QUESTION TOTAL: 59

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	23	38.98 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	7	11.86 %
O3	Neither	2	3.39 %
O4	Agree somewhat	10	16.95 %
O5	Agree completely	16	27.12 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	1	1.69 %

Q4: To what extent do you agree or disagree to restrict car access along the edge of Pitt Street Reserve by installing additional bollards? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 24-26).

QUESTION TOTAL: 59

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	15	25.42 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	10	16.95 %
O3	Neither	4	6.78 %
O4	Agree somewhat	10	16.95 %
O5	Agree completely	16	27.12 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	4	6.78 %

Q5: Lion Park A foreshore viewing platform is proposed in the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan. Indicate your preferred location.

QUESTION TOTAL: 59

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Lion Park - adjacent to existing play equipment	14	23.73 %
O2	Griffith Park - adjacent to the ferry terminal with a direct view to Queens Wharf Tower and the Cathedral	19	32.20 %
O3	Other, Please specify	1	1.69 %
O4	Not sure/ Don't know	1	1.69 %
O5	I don't support having a viewing platform	24	40.68 %

Q6: To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should remove the informal car park and return the area to an open and grassed space? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 28-30).

QUESTION TOTAL: 59

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	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	18	30.51 %
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Q7: Griffith Park To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to have an all-ages district level playground in Griffith Park? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37).

QUESTION TOTAL: 59

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	9	15.25 %
O2	Disagree somewhat	5	8.47 %
O3	Neither	5	8.47 %
O4	Agree somewhat	16	27.12 %
O5	Agree completely	22	37.29 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	2	3.39 %

Q8: To what extent do you agree or disagree that Council should build a single storey multipurpose community centre on the waterfront? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37).

QUESTION TOTAL: 59

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Disagree completely	27	45.76 %
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O5	Agree completely	14	23.73 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	0	0.00 %

Q10: Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the idea of combining an expanded branch library as part of the new centre, closing the existing Stockton Library on King Street?

QUESTION TOTAL: 59
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
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O5	Extremely unsupportive	20	33.90 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	2	3.39 %

Q11: Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the idea of combining a café as part of the new centre?

QUESTION TOTAL: 59
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Extremely supportive	19	32.20 %
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O5	Extremely unsupportive	12	20.34 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	1	1.69 %

Q12: The existing car park at the ferry terminal is at capacity during the week (with people parking all day) but not during the weekend. All day parking is also catered for around the perimeter of the reserves with informal parking available. Should the multipurpose community centre proceed, would you support the proposal that part of the existing car park at the ferry terminal have short-term, timed parking available (at no cost)? Refer to the draft South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan (page 32-37).

QUESTION TOTAL: 59
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Extremely supportive	7	11.86 %
O2	Supportive	16	27.12 %
O3	Neither	2	3.39 %
O4	Unsupportive	10	16.95 %
O5	Extremely unsupportive	22	37.29 %
O6	Not sure/No opinion	2	3.39 %

Q13: Of the following key proposed projects, which should be Council's first priority?

QUESTION TOTAL: 59
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	All-ages district level playground in Griffith Park	18	30.51 %
O2	Multipurpose community centre (with library and café)	10	16.95 %
O3	Stockton Tourist Park extension	8	13.56 %
O4	Viewing platform	3	5.08 %
O5	Not sure/ Don't know	0	0.00 %
O6	I don't support any of the above proposals	20	33.90 %

Appendix VI- Q2. Categorisation of Reasons for Disagreeing with Stockton Tourist Park Extension

CATEGORISATION: REASONS FOR DISAGREEMENT WITH STOCKTON TOURIST PARK EXTENSION <i>Base: those who disagreed and left open ended response</i>	TOTAL SAMPLE n= 134	NEWCASTLE	
		VOICE SAMPLE n= 105	ANONYMOUS SAMPLE n= 29
Development Concerns	66%	62%	79%
Takes away public space / not usable for the community / should be public land	37%	33%	52%
Don't overdevelop / leave things as they are	10%	10%	10%
Use for caravan or camping sites (not cabins)	8%	10%	3%
Tourist Park is adequate as is / Big enough as is	6%	6%	7%
Build something else (e.g. function centre, playground, paths etc)	2%	3%	0%
The development is too expensive / not costed properly	1%	0%	7%
Proposed development will destroy the area NFI	1%	1%	0%
Environmental Concerns	8%	10%	0%
Restricts views	2%	3%	0%
Erosion concerns	1%	2%	0%
Tsunami / sea level concerns	1%	2%	0%
Leave as green space/open space for public use	1%	1%	0%
Harm to the environment NFI	1%	1%	0%
Harm to beach	1%	1%	0%
Litter concerns	1%	1%	0%
Access Concerns	14%	11%	24%
Prevents access to the breakwall	7%	6%	14%
Prevents access to the beach	4%	3%	7%
Prevents access to the area NFI	1%	2%	0%
Prevents access to the pool / encloses the pool	1%	1%	3%
Infrastructure Concerns	14%	13%	17%
Will bring in too much traffic	4%	4%	3%
Noise concerns	2%	2%	3%
Parking already insufficient / Limits parking	2%	2%	3%
Security concerns	2%	1%	7%
Too many people / high density	2%	3%	0%
Concerns re paid parking / parking restrictions	1%	2%	0%
Council Concerns	16%	18%	7%
Revenue raising / cash grab	9%	10%	3%
Council should spend money on other things (like public toilets, bins, essential services etc)	4%	5%	3%
Council should stick to what they know / Council not in the business of tourist parks	1%	2%	0%
Council should be reducing spending	1%	1%	0%
Skatepark Concerns	7%	1%	31%
Don't relocate the skatepark	7%	1%	28%
Skatepark is in good condition	1%	0%	3%
Cabin Pricing	7%	8%	3%
Cabins are too expensive for families	6%	7%	3%
Cabins are too upmarket	1%	1%	0%
Aesthetics	4%	4%	7%
Cabins ugly / development ugly	4%	4%	7%
Other	16%	15%	21%
Not beneficial for Stockton residents	6%	5%	10%
Money should go back to stockton	2%	1%	7%
It will end up being privatised	1%	1%	0%
No alternatives explored	1%	1%	0%
Other	7%	8%	3%

Appendix VII- Q2. Verbatim Responses- Reasons for Disagreeing with Stockton Tourist Park Extension

Q2. Please explain why you disagree with the proposal to expand the Stockton Tourist Park.

Verbatim Responses

1. Expanding the tourist park means relocating the skatepark. The Skatepark is already in a most suitable position- adjacent to swimming centre and beach access (this is where the kids can most utilise the park).

2. Moving the park is not a sensible use of ratepayers funds. The business model for relocating the park is possibly flawed. as currently the occupancy of the new style units is low because is has become too expensive for the working person to stay there in summer.

3. Relocating the park to west of ferry terminal moves the skaters away from their preferred position near the pool and beach - as well as causing most of the skaters to be further away from their home supervision.

4. For local residents around Griffith Park, a Skatepark will cause a loss of the picturesque Newcastle city views or a seriously compromised viewing of the city. No skatepark is going to be pretty in framing the city view - even in the most enthusiastic eyes. It will eventually be an eyesore and a loss of amenity for local r

1. It will take a very long time to recover the cost of the developmwnt

2. The development will remove some of the public open space next to the breakwall

3. The skate park was funded by the community not the council & should not be moved.

4. The current tourist park is large for the community and tourists. It seems that the larger majority of the year the current park is not at full capacity.

1. This development will result in "development creep".

The area near the pool, Stockton Breakwater Access, and opposite pitt street must remain open as public space. It is the ONLY place in the Newcastle region from which residents and tourists can gain this particular vista of an iconic Novocastrian landmark, Nobby's. It should not be allowed to be capitalised by council, nor particular business owners.

The cabins are likely to be an eyesore on this picturesque piece of coastline, and should not be added behind the pool nor anywhere along the park opposite pitt street.

In addition, the area that is likely to suffer from development creep is an important part of local history - pirate point - and should be maintained as such.

1.Will increase the activity in this already busy area with subsequent problems associated with conflict of use.

2.Will take away from the open public space that is such a feature of Stockton.

3.Removal of skate park with community ownership to an unknown location and remove it from supervised use by visitors to tourist park.

4.If the buildings are as recently erected at the north end of the park are any indication it will be an eyesore.

5.Security within the park is already an issue and the new proposal will be less secure than the existing.

6.When the above is realised the then necessary security fences will create another eyesore.

7.Parking is already a problem all around this area and Lynn oval and has increased since the expansion of the Park.

8.Parking for park visitors remote from the accommodation is a temptation to vagrants to cause problems with the associated loss of reputation to Stockton and Newcastle generally. This is already a problem here.

9.The whole Lynn oval, Surf Club, Beach Tourist Park,

25 cabins would be quite a dense development and take up an inordinate amount of green space. Over development is undesirable.

Alienation of public space.

already enough destruction of environment = don't need more built environment.

Area should be developed as a public amenity that can encourage social interaction between locals and tourists.

As a person who regularly uses the breakwall for fishing, I can see a conflict with access to the breakwall. i.e. I know that the next thing is parking restrictions in the street, where I have been parking for years to do my fishing

As a stockton resident who remembered the caravan park of old there is enough change to the environment as it is
Because I have always thought the reserves would be a magnificent botanical garden and would enhance the beauty of Stockton. Not more cabins with limited space for cars at the ferry, might bring in more money for council but let council find alternative ways of making money,
Because once you put cabins on the area you are restricting the public from enjoying the park grounds that is the area east of the swimming pool the park could be improved I agree but it should be open to all not just to ones who are hiring the cabins.
big enough now
Build a function center. Cabin residents are traveling on the cheap and do not add much to local economy.
Cabins are taking over caravan parks. Tourist parks, or as once known, caravan parks, were places where families could enjoy fantastic, affordable holidays in popular beachside spots. Now tourist park management are after the big dollars which is what the cabins bring in. If you want to expand the park it should be to include a large open space which has both powered and non powered camp sites and a quality camp kitchen. Stockton is a jewel and has everything for families to enjoy a fabulous seaside holiday. Cabins are over priced particularly in peak season. Increase the camping sites so young families can enjoy Stockton Tourist Park all year round. In addition, unpowered camp sites are greener and more ecologically sustainable. In direct response to your proposal. I think the proposed cabins are ugly. Improved cycle ways, pathways and access to beach are a good thing. Stockton Swimming Centre is in itself an attraction to tourist park. Lanis Old Bar Park has a free public pool (very small) just outside park
cabins are very expensive forms of accommodation. Stockton has been traditionally a working class camping area. this proposal would price it out their reach.
Cabins can be financially restrictive to some. Suggest allowing for caravan/motorhome/tents as this is possibly the larger percentage of tourists.
Cabins take away valuable space - we've enough buildings everywhere - space is what is needed!!
Concerned about loss of open public space being taken over by caravan park. This could just be the start of the southern extension, if it is the only means of Newcastle Council making money why wouldn't expansion continue. Also concerned about money gained through park expansion will not be spent on improvements in Stockton but go into Newcastle Council coffers and the money can be spent in any area along the coast of Newcastle.
council needs to reduce spending
Council should stay with things it (is supposed to) knows how to do.
Council would be taking open space park land, from the residents of Stockton
Did not think the access through the proposed park was good for public or those staying at the park. May present more security issues for those staying at park. May prevent public accessing the beach.
Encloses swimming pool and moves skate park and access to breakwall.
encroaching on public land
Erosion issues & (in general) impact on the natural environment -what is left of it!
Expanding the park provided the skate park remains as it is.
Expansion of the tourist park, together with increased pedestrian & motor traffic, will most probably negatively affect the reserve.
Harm to the beach
Having the tourist park use that land would make the area unusable for the rest of the community. I would rather see the council spend money on revitalising the foreshore walk and foreshore park areas to something akin to the water parks you find in QLD cities such as Townsville, Airlie Beach and Brisbane. This way the land could be enjoyed by all and not just caravan park patrons.
I am not convinced that we can still have EASY access to the breakwater and our pool
I am unsure that they would be kept for the use of holiday makers. I do not want this facility to become available for more long term stays

<p>I am very concerned that the building of cabins will not stop with the proposed ones in this plan. This is valuable open space for Stockton residents and visitors alike.</p> <p>There must also be very free public access in front of any cabins which is planned at present but plans sometimes get altered to the detriment of the locals.</p>
<p>I believe it would be encroaching on public land that could be better used for public use such as more challenging play equipment such as the speers point park.</p>
<p>I disagree somewhat only; because NCC has sought for an increase in rates and I understand one reason was for essential maintenance. In the suburb I live in 2296 patchwork repairs has only been done to roads and footpaths et., essential maintenance is needed in some streets, and uneven footpath surfaces. I feel NCC needs to prioritise on essential maintenance for safety issues first.</p>
<p>I disagree strongly because this open area should be available to all-</p>
<p>I disagree with the extension of upmarket cabins. The Tourist park should provide the opportunity for basic, budget holiday experience. It should not compete for high end visitors who have plenty of alternatives.</p>
<p>Extending the park will tend to cut off the breakwall and inner beach.</p>
<p>I do not believe that the expansion of the caravan park is in the best interests of the Stockton community. It will be another open space closed off to the general public. And I believe that the Newcastle council sees it as a cash cow whose profits will be generally spent elsewhere, on so called coastal revitalisation projects etc. It seems that the council can spend ratepayers funds for consultants etc. But a public toilet in the main shopping centre and things like extra garbage bins and or services at peak periods seem to be unheard of. To be more specific I think council wants another caravan park then perhaps Merewether or Bar Beach may be a better option. I am sure that the residents of those suburbs won't mind. I also feel that once you have expanded then at some point King St public access to the breakwall. Will be a point of interest. I also wonder what your long term ideas are for timed parking / parking meters. As a resident who attended your recent meeting on 11/2/12 were I found your consultant and c</p>
<p>I don't think a Stockton is a caravan park destination</p>
<p>I don't understand and I don't live there</p>
<p>I doubt there's a need to expand more cabins to existing STP other than for revenue purposes</p>
<p>I feel that as much land as possible in Stockton you be kept for public use.</p>
<p>I feel that Stockton needs more vegetation on the shoreline rather than further concrete footprints, to stabilise the soil and provide a buffer against wind and wave erosion and improve the ambiance - note how much Byron Bay has improved in the last 40 years due to much increased trees and bush regeneration along the coast. Also if there is to be more accommodation for tourists there needs to be increased education and even fines for littering. the number of plastic on the beach (especially fishing bait bags) increases dramatically during the holiday season, when the current caravan park is full, though this could also be due to day visitors. There is also the extra burden on the local swimming pool. All facilities, and the environment are being stretched already by the massive development in Fern Bay which has no facilities of its own, due to the community title (ie residents don't want to have to pay for their facilities from their own pockets).</p>
<p>I feel that the beach would become even less accessible with the expansion of the tourist park. I feel it is revenue-raising for Council at Stockton resident's expense. I dislike the locking of the park gates. The park will encroach nearly all the beach on the East side. Why not expand further north, if you have to?</p>
<p>I feel the area could be better utilize as open area</p>
<p>I prefer to keep the parkland as a park.</p>
<p>I question the creeping effect. where will it stop? The open green space is unique don't ruin it.</p>
<p>I think it should be a private business. It is not core Council business.</p>
<p>I think one of the beauties of Stockton is the open plan reserve. It allows visitors like myself to meet at the parkland and have picnics with my family. We can play with the children. Sit on the shore and observe the fishing vessels and coal containers moving traffic.</p>
<p>I think that the area should be left alone</p>
<p>I think that there is currently a lot of cabin type accommodation. I think that if the Tourist Park is going to expand, it should be with cheaper accommodation options - eg camping</p>

I think the proposed expansion of the Stockton Tourist Park will destroy the coastal access currently available to the residents and change the feel of Stockton as a whole
I think the tourist park is big enough already and that further expansion should no be encouraged.
i would rather have the public access to the reserve as it is
If You are expanding at the expense of other sites, eg, powered sites then I am troltally opposed to the expansion. This is simply turning a public facility into a commercial venture.
Is the expansion just to raise money for the council? It will depend on how well they fit into the landscape
It appears to reduce public reserve area and to leave a very small public area between edge of proposed tourist park and water edge
It imposes on breakwall and beach access. The proposal has too many grey area such as destination of revenues raised, a possible separate entity from the current operation, no certainty re public access through extension. Proposal reclaims open spaces used by various groups. No definite plan for skate park other than removing it - more suitable location difficult to accommodate. This plan, along with other associated "improvements" will change the unique essence of Stockton, impacting on and detracting from the casual and relaxed nature of the suburb - the very nature that makes people both want to live in and visit Stockton.
It is an invasion of public parkland by the council to make a few bucks it is bad enough when tents are erected there when harbour events are held including fireworks preventing residents of NEWCASTLE & STOCKTON enjoying the festivities It is bad enough that the park is encroaching on the sand dunes now We need that area and the ballast for recreational pursuits including the Kite flying
It is big enough
it is open park land now leave it as is. NCC are yet to complete the Corroba Oval redevelopment that has been going for 2 years. NCC councilours are due to be elected in a few months so why doesnt the decision on this project be left to the new councilours. NCC promises the world but fail to deliver. The reloction of library, skate park and the building of anew community hall is in the wrong location. And if goes ahead should be completed before the caravan park devlopment starts.
It lessens public access to a 'Public Reserve' - to the benefit only of the Council's coffers and van park residents/campers.
It should be left as parkland so we can enjoy it.
It should be made a great park with lots of trees toilets and park benches, seats tables etc. No other city has a area to make such a beautiful park.
It will change access to the breakwall as we know it & deter visitors from coming to visit the wrecks which are a feature of this area.
It will cut our wide open spaces - much appreciated by visitors and spoil the favourite walking path up to the 'shipwreck'
It will turn into private entity disallowing local accomodation afforded only to wealthy tourists
It would bring too much traffic to an area that has only one road in.
It would unnecessarily increase the pop density and could pose community problems.
Its big enough. Open space is needed.
it's ugly and it restricts access to the beach and views toward Newcastle City
Leave if for the public to enjoy as is
Less development required

<p>limited access to the beach and breakwater. Noise factor with vehicles and people in the expanded section. Desecration of the salt bushes and sand hills along the beach and harbour frontage. the swimming pool is community property built for the residents. Obstruction of harbour views along Pitt street. the current caravan park is adequate for the size of Stockton. I have seen the current caravan park expand over the last 50 years and not always in good taste. the area has gradually encroached on open land along the beach front and foreshore. Caravan holiday makers are temporary in the park. in the summer there is usually a good sea breeze coming of the water to help ease the temperatures in the areas close by the beach. I would like to know why the council would even think of extending the caravan park onto an open area of public land. this area was an old council dump until the early 60's and has historical interest. The landfill for the area under discussion came from the harbour deeping dredges in the 60'</p>
Loss of public space. Proposed cabins are not affordabale for "average" famaily holiday.
More resources should be allocated to other areas on a needs basis
Negative impact of residents in the vicinity (including me)
Newcastle City Council is not in the business of providing accommodation to tourists. Council is in the business of economic development and ensuring the economic success of our city, but this investment will not add value to the city's future success. Especially, when environmental unfriendly businesses such as Orica and Incitec are so near and the tourist market is so volatile. Yes, the Stockton Tourist Park does make a profit - but its not Councils core business.
No advantage to Stockton with many many disadvantages. Why do Council want to do this?? It's crazy.
no more development without improvements to surrounding infrastucture
No more needed
not enough tent site cabin prices to expensive
Not evryone wants to stay in a cabin. What about tents sites or just leaving as reserve
Not helpful to Stockton as a suburb.
Proposed area should be improved for use by the general public
Public land would be lost forever and it would only take a few years before the park would suffer the ravages of time and become an eyesore.
Public open space is of more value to the entire community as public open space, open space is a major part of Stocktons inherent character. The consultants employed by council (Jane Irwin) felt that a van park is not the best use of this land. It is disspointing that council do not appear to have the vision or understanding of the intrinsic value of this land to everyone not only on Stockton but for all visitors as well. Part of what makes Sydney one of the worlds geatest cities is the access the public have to open areas and the harbour.
Public open space should never be built on - it must be preserved as open for everybody.
Requires more camping spots to attract return tourism. Cabins take up more space and tend to be one-offs as far as ongoing tourism is concerned.
Space should be left open for use by general public and not limit access to little beach in any way
Stockton park has recently installed several cabins at the expense of temporary camping & caravan sites. No further cabin expansion should be performed. The park & Newcastle council are not catering for tourists that can not afford less costly accomodation. The plan must include extra non permanent camping sites.
Stockton pool was built using funds raised by the local community & should not be incorporated in caravan park
Strongly believe it is imperative to maintain as much public open space as possible.
Taking away open space & public access
The area is not sustainable with a larger camping area.

<p>the community do not want the expansion,poor design ,similar to a major Resort at Coffs Harbour where they have a huge security problem with local thugs breaking into units & visitors cars on a regular basis.I also can,t understand why we would want to spend money on developing library /cafe at the Ferry wharf when we already have cafes & a good library in Stockton,there is also no need to relocate the skate ramp all these costs are just a waste of tax payers money & could be better used on main street beautification or put towards additional community support such as 24hr/7day police coverage,improved pedestriian access to the beach from Mitchell street or additional car parking at the already over developed Lynn oval area to cater for the surf club,beach goers,Lexies customers,cricket/football goers & club patrons ,just to name a few area/suggestions.</p>
<p>The Council is taking to much for granted. That this is needed & wanted for Stockton people</p>
<p>The design of the cabins: awful</p>
<p>The expansion of the park will form a barrier for access to the breakwall. While access may be maintained, the physical barrier that expansion will cause will deter people from accessing the area. I addition, the expansion results in facilities being placed further away from the people who will use them.</p>
<p>The intensification of land usage via building developments on the waterfront of Stockton will take away valuable open space from the whole of Newcastle. It will reduce leisure opportunities for the growing inner city population, Stockton and Fern Bay. The new cycleway is an excellent example of the type of development that is already being used by a wide range of Newcastle residents. A growing inner city would quickly regret the lose of open space that is already widely used and valued within and beyond Newcastle.</p>
<p>The is already insufficient public parking in this area & this will only increase competition for it.</p>
<p>The land should be kept for everyone to enjoy and use, not just the few who could afford to stay there. It would also disrupt the view of Newcastle and the harbour.</p>
<p>The noise factor from the pool. Too much for the people in the tourist park.</p>
<p>The plan excludes the skate park.</p>
<p>The removal of skate ramp/park to Griffith Park West is not a good idea</p>
<p>The reserve needs to be retained for public use. The reserve could look like what Townsville QLD did to their esplanade. They built a wide path that meanders around the foreshore that can be used for exercising, grass areas with Picnic Tables and BBQs, and lush planting in between. This would be good for Stockton residents and Newcastle would benefit from having a lush green tree outlook from the foreshore, instead the bland foreshore it is now! Looking out to Stockton foreshore from the Ferry wharf does not make me want to take the trip over there. Also a water slide park would attract a crowd over there and from the Caravan Park/ Stockton residents.</p>
<p>The space near the swimming pool is better utilised for public sporting and recreational activities.</p>
<p>The space should be kept for public use.</p>
<p>There are enough cabins for the Stockton caravan park - if we expand, then the area will continue to grow & more & more area will be needed. Public area. the ballastetc; is wellused leave it as is!</p>
<p>There has been no public debate or floating of alternative uses. There is no cost benefit analysis of alternative uses. The proposal feels like an imposition because of this.</p>
<p>There is a need to retain open space east of the swimming pool - especially in the light of sea level rising and uncertainty with existing buffer areas</p>
<p>There is already a tourist park and an additional facility at that site would mean higher density living. There needs to be open space for the general public to enjoy with trees and amenities that are well looked after and welcoming to the general public.</p>
<p>they cannot manage the park efficiently now, so why exacerbate the problem</p>
<p>This City has such LIMITED PUBLIC open space why do you have to turn ever bit over to development. Once this happens it is never recovered for common use again. Look at what has been taken up of the harbour that should have been laid down for future generations but went into Developers pockets.</p>
<p>This development would take away too much parkland from people wishing to enjoy walks and to use the harbour beach.</p>
<p>This is just a grab for cash by Council</p>

<p>This is one of the few large areas for the community and day visitors. It provides space for a very wide range of recreation and activity. The area is extensively used almost every day of the year. This is a major asset as it is.</p> <p>If the Council wants more visitir accommodation and van / camp sites then other partrs of the LGA provide much better scope and opportunity.</p>
<p>This is open crown land for the people of Stockton that is used regularly by locals and visitors. Taking this open land for the tourist park development is not right. It is noted only very little of this money generated by this park will be used in STockton - most of it will be used in other crown land area in Newcastle. So Stockton suffer loss of open space and cabins in seaside location for little return to the local Stockton community.</p> <p>This will lead to more and more extnsions of tthe park to take over more open area - the issue is this will not stop here. It is not acceptable to a large part of the local Stockton community. The area is used for kites, dog walking, games generally with views of the harbour that will be lost.</p> <p>This will lead to the loss of the skate park and cost to Council of up to \$750,000 to relocate the skate park - money that could be spent of other other improvements.</p>
<p>This proposal will limit residents access to this area and the breakwater</p>
<p>This proposal will take away too much of the public coastal land that community can access and use. This is community land and should be kept as such.</p>
<p>This will ruin the public access/enjoument of the quiet(er) end of the reserve</p>
<p>Too many cabins will spoil the area.</p>
<p>Too much development & traffic</p>
<p>Tourist Parks are ugly!</p>
<p>Unfortunately tourists tend to destroy the attractions of the place visited. These attractions are the things that encouraged them to visit in the first place. The park already provides sufficient accomodation.</p>
<p>When the park is at it's highest occupation the number of thefts, breakins and alcohol abuse in Stockton increases.</p>
<p>vacant land should be kept to a premium</p>
<p>We Need more park land. Not Less</p>
<p>when the tsunami hits enough people will be washed to their deaths.</p>
<p>Where is the space for people with caravans/tents? Losing more open space. I realise Council has to make money.</p>
<p>While i am not against a proposal of this type it now could become an eyesore for tourists coming into our harbour where we have a beautiful city on one side and a tourist park on the other</p>
<p>Why not put in more caravan sites. I meet people on the road from all over Australia and am amazed at the amount of people who try to book into Stockton</p>
<p>Why should ratepayers in the whole local government area, most of whom are not tourists and won't use the facility, pay for this expansion?</p>
<p>Will profits go to council?</p>
<p>would like to see more facts about the extension. To what thoroughfare will be left around the breakwater area for general public. How far the area will be extended to the south. will there be toilets accessible to the public either at the breakwater or south overlooking Lions Park? What will the next stage be? Move more cabins further south to wards Lions Park??</p>

Appendix VIII- Q9. Categorisation of Reasons for Disagreeing with Multipurpose Community Centre.

CATEGORISATION: REASONS FOR DISAGREEMENT WITH PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTRE	TOTAL SAMPLE n= 170	NEWCASTLE VOICE SAMPLE n= 140		ANONYMOUS SAMPLE n= 30
<i>Base: those who disagreed and left open ended response</i>				
Multipurpose Centre- General	40.0%	45.7%	13.3%	
I support the idea of the MPC, just not in that (waterfront) location	20.6%	24.3%	3.3%	
is it needed? / is it wanted	10.6%	11.4%	6.7%	
Concerns re ongoing maintenance	4.7%	5.7%	0.0%	
MPC won't get used	4.1%	4.3%	3.3%	
Proposed location	40.0%	44.3%	20.0%	
Leave as open space, parkland	12.9%	15.7%	0.0%	
Keep waterfront free of development	12.4%	14.3%	3.3%	
Too far away / not accessible / not central	8.2%	7.1%	13.3%	
Will restrict views	4.1%	4.3%	3.3%	
Foreshore/waterfront not a suitable location	2.4%	2.9%	0.0%	
Existing Facilities	27.6%	15.0%	86.7%	
use existing facilities (e.g. surf club, RSI, halls, cafes etc)	17.1%	10.0%	50.0%	
Leave library where it is	5.3%	3.6%	13.3%	
MPC takes business away from existing venues	2.9%	0.7%	13.3%	
Improve existing facilities in Stockton	2.4%	0.7%	10.0%	
Traffic & Security concerns	17.1%	11.4%	43.3%	
Anticipated parking problems	8.2%	5.7%	20.0%	
Will attract vandals, graffiti, thugs etc	6.5%	5.0%	13.3%	
Traffic impact not assessed	1.8%	0.0%	10.0%	
Will attract litter	0.6%	0.7%	0.0%	
Cost concerns	12.9%	14.3%	6.7%	
Waste of money	5.3%	5.7%	3.3%	
Money better spent elsewhere	2.9%	2.9%	3.3%	
Cost outweighs perceived benefits or use	2.9%	3.6%	0.0%	
Council can't afford it	1.8%	2.1%	0.0%	
Use resources elsewhere	7.6%	9.3%	0.0%	
Spend the money on Hunter Street / Newcastle CBD	2.9%	3.6%	0.0%	
Western suburbs neglected	1.8%	2.1%	0.0%	
Money better spent elsewhere	1.8%	2.1%	0.0%	
Doesn't serve all of Newcastle LGA	1.2%	1.4%	0.0%	
Other	7.1%	7.9%	3.3%	

Appendix IX- Q9. Verbatim Responses- Reasons for Disagreeing with Multipurpose Community Centre

Q9. Please explain why you disagree with the proposal to build a multipurpose community centre.

<p>1. existing waterfront community centres are available and are currently under-utilised.</p>
<p>1. The current library is of sufficient size for the community & has very low usage. 2. There is no need for a community hall as the local church and masonic halls provide space also the RSL has a hall space & it would be better to use this space to support local business. 3. The installation of a cafe will detract from the local busines' which already provide this service. If visitors come accross on the ferry & can get food and drinks, they would have no need to move further into the community. 4. The current ferry whaf facilitys are more than adequate for the volume of people who use the service. 5. Any construction of this type would block the view for those people who currently look towards the city from their houses (note I live in north sotckton not this area). 6. Having spoken to community members I believe that the area of Griffiths park was 'Never to be built on' 7. Why would you reduce the parking at the ferry treminal and also intorduce timed parking??? Surely we would want to encourage people to use the ferry service. The current size of the parking facility seems to be adequate for the every day commuters and weekend traffic 8. A shared zone for the bus turning bay seems unnecessary & could introduce a potential pedestrian vehicle accident, especaiilly if the play area is to be constructed. The current arrangement clearly defines the roadway and the pededtrian walkways.</p>
<p>1. The proposed Community centre takes over an existing carpark space. This car park is fit for purpose and provides a valuable place for commuters (Port Stephens and local Stockton ratepayers) to park their vehicles when visiting. 2.Reducing the carpark area - and only allowing timed stays in the reduced car park area - will cause loss of amenity for locals in Hunter St and Wharf Crescent - who must then bear the brunt of competing with commuters for car parking in front of their residences - due to commuters needing to park in the residential streets (residents already have significant traffic problems near homes in streets near Griffith Park. Further inconvenience & loss of local ammenity will result. 3. A traffic study should be completed. 4. There is no traffic study in the south Stockton public domain plan. The public domain plan is therefore not yet acceptable.</p>
<p>A community can be placed anywhere and not take up more valuable foreshore area.</p>
<p>A multi purpose community centre would be fine up at the sporting oval, leave the foreshore alone . Put trees , and beautify . Our harbour is as good as Sydney , promote it to the Sydney tourists to day trip.</p>
<p>Acess to the facility it is not central to the shops people will have to travel quite a distance to acess the new facility and it is in the open and will be subject more to the elements of the weather.</p>
<p>Additional capital and ongoing maintenance expense for limited gain.</p>
<p>Again is it something visitors would like to see as they come into the harbour or look across to from newcastle. There is plenty of space not so prominent where a multipurpose community centre can be built. Community centres also often are flavour of the month for a short while and looked after. After time they fall into disrepair and become eyesores so not on this site</p>
<p>Already have enough halls for functions</p>
<p>already have these facilities in Stockton should be supporting the local buisnesses not giving them more copetition,money could be spent in many better areas such as main street beautification ,additional policing,improved people accsess to the beach from Mitchell street</p>
<p>Another play from council to take away views of the area local residents have had for years</p>

any man-made structure near the coast has a very expensive short life and provides another target for vandals. instead of more buildings, more greenery might mitigate coastal erosion.
Area should be left as park and playgrounds
Area subject to people affected by alcohol & would be a target for vandalism
Beaches are made for swimming. Buildings not meeting this criteria should not be in a place to interfere with beach activities
Because all of Council's focus and expenditure is concentrated along the coastline with a general neglect of all western suburbs. The population of Stockton is already well endowed.
Where is the planning and funding for the reserves in wallsend and elermore vale?
Because I have seen too many of those that never get used and are a waste of money. They also tend not to be maintained, can be an eyesore and attract graffiti. You the money better elsewhere. Say reason I oppose a viewing platform.
because it may not serve the needs of all of newcastle
Because of NCC's proposed steep rate increase.
Because where you put community centres you get people using that facilities. The more people you get the more rubbish (most people are pigs)& damage will occur. The area then would become unsightly.
Community centres are generally poorly run, utilised and maintained and i believe this will detract from the forshore setting.
Community Centres, although extremely useful for all members of the community, can become eyesores if not maintained constantly by the Council, users and the local community. Who will be responsible for it's upkeep??????
cost out way usage
counci needs to reduce costs
Council currently cannot maintain the facilities it currently owns. (although I will say that it is severly underfunded by levels of government above it, so it's not completly Councils fault) building a new facility whilst so many of Councils others are in need of repair would be a waste of funds.
Council has enough buildings to look after and does not have the money for this.
Council have, for several years, built property on the water front, blocking visual accesses to all. Building on the waterfront and blocking views doesn't take into consideration the older population who can only access water views by visuals. Aging population is rarely considered in these waterside constructions wih little disability access.
Council should NEVER cover current green areas with buildings. You do not have that right.
Council should spend monies evenly throughout the area viz Wallsend Shortland Waratah Lambton
Did Stockton ask for this? A community centre on the outer edge of the community. Give us more commercial zoning so we can have a decent retail area and a proper supermarket. There are plenty of meeting rooms on Stockton. Why do you think that this is needed?
DO NOT BUILD ON THE WATERFRONT!!!!!!!
Do not change carpark put new buildings immediately east of carpark
does the council really need a community centre in this area or has a real need been identified---if so i will change my opinion--i do not live in stockton but support the full development of stockton--i think stockton is great

Don't disagree with concept of community centre but do not believe it should be situated on waterfront.
Facility is not required.
Given the proximity to Newcastle and the existing facilities at Stockton I think the money could be better spent in a different part of the LGA
Griffiths Park should remain the domain for sporting activities and recreational pursuits.
Put the community centre in on the Ballast area, could it not be combined with the old Scout Hall??
Happy to have a multi purpose community centre, but disagree with the location. The current proposal requires the removal of carparking spaces, and introduction of timed (eventually paid!) parking, which will discourage use of the ferry and increase vehicle traffic into Newcastle along an already heavily congested road. The facilities will also be further away from the people who will use them, making it more difficult to access. Why do councils insist on moving facilities to the fringes, when they should be making them more accessible
I am concerned that the costs would be disproportional to how often it would be used.
I am sure there are un/underused buildings that could be used without building something else
I believe there must be more urgent priorities in Newcastle area that would serve more people. Will this multipurpose unit help Newcastle CBD Hunter st etc. Newcastle side of the Harbour is a very interesting topic when viewed by visiting friends.
I disagree with the location close to the beach front. Other reserve style locations would be better option/s
i do not think any building should be built on the waterfront stockton or newcastle side of the harbour.
I don't believe a community centre is good use of waterfront land
I don't believe it is a good use of resources.
I dont believe this facility will be used
i don't believe we need a community centre there. I don't believe it is a good place for the library. I believe you are trying to open the public space up to commercial interests & I don't believe in the foreshore/coastline being opened up to private interests on public land.
I don't disagree to a centre itself, I don't believe it should be on the waterfront
I don't disagree to the building but I do disagree to it being on the waterfront.
I dont disagree with multi purpose unit but not located adjacent to harbour within impact zone of 25 yr climate change predictions. The child care centre needs to be relocated.
I don't disagree with the need for a multipurpose centre, I totally disagree with the need for it to be on the waterfront. Lots of activities are at night and do not need the view, excess traffic to cater for functions
I dont think that it will be used. We dont need it.
I dont think that waterside land should have buildings which will spoil someone's views. We should attempt to keep every ounce of coastal land we can free from buildings. Community centres can be put anywhere in Stockton but it should be nearer the centre of the suburb so that the housing commission residents to the north of the suburb are not disadvantaged.
I don't think this is the ideal position for the community centre. it is too far from the shopping centre.
I don't understand and I don't live there.

I don't want fore shore development in this area. Council funds are limited and should be directed towards fixing Hunter St which is a national disgrace.

I feel that this plan includes moving the library which is NOW central to all of Stockton

I feel the money needed to be spent on this particular part of the project could be far better spent - there is no need for a multipurpose centre on the foreshore - perhaps somewhere else but not where proposed.

I like the library where it is. A cafe would be alright. I guess a public room could be useful, but I don't really see who would use the meeting rooms.

I object to ANY unnecessary alienation of waterfrontage. A community centre elsewhere is a great idea.

I prefer libraries to be closer to town to be more accessible. Not sure a community centre would be a waste of money. Would a cafe be able to make any money for the tender or would the shop just 'shut up' in the future?

I support a multipurpose community centre but not on the fore shore. If you are going to have an indoor activity centre it can go anywhere reasonably close. The foreshore should be for outdoor activity ie skate park, family areas, barbeques, walk ways etc.

I think community buildings should be close to (or closely link to) where people live. Maybe siting the library / community buildings on the shoreline would cause people who live in Stockton to drive to the foreshore to visit the library etc. This would add to parking congestion on the 'waterfront'

I think that the foreshore should be left as it

I don't disagree with a multipurpose community centre somewhere else

I think that there are enough multipurpose community centres in the Newcastle area. Instead, I would like to see something done for the dogs of Newcastle shire. Why can't council spend some money on a leading edge, FENCED dog park with shade and equipment!

I think the location is the issue. keep the waterfront free of buildings. look at the catastrophe at honeysuckle!!!!

I think the waterfront should stay as open and uncluttered with buildings, it would depend on the size of the building and how it is used.

I would prefer Council acquire buildings that are already there and make use of those rather than build something new.Keep the foreshore free from buildings as is possible.

Is there a demonstrated need for a multipurpose community centre in this location.

It is a beautiful area as it is and such a facility could be placed in one of the more dilapidated areas of Stockton

It is not right to remove half the existing car park space to build a community centre. This car park fills up regularly. It should be preserved for ferry commuters. If the carpark is reduced in size we need to walk a lot further from the streets in inclement weather. That is a backward move.

It is the wrong place to build a building. Residents want the foreshore to remain open. It will also make it more difficult (further) for commuters (particularly elderly) to get to the ferry terminal. The library is conveniently located in its existing position.

It is time to stop building concrete buildings on the Foreshore.
Look at the Newcastle side Foreshore -
Nothing but concrete buildings-
A complete eyesore -

It is unlikely that Council with limited funding will develop the building as a large enough facility that can support a wide variety of community uses - not just Stockton but also greater Newcastle. Without constant patronage, the building will be vandalised and damaged, needing constant repair at high costs.

It should be built as you come into Stockton not taking up prime space,viewing or car parking amenities

It will be extremely costley and not attract enough use to make us feel that it is money "well spent".
It will not be central to Stockton residents. Add to it that it will be paid parking, It will make it hard for older residents, school children and disabled people. Most residents go to the shopping district, where at the moment they can do shopping, visit library and doctors, chemist. One stop only. No need then to baord the bus to the ferry wharf. NO!!
It will not stop at one building and besides are we going to see more bloody parking metres thats why people visit stockton foreshore there is none this is one of the big issues in Newcastle to many parking metres and that is why I am dead against getting rid of the rail coridor and i will fight against this do not do the same to stockton Council has a habit of getting to greedy.
It will remove revenue from current community facilities such as the RSL, Surf Club, Bowling Club, Sailing Club etc etc. Money could be better utilised maintaing and upgrading existing facilities in Stockton, some public toilets would be a good at start. Too far removed from the community centre and will remove public open space that the council does not seem to understand the value of.
It would not be used enough to warrant the expence.
It would spoil the view of the Newcastle skyline not to mention the fact that the waterfront should be accessible to all people, all of the time
Just keep the area all open
Keep the open space as much as possible.
Keep the waterfront for pleasant viewing - build the community centre one street back.
money needs to be spent elsewhere before spending money on this...Newcastle hunter street needs WORK
Money would be better spent on cycleways
My concern is that the foreshore ambience may be lost with a structure there
No building on waterfront at all
No community centre without extra & adequate parking - (to provide surfhouse with parking shr limit at Merew. means you can't spend an afternoon on the beach.
No more buildings. Another building elsewhere for the centre is preferable.
No need waste of money upgrade existing facilities
No people would use it?
Not a necessary spend of the publics money. The business can still be shared amongst local businesses eg functions that would be held in the new 'multi purpose community center' can go to/stay with already struggling local businesses.
Why buy new toys when the ones Newcastle city council has aren't broken!
Not a necessary facility. Spend the money more wisely
not needed
NOT ON THE WATER FRONT: Any building on the water front ruins the whole parkland community usage ... why on the water front? Build it away from prime viewing picnic areas, like on the existing library land. There isn't enough car parking. Centralising ferry, picnic, playground, community centre and Library facilities combined with removing informal car parking (which volume flexible) is nuts!

Not really sure multipurpose centre is needed
Not required in this open space should be located elsewhere
Not the right place - this foreshore needs to be left as is to enjoy
Not the right place as this site is at the end of Stockton The centre would be better located at a more central place for access by all residents including pensioners not just the yuppies who can afford living on the harbour On the Ballast between the old gantry wharf and scout hall and the old slip near the Boatrowers hotel
not too near the water
Refer to first explanation, trees not more buildings. A Community Centre could be built on the West side.
should be left as open space
Should not be built on the coast but set back
Space on the waterfront to be left open for community use eg parks
spoil the view. Keep it open.
Stockton does not need a community centre in this location. If such a centre used by groups who are not resident in Stockton, then a regular police presence would need to be instituted, as it is isolated from police stations.
Stockton is unique with the amount of accessible waterfront free space, free from development, and I want to see this retained.
Such centres tend to be "boxes", and when used the people are focused on the activities "within". The people inside *aren't* there for the views and the people *outside* aren't interested in indoor activities! Build boxes back in the streets, please.
The area on the water should be kept as park land to be used by everyone not just people who can afford to hire the community centre.
The building should be further back from park so as not to restrict access to foreshore
The building should be located adjacent to the bowling club.
The copsts!! The Council should manage money better! example: fig trees
The Council & developers only build boxes & they are ugly & not in harmony with our heritage & it will entice vandalism
The existing community facilities are not fully utilised.
The facility will be subject to storm surge and sea level rise. It is an irresponsible location for a community building. As such the building will be prohibitively expensive to achieve an acceptable lifespan in this location. Also a facility of this nature is not necessary at Stockton. For maximum community benefit this type of facility should be a priority of the city centre revitalisation.
The foreshore area is Housing commission we have wasted enough money on Fig Trees and other propoganda if a buiding is required reclaim an existing government building if available such as the library

The foreshore is not the place to build a community centre. There are other facilities at Stockton that could be used for the community eg the surf club, bowling club, RSL club. Why not put money into updating the surf club instead of building a new building.

The foreshore would be cluttered with a large building. if 3 separate services are offered. No parking space on weekdays, library too far from schools & shopping centre. Tourist will not come to Stockton to visit a C. Centre or library, but would for a coffee shop.

the joy of stockton is that it remains simple, and not "modernised " it has a country quality but is so close to the city . We do not need to make buildings appear for the sake of development

The land should be left without buildings on the foreshore

The library should be located in the shopping district, as it already is.

There are lots of vacant shops in the shopping district should a business owner wish to open a cafe. Many of these are closely located near the ferry wharf or in walking distance.

There are plenty of existing meeting venues for community groups (RSL, bowling club, senior citizens hall, several church halls, girl guides halls, scout hall, prawners club, school halls and buildings...)

In other words, this would be an impractical waste of money.

The location is inappropriate & inconvenient for the local community at the southern most point in Stockton ie it should be located in the existing shopping centre preferably at the Senior Citizens/ Childcare Centre site as a new 2 story complex with the nearby library building refurbished as a new Childcare Centre.

The multipurpose community centre is not suitable for the proposed area.

My questions are concerning who would use this centre? What groups would be accessing the centre? would the centre be accessible for everyone in Newcastle? who would maintain the centre and be responsible for it? Is there a demand for this centre? Or, after a few years it would turn into a white elephant? For people to come to Stockton to use this centre there would need to be other support facilities nearby such as parking, shops, cafes, etc. these are my comments as to why it should not be built.

The Stockton Library borrowers need and want a library facility close to the shopping centre. They do not want to travel a distance to the Library. The position of the proposed skateboard area adjacent to the proposed Centre is highly likely to result in vandalism to the Centre. Isolated position poses a risk to the staff.

The waterfront should be kept open space. The multi purpose community centre is needed but should be build away from the waterfront but with habourviews.

The waterfront should be left for recreational purposes

The whole reserve should be kept as is with minimal development and structures.

There are a number of community buildings and facilities in Stocktom. A new facility will just make the existing venues less viable.

Stockton foreshore is about open space and open air activities.

The total foreshore is a high quality multi purpose venue.

The west of the LGA is in urgent need of infrastructures like multipurpose community centres.

There are a number of non council facilities that can and should be used by the community including school halls etc.

Council money should be used on maintaining existing infrastructure not building more that would require further maintenance.

There are already a number of community centres in Stockton - Senior Cits, Scouts, Girl guides as well as surf club, sailing club, RSL etc. There is no need for any more. The money would be better spend on doing up the main street and arcade

There are already numerous under utilized halls in the area which can provide a community forum. The current library is well situated in the business area and people can walk to this facility Cost to put it at wharf with all its additional car parking hassles does not seem justified.

A commercial venture such as a restaurant or coffee lounge is more appropriate to encourage visitors particularly if associated with playground

There are many opportunities available for community groups to utilise various facilities currently available in Stockton. The economic viability of current clubs should be optimised and not detracted from. Community centres should be easily accessible to residents and this plan proposes location at the most distal end of the peninsula well away from the majority of residences

There are plenty of underutilised buildings in Stockton "CBD" already - better to buy & refurbish existing buildings. No need to build on open space.

There is already adequate function rooms available at the various clubs

There is already a community centre available and it doesn't need to be on the foreshore. Parking around the foreshore will become a problem and the building which will be isolated will be subject to vandalism.

There is no need. Improve the facilities we have which is central to everything

There must be another available location for a community centre rather than taking up precious waterfront areas, which can be left for the enjoyment of the entire community.

These things generally, through private manipulation, end up developing, after everything is approved and built, into some thing other than they were intended for

This will not benefit Stockton locals - only tourists & thugs. Who is going to maintain security against graffiti bandits and louts generally in an unsupervised (particularly by night, and in winter) area? At what cost (to ratepayers)?

This would only cater for a small part of the Newcastle population (ie Stockton residents). The money would be best used to fund facilities that would be more accessible to all Newcastle residents.

This would restrict public access and remove views

Too close to the beach

Too much money

Unless the centre is extremely well controlled, it may well attract unruly mobs of people who "hang" around buildings. You would have to be specific about its uses and the use of the surrounding area.

Use the money to improve the dirty shopping area.

Visitors to Stockton may not venture beyond this centre and experience the rest of Stockton. The centre would be a magnet for graffiti and vandalism, particularly when ferry stopped running for the night. Would clutter area and detract from sense of serenity and openness of location.

Rearrangement of road and parking conditions would adversely impact on commuters and residents.

Waterfront and park should always be left as open and uncluttered as possible

Waterfront best kept clear of buildings.

Waterfront land should be kept as clear as possible.

We already have a library - so spend money on worthwhile ventures in Newcastle

We already have all the proposed community centres. this is an useless waste because we have all those facilities - library, cafes, meeting halls.

We currently have numerous halls and venues where formal occasions can occur spend ratepayers money on things that are relevant like upgrading the main st public toilets extrabins in public areas etc

We don't need a new library. Existing Senior Citizens Hall is available. Money should be spent on providing Public toilets in shopping precinct.

We have a library and adequate senior citizens centre. If a multipurpose centre is built it will be difficult for elderly to access - further distance - if the library is re-located the new parking area would have to be established - more public land lost- leave us as we are! We already have an excellent cafe(s) - the cafe would mainly be used by people travelling on the ferry - would not be feasible would affect income of existing cafe(s).

We have already lost the foreshore on the Newcastle side to buildings, don't lose another

We have senior citizens hall + 2 clubs with spaces.
Leave library where it is as many people walk to Lib. + shops, or park once for both.

we need open spaces

We need resources to fix existing Council infrastructure. Fix the existing before trying to add an additional burden.

We need the foreshore kept free from development so that it doesn't end up like the mess near Fanny's with the hotel and town houses blocking the harbour

What do you mean by on the water front? How close? Does it block access and vista for the public space. A green verge is more important than a brick blob.

What is wrong with existing halls/clubs

What types of activities are proposed for the centre, parking and noise issues are rarely considered with this type of proposal.

Whilst the land has been reclaimed, I believe that the open plan green concept should be the aim. To place more buildings would spoil a generally natural feeling of bringing nature/harbour together. There is a need to provide this facility nearby on an existing site to better fit in.

Why have it on the waterfront when there is plenty of other places in Stockton

why take up good coastal areas why not a way from the seaside

Why? Justify the expenditure? Have they used for one?

will it actually be used and maintained? i.e. will budget available for programmes and care after it is built? or will it become an area for bored youth to gather and drink etc.? also, will it be built so as to be integrated with the area, not stick out like a cheap, sore thumb?

Wrong place for any buildings

You should keep the foreshore open to the harbour

Appendix X- Q14-Additional Comments & Categorisation of Additional Comments

CATEGORISATION: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Q14) <i>Base: those who disagreed and left open ended response</i>	TOTAL SAMPLE n= 254	NEWCASTLE	
		VOICE SAMPLE n= 210	ANONYMOUS SAMPLE n= 44
Support Proposals	24%	26%	18%
Development a good idea / develop Stockton / creates something in Stockton	9%	9%	7%
Do it quickly / Don't let this drag on / Make sure it gets done	3%	3%	2%
Like café	3%	2%	5%
Like playground	2%	2%	2%
Like viewing platform	2%	2%	0%
Like MPC	2%	2%	0%
Good for tourists/visitors	2%	2%	0%
Like library attached to MPC	1%	1%	2%
Like tourist park'	1%	1%	0%
Cycleways/walkway good	0%	0%	0%
Proposal Concerns	24%	23%	27%
Need picnic / shade / toilet facilities etc	6%	5%	7%
Consider aged and disability access or transport needs	3%	3%	2%
Waste of Money	3%	3%	2%
Viewing platform silly (can already see)	2%	1%	7%
Facilities need, but not in proposed locations	2%	3%	0%
Vandalism.security concerns	2%	1%	2%
Blacks views	1%	1%	2%
Restrict car access on beach / foreshore	1%	1%	2%
Need more camping areas and caravan sites	1%	1%	0%
Money should go back into stockton	1%	0%	2%
Ensure cycleway/walkway are safe, wide etc	1%	1%	0%
Rising sea level concerns	1%	1%	0%
Existing facilities	19%	14%	39%
Don't move the library	6%	3%	16%
Need shopping centres / improve main street	3%	2%	7%
Don't move the skatepark	2%	1%	7%
Not in keeping with the Stockton "feel"	2%	2%	5%
Café competes with existing business	2%	2%	2%
Bike racks needed at ferry	1%	1%	0%
Consult with skaters re design, new location etc	1%	1%	0%
Finish Corroba first	1%	0%	2%
Parking	18%	18%	20%
Need extra parking / parking hasn't been adequately considered	9%	8%	14%
Timed/Meter parking comments	7%	7%	7%
Control illegal parking	2%	2%	0%
Planting in carpark a concern	0%	0%	0%
Consultation	15%	16%	11%
Survey not suited to those outside Stockton / Can't/difficult to answer- know little ab	7%	8%	2%
This survey is relevant for Stockton locals / Consult the residents	6%	7%	2%
Other consultation	2%	1%	7%
Development Concerns	12%	11%	16%
Maintain open spaces	6%	4%	11%
Don't build on foreshore/fewer buildings	4%	5%	2%
More trees needed	2%	2%	2%
Other projects	3%	3%	5%
Newe/CBD projects should take priority over Stockton.	2%	1%	2%
Spend elsewhere	1%	1%	2%
West ignored	0%	0%	0%
OTHER	26%	24%	36%

Appendix XI- Q14-Additional Comments & Verbatim Responses- Additional Comments

Q14. Are there any additional comments you would like to provide regarding the draft South Stockton Reserve Public Domain Plan

- 1 The planting in the garden within the ferry car park needs streamlining/reducing as it currently provides opportunity for vandals to move between the parked vehicles unnoticed.
- 2 It would be unfair to block current residential views when making changes.
- 3 The proposed cafe needs to complement, not provide opposition, to Lexies which is a favoured icon within the Stockton and surrounding community.
- 4 The tourist park and viewing platform as proposed seem to be excellent facilities.

- 1) The Open Space amenity of the Stockton foreshore should be maintained with full length pedestrian / cycle access being constructed. 2) Restricted vehicle access only to foreshore should be allowed.
- 3) Cabin development (25 cabins max.) should proceed with a guarantee that 80% of profit be held for future local foreshore development.
- 4) That proposed wetland development at western end of Punt Road not be approved due to visual & health implications.
- 5) Drainage and retention basin be developed for western end of Punt Road to reduce flooding.
- 6) Ferry parking should be paid parking for all day and free for up to 4 hours.
- 7) I would support the new library should Council be able to prove economic viability over the next 15 years.

1. If you are going to replace the kids SKATE FACILITIES, I think it is essential that the new facility is built BEFORE the old one is demolished. The site west of the ferry wharf would be a good place.
2. If there are to be cabins built east of the swimming pool, the cycle/walk way should be left as is, and the car park at the break-water should not be made any smaller. In fact why not extend it to within a footpath width from the road as a lot of people park there anyway. This car park is used a lot by fisher people and sightseers especially at weekends.
3. Lion Park informal car park could be more formalised, it is a popular spot for families with small children, and also for fishers.
4. As for the Community Centre/Library/Cafe idea. Why remove part of the car park when it will need to grow in the future to cater for more ferry passenger, and also the community centre etc. There are also handicapped driver parks close to the ferry as it is at present.
5. The new buildings should be immediately to the EAST of the car park, so that instead of people sitting in a library or cafe, staring at the ferry wharf and ferry, they will have an uncluttered outlook over the river to the city. The car park could then be extended behind that facility at some later date when needed.
6. A library in this situation would be wonderful, if it also had views over the river and lots of natural daylight as a library should have.
7. If a library and community centre is built o there, it should have extra car parking facilities. As in your submission, the present car park is used to the full during the week mainly for ferry passengers, so there would be a need for extra car parks. The present car park is essentially for the use of ferry commuters as I understand it. if the ferry was not there, there would be no need for a car park at present.

1. Council has not consulted an adequate cross section of local ratepayers residing near the proposed developments of Griffith Park.
2. There are several potential effects of the developments that will cause loss of amenity for local residents (views, loss of privacy, increased local traffic, reduced local parking spots).
3. Moving the skatepark to west of ferry terminal is likely to be highly controversial and a poor community planning decision (as well as a poor result for the kids who use the facility).
4. The reduced car park area plan near ferry terminal is a poor use of existing fit for purpose assets. If a community centre is required; surely it can fit in between the existing car park and the Lions Park. Why destroy nan existing asset and waste (our) hard earned rates money?

1. How do you become a member of the community reference group?
2. I would propose that a BMX track could be constructed at the south end of Stockton pool as there is no such facility for youth in the area.
3. If security is an issue, A pole mounted CCTV camera could be installed inside the Pool centre to observe the skate park, pool area and proposed BMX track. this could also incorporate security lights.
4. A public toilet facility at the lions park would be beneficial especially if additional seating and BBQ facilities are to be constructed.
5. I don't believe construction should happen on public land if it will interfere with the visual amenity of any residents who have purchased properties with outlooks to the river, harbour, beach or city.
6. One of the best things about stockton is the grassed public open space surrounding the community.
7. The council should have a parking / camping fee for the use of the grassed areas over the new years eve period & these fees could go back to the local community & help pay for the additional services that are used during this time. I do not believe that it is fair that some people pay to be in the caravan/tourist park while others use public community space for free and leave rubbish around when they leave.

1. Please do not reduce the existing ferry terminal car park capacity - if anything it needs another 20 or so parking places. Although council proposes extra parking along Hunter street to accommodate the development, the net result will be increased cars parking in our residential spaces, creating problems for Stockton ratepayers living near the development.
2. Timed parking in the ferry terminal commuter carpark is not ideal. It is poor recognition of the existing uses of the area. The carpark is required for daily and overnight commuters who work in Newcastle CBD or who may commute locally by bus or by rail to Sydney for overnight stays etc etc.
3. The proposed additional angled car park spaces along Hunter St and Wharf Crescent would benefit the sporting community who use Griffith Park and also tourists and customers of the General Washington Hotel
4. Leave the Stockton open spaces as they are. A development on the foreshore next to our ferry terminal is not in line with the real requirements and expectations of the community. Providing a simple cafe and information booth alongside the ferry car park may suffice (eg; possibly a 15m x 15m area east of the carpark.
5. If funds can be spent, how about improving the Stockton CBD amenity - look at street presentation, pedestrian access, paved footpaths and roadway as far as the Library, sensible street plantings - not giant figs and pines!
6. The existing footpaths in Mitchell Street are a disgrace and a poor reflection on Council maintenance and capex strategies over the last 20 years.
7. Please maintain and beautify the existing CBD assets and provide modern, well maintained public toilets near the CBD and near the pool/skatepark.
8. The skatepark is most utilised and appreciated at the current location. Access to pool and beach is favoured by the local kids who use the facility. Ask the kids who use the skate park for confirmation of this. If the tourist park is extended, please ensure the tourist park accommodates or allows for the existing skate facility to stay where it is appreciated. This provides the built in surveillance of the skate park.
9. Ensure any expansion of the tourist park or development on the Stockton peninsula does not reduce the amenity of those local residents who currently enjoy our views and the the open parklands. A viewing platform is not required.
10. We trust council not to reduce or devalue the local amenity and our views. Please stop planting giant pines and fig trees along our residential streets alongside homes and roads. They create an ongoing maintenance issue for us in coming years. Please use more sensible less invasive common native sense tree plantings and PLEASE ASK PERMISSION OF RATEPAYERS IN A STREET BEFORE PLANTING TREES IN THE FRONT OF OUR LOVELY RIVER AND OCEAN VIEWS.

A community centre with library attached is a great idea. Doing it without adding extra parking is somewhat detrimental to its use - especially since the existing carpark is "at capacity during the week".

a library on the water front is too far away from everybody. I like the king st library, its central. an internet cafe on the water front perhaps, but not a library. please.

A master plan with staged development should be made. A model of this should be displayed and public comment sought. The final master plan should result from the comments provided. Stockton has been a tight community for over a century. The City Council should seek comment and listen well.

Additional recreational opportunities at Stockton would be an advantage for the neighbourhood & visitors to the area.

after growing up in stockton and living there for 22 years I made the move to Merewether. It was then i realised how little money was spent on Stockton compared to other suburbs. While not totally happy with the proposed MPC and tourist park position agree they need things like these but maybe not in these positions. It is time to tidy the suburb up with parks, foreshore maintenance and main street/shopping precinct update.

All areas are adequate. If money is available to be spent in Stockton - upgrade the main street - the business area in Stockton. another cafe/restaurant will affect the income of existing cafes etc. in Stockton.

Why- relocate the skate park? if could't be more visible. The children are seen by residents in nearby homes/caravan park occupants and the swimming pool is next to the park. To my knowledge there have been no reported incidents with children that were unsafe.

All proposals show foresight and aesthetic community infrastructure development. Tourist park cabins are a fantastic idea and will attract tourists looking for quality accommodation in a great location. Cafe & view platform also supported - make sure they are well run and have interesting fare! c/w source cafe wickham also c/w big 4 tourist park Bateman's bay on waterfront.

Although there is insufficient parking already near the ferry wharf - which will only increase as a problem when further housing is built near Fern Bay - people who need the parking all day for work or day trips such as travel by train to Sydney should not be constrained by short term timed parking.

What is planned for areas closer to the river opposite Carrington?

Am definately against moving scate park to west of Mitchel st, on Griffiths Park West.

i notice that there is no consideration for Public Toi;ets in amy of the plans!! would not like to see any development on the Western side of Mitchell St, specially the sporting fields

any dea should respect the heratage of the area with a small musium of ship wrecks

Any new concrete paving should be TINTED** to take the glar OFF. Do not move bus stop further away from Ferry Terminal

Any new structures that involve inviting people to participate should be accompanied with adequate parking for the expected participants. Utilising current parking facilities only causes problems further down the line of developments and then are usually found to then have to expend extra money to then build what should have been built in the first place. This also has a history of delayed development due to lack of funds or waiting for more funding.

Disability services use the parks in the Stockton Foreshore area and therefore parking should not be diminished. Further, parking should be within real accessibility for disability services and people.

any proposal should be in the interest of the whole Stockton Community including the older residents. Access for the older & physically impaired is a priority responsibility of all of us

As I am not a resident of or know the area, basically I have no idea of what is required. The local people would know but - ASK THEM.

as i do not live in the area, and it is somewhere that i usually do not have reason to go there, it is hard to form an opinion as to what the residents want and need

As I do not live or socialise in Stockton, I did not feel I could answer any of the questions. Even with the plan etc. I think you need to have a 'real' feel for the area before you can comment on what it needs or doesn't need.

Thanks

As I have had very little to do with Stockton I had an educated guess what the locals would want best i can express myself.

as I live in the western area of the Newcastle LGA, I am not familiar with the Stockton area. Its location in conjunction with the LGA and were I live and play are not part of my program. I have not been to Stockton for in excess of 20 years. Sorry!

as no private cars are allowed on southern end of stockton beach all access gates should be locked for council and emergency use only

As part of the plan council should request state government expand ferry service.

Beautification..... Trees!!!! I realise the council has serious issues with trees but as Newc areas has loads of polluters we need more trees. Maybe Coal loaders/ORICA could supply vegetation.

Beautify the foreshore to look as nice as Newcastle side
No Buildings

being a fisherman i would still want access to the foreshore and the breakwall.

cafe/kitchen - should have better views to the city or waterway's (nicer to look at than a carpark?) plus more people would go there, meaning more money for bigger better projects in the area.

community centre should be located away from open areas

Community Centre should include cafe/restaurant,function centre with free short term parking. The library should remain in its current location.

Community Centre structures would need to be of secure construction and have vandal proof and graffiti resistant surfaces.

could a larger area be made for parking at the ferry?

Council doesn't make any suggestions re it's older population who seem to be forgotten in many proposals.

Council has been very poor at managing the current facilities in Stockton. Whilst Pitt St Reserve is signposted for no vehicular access the council has used reclaimed tar to build a road across the reserve and encouraged traffic. Compliance is very poor, I do not recall seeing a compliance officer in Stockton for the past two years. Erosion is a problem on the harbour side of Pitt St reserve and instead of being managed a fix had been attempted at significant cost after the area became extremely dangerous. There is also a problem with erosion near the north end of Pitt St reserve car park onto little beach (wave trap). This has had orange barricade mesh up for almost six months. Whilst the council can find the resources to manage the foreshore reserve on the south side of the harbour the north side is constantly neglected. Whilst foreshore park gets an amenities upgrade Stockton is still waiting for public toilets at Pitt St reserve. We see major works being undertaken at Bar beach and Mereweather beach whilst Stockton reserves are neglected bar the planting of some trees (for which there was no community consultation) Maintain the reserves, stop traffic driving on them (and stop encouraging that traffic) and leave public open space as just that. Get rid of this shortsighted vision to generate revenue from a caravan park and community (read function) centre and be remembered for having the vision to leave open space open for everybody to enjoy long into the future

Council waste too much money they have virtually killed off Newcastle with the introduction of parking meters destroying business & now they want to do the same to Stockton

Councillors are elected, that could be a short, term. We live here & enjoy the open spaces which is hard to come by, don't spoil this area let the public enjoy, as a lot of visitors come here for a day out to relax and taking in the scenery. The biggest improvement, eradicate the BITTO BUSH at North Stockton on the left driving into Stockton, not impressive & very grotty.

desperately need pet-friendly caravan and camping accommodation in the Newcastle area.

Difficult survey as I am not familiar with Stockton ,its facilities or what the community want. It is and always will be a unique area of Newcastle

Do not pollute the shoreline by moving the skatepark to near the ferry. You only need to look at the current Stockton skatepark and its ugly presentation to see that it will be a problem.

Do not ruin an excellent commuters car parking facility by reducing its capacity by half. Making commuters walk further from parking spots on Stockton streets to board the ferry is going to encourage us not to take the ferry. It is going to force more cars to be on the road commuting to Newcastle and train stations.

do the same(similar) on newcastle side of harbour

Don't agree with English type beach cabins.

Don't fix what isn't broken. Permit the private sector to accomodate any expansion. How do all the plans look with rising ocean levels? There is not enough money currently budgeted for all these grand improvements and impositions on our land.

Don't move the skate park. The people that use it are the voters of tomorrow and they won't be happy... It's hard to get your teenage boy/girl to go on family outings but the promise of an hour or so at the skate park after lunch will usually see them come along.
Put the community centre away from the fore shore. Don't create a centre that if it's successful with require more & more parking on the foreshore. Leave the foreshore for outdoor activities, cafes etc.

Don't waste money

Encourage more novocastrians to see stockton in general, promote the excellent ferry service to see the harbour, its always a forgotten suburb to us.Greater usage will see more economic advantages to residents and stimilate and retain services for locals and out of town visitors

ensure safety of children. Support the idea of enclosed bike track for children.

Ensure that all pedestrian/cycle surfaces are levelled,widened and made user friendly.
Also instead of building yet another building, why aren't the current underutilised buildings in the area be renovated / updated as required.

Everything the council is looking to do is fantastic. I strongly agree with all aspects of the plan, however the profits should be placed back into the Stockton beachline / community instead of spreading it out amongst the beaches between Stockton and Merewether.

Excellent prepared proposal, Stockton needs this development. Some of the profits from the tourist park extension should be given directly to improvements in Stockton.

Excellent proposal. Would be gret if we could see a start within 2 years.

Extend the tourist park bring money and jobs to stockton then move ahead with other plans...stockton needs a coles or woolies too, that IGA is 3rd rate. stockton needs to move into the 21st century its so yester year

Feel that overall aim should be for viewing platform and community centre to be provided in conjunction with all-age playing field at Griffith Park.

fewer buildings/more flora/excellent maintenance

Fisherman are currently not catered for in an appropriate manner.

Give PRIORITY to building a walk/bike way along foreshore from King Street to Surf Club. This would provide access for people with wheel chairs - prams-disabilities-and seniors.
TOILETS - provide public toilets for community near Little Beach - breakwall - Lion Park.
Create a Picnic Area with lots of covered tables near Little Beach and Break Wall area, with ample car parking and wheel chair access.
Keep existing road around the Harbour Foreshore from King Street to Lion Park so many people may view harbour activities.[especially for those iwht limited ability].
Should the Tourist Pak extnesion proceed, to what extent will it block the lovely view of Nobbys, Harbour Entrance etc; Would it be built on the hill area which is presently there, thus creating a barrier. Please give consideration to all these aspects.
While I feel a library in the community centre has merit, the present library is used by a lot of senior people, and it seems more suitable to have it near the shopping centre.

Go ahead asap

Great survey thanks Steph!

Not terribly supportive of more resources going into Stockton - see last year's cycle path and tree plantings, when other BUSIER areas of the coast are much more needy of some work. Share the love!

Griffiths Park should remain the domain of sporting groups. The Ballast area is far more appropriate for new development including skate park, community centres etc The associated improvements to access to that area with paved roads would also be a bonus.

Have not even been there so do not know any of the local area or problems

Have the transport needs of older citizens been considered in the proposal to move the library further away from residential area? Would it mean that some people who walk to the library now may not be able to do that in the poposed new location?

Honestly, I am growing weary of surveys, and money being prioritise for the East of the LGA, particularly the coast and the western parts of the LGA being ignored.

How many of the cabins for the disabled have Car Taxi or Ambulance access to the door and will the Cabins serve old people who will have difficulty walking to and from cars etc with luggage

How much money will the Council earn from the proposed cabins and will the revenue be channeled into completing the overall plan? The cabins should be built to finance the plan otherwise they shouldnt be built.

I agree with some aspects of the Draft. Stockton is under developed. There is no reason to passage over on the Ferry from Newcastle currently to Stockton. With further development of these sites local businesses and community would benefit with further infrastructure and resources from tourism and lifestyle economies. This plan is a step forward if only brief. However saying that, once again as Newcastle is quite notorious for - parking has almost been completely overlooked. An unsatisfactory proposition where parking is involved. It would be wonderful to see the area with greater lifestyle attractions, whilst maintainig accessibility and practicality for residents and visitors alike.

I am not a resident of Stockton but it is a very nice recreational area that would only compliment Newcastle's tourism and should be updated.

Q2. It is a very nice routist atea and should be used as such.

Q3. Do not like skate parks. Youth do not appreciate them. They vandalise them.

Q4. Cars (vehicels) not required on beach

I am not a resident of Stockton, rarely go there so I don't have much of an opinion on this issue, sorry

is this survey advertised to the locals who will be affected by the proposed changes?

take your consultation directly to the impacted community

How do people find out about Newcastle Voice?

I am not in favour of it at all

I am sorry i haven't really had the time to study , the Drafts . The only times that i go to Stockton are with my walking Group, and we take our bikes over and ride the cycle paths. So i was unable to fully answer. the questions ..due to time.

I am supportive of facilities being provided to the public, but not so supportive of commercial buisnesses (eg cafe) being included in the developments.

I am surprised at the complete lack of any Aboriginal cultural heritage or consultation with local Aboriginal community being included in plan. Why not?

Q7. but it needs Indigenous art & play equipment that enhances children's knowledge of the areas rich cultural heritage

Q5. please ensure that Aboriginal cultural heritage is include in the site.

I appreciatet the chance to input but I think some of the questions should only be for residents of that area- like parking.

I beleive the area should stay totally open to public use there are so many projects that this money could be used for that are more needed & would add more value to the total community that I beleive that it is criminal that the council is even considering wasting tax payers money on this grab for cash.the council is suppose to be there for the people not as a money making tool & they should leave these type of developments to the professionals.

I believe people should be able to park at the ferry wharf to catch the ferry to work. I know a number of people from Medowie who use the ferry, and this would keep the ferry viable.

I believe that a cafe at the ferry is a good idea, as this is good for tourists and locals alike. Relocating the library and building a community centre, however, would be ridiculous, as the people who want to access these types of services are better served with the current structures in the middle of the town. Children, families and elderly people are much more likely to use these services where they are currently located.

All that these additional buildings would produce is a visual block between the town of Stockton and the view of Newcastle and a lot of resentment from local people.

I have two alternative proposals for spending this money:

1. The state of the main street has been an eyesore for many years. Beautifying with trees etc would give a sense of pride and add to the village atmosphere that we love here in Stockton.

2. Extending the bike path along the water /over the sand from the Break Wall to the Surf Club and possibly further would provide a wonderful facility and again contribute to Stockton's village atmosphere and its place as a family tourist destination.

I can't believe council plans to throw this much money at such a small community when council has admitted millions needs to be spent on existing infrastructure and they have wasted so much already on fig trees that don't need to be removed in the first place. Maybe when council can demonstrate they can manage what they have already I would consider new proposals.

I completely support the development proposals that increase visitation and usage of the foreshores and parks on the north side of the hunter river.

I consider that is is essential that car access and parking of reasonable time limit (3 hours for \$4 ?) be provided at all areas, This would allow time for a picnic/light meal or to walk about the region. The parking ticket as issued from any machine to be transferable between all areas at Stockton for total time paid for. The motorcar is now a part of the family! People need to have it with them always.

The inclusion of cafes, restaurants, would provide services for visitors and also be a source of income to Council.

I consider the revitalisation of Corrobba oval dissappointing. Is there going tobe any shade areas.

i couldn't find exactly were you would llike to put the skate park so hopefully it is in an okay position.

I didn't like being steered into agreeing to have the library in the multicultural centre by this being included in the option of 6 projects although I think building a centre to be most important project.

I disagree with the Council's statement that the carpark is fully occupied through the week. As a regular user of the ferry service (I walk, don't drive) I see the carpark on a daily basis and there are always parking spaces available.
We should be encouraging the use of the ferry, not discouraging it. While it is stated that the parking will not be charged, it is obvious that timed parking will eventually lead to paid parking as Council try to raise additional revenue. Stockton contributes more than their fair share to the Newcastle community, its time to start giving back

I disagree with the use of trees in the wetland proposal. I have had experience with, and support the idea of using reed-beds to drain areas. Done well, they are extremely efficient, low cost and low maintenance. Special reeds can be used to purify water. (refer to Lord Howe Island Waste Management) and encourage many diverse life forms. Shade trees encourage mosquitoes and the BBQ area nearby already has plenty of trees.

I do not believe that there should be any more buildings on the foreshore. Why build new while there are current buildings there that need repairs. The need for a cafe could be overcome from the pool serving coffee etc to people outside the pool and there is already a cafe on the north side of the caravan park - Lexies. Why do we need a viewing platform - what can you see from it that you can't see from the ground on the foreshore.

i do not support this public domain plan ,the council elect is unable to make any decisions. The council should finish Corroba oval redevelopment as promised 2 years ago, then the community might see that the council can do things properly and then there might be some trust in the council by the community.

I do not want to see the Stockton reserves over administered and full of buildings. Stockton is an inner city community that has retained its small town feel, and this should be respected.

I don't frequent Stockton often, however we did take visitors from Sydney across on the ferry recently. There is "nothing" on the other side, without a long walk. I support the idea of a playground and some sort of cafe type facility within proximity of the ferry terminal

I don't know enough to have strong opinion on some questions. The skate facility worries me if shifted to Griffith Park west. The skate facility at Merewether Beach is an excellent community feature. Would Griffith Park be better than present site? We need to cater for skateboarders!

I don't like the idea of planting mangroves along the shore of the river it will encourage mosquitoes and block the view of the river. Our family enjoys watching all the activity on the river.

I don't use the ferry carpark but as it is important to encourage people to use public transport I would strongly propose that the carpark be extended.

I feel I don't have all the facts to this survey. All I want to know is: What's the benefit to the city? Is there a real need? Is it Council's core business? Is it a priority? And is it the best solution for the money?

I feel strongly about leaving the areas discussed as natural as possible with new tree plantings and sculpturing and restricting vehicle access (which can be dangerous). Having lots of playthings in Griffith park and area around to Lions Park would take away that natural feel and lovely natural aspect next to the harbour. Families and kids can make their own fun as they do now kite flying, playing cricket, playing frisbee, fishing, playing soccer and football, riding bikes on the bike path. We need to keep freedom for the children and families without feeding all this play things which take away from the natural aspect which everyone loves about the Stockton foreshore.

I note there is one continuous viewing point of the Newcastle CBD as you walk along the foreshore without having to put in specialised viewing points - seems pointless and waste of money. We don't want to end up with a whole lot of concrete paths through the park - better to keep grassed areas that people love to play on and relax on.

The community centre and library is a great idea (just as long as the library is open regularly). The aspect for the library would be nice.

However I am afraid it appears clear what Council want - they want to extend the Tourist Park as much as possible to make more more to spend elsewhere in Newcastle

I feel that as I don't live at stockton and am a very infrequent visitor I am not able to comment on your plans though I do feel strongly that the local people should be canvassed for their needs and opinions

I feel that the Stockton residents should have the greatest input as to the use of the space as they will be most affected, as long as they are reasonable in their requests.

I feel this survey should have been given to the people who live in Stockton as it is about their suburb.

I have answered this survey as i received a reminder email to do so. maybe the survey should ask people whether they have ever been to this location of ever plan to do so. i think i have been to this area once in my entire life - therefore i don't really feel that my theoretical opinion should count even if i had one - the people that use the area should be the ones to comment.

i have no additional comments to make on this proposal, although please be aware that while i often visit stockton, i do not live there and am not aware of any local issues that may impact the plan.

I have nothing further to add to the survey.

I have often taken visitors over Stockton bridge for a walk to see the magnificent veiws, start a business with pick up at the ferry and deliverance to the bridge and an escorted walk halfway then back then onto Lexies or somewhere for morning tea. Develop tourism first .

I hope & think the library should stay where it is because it is more central & convenient where it is.

I know development is a moving forward idea , but council needs to remain in context with the dwellings already in the area of these plans

I live in Merewether so am not completely with the Stickton scene

I lovce the idea of a district level playground and the community centre/library. As a resident of Stockton with a young child I think that our family would get a great deal of use from these facilities and that they would enhance Stockton's already good community atmosphere.

I seems I have to keep saying this to the council but STOP SPENDING MONEY, unless of course you have discovered a gold mine under Hunter St in which case we should be expecting a rate cut. If you have not got it, don't spend it

I still believe that Stockton Tourist Park should have more camping/caravan spaces. I know that we are no where near as busy as in previous years. Yes cabins are great but not all of us can afford them!! We are not a resort area. We need our happy campers back.

i strongly agree with these plans as it would increase tourism and also cater well for the local community

I support the idea of a new multipurpose community centre. My concern would be security at night as it is a little away from other buildings/residents.

I don't like the idea of losing all day car parks as some people do drive a long way (e.g. Nelson Bay, Lemon Tree Passage) to catch the ferry (which does save additional traffic going right into CBD area). Is there some way to include in this plan additional parking which is timed for the use of the centre/cafe so no all day spots are lost.

Although this does not affect me directly. I personally would not like to have to walk an additional ten minutes or so to catch a ferry when the weather is bad or you were caught in slow traffic and therefore running late.

I have no objections to the other parts of the plans.

I think that it will change the area for the better of public and visitors to the area

I think the foreshore erosion issues should be rectified both river/harbour & beach before committing money to the new community hall/library/cafe proposal. Why isn't the Newcastle Port Corporation doing or paying for any of this. It is increased shipping movements which has caused the damage.

I think the Library should remain near the shopping centre.

I think the library should stay where it is. It is more convenient where it is.

I think the luxury cabins being built in the current tourist park are wrong in principle - I want the park to be a basic, budget option to enable people who could not otherwise afford a beach holiday to get that chance. They are also wrong in practice - the maintenance/running costs will be used as an excuse in (say) ten years time to privatise the park - as has happened elsewhere e.g. Caves Beach.

I think the Playground and Community Centre and viewing platform could go ahead but I am definitely against the expansion of the Tourist Park.

I THINK THESE DECISIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE STOCKTON COMMUNITY.
They know best what is needed

I use public transport in & around Newcastle & Stockton extensively & exclusively. Tourists & travellers are ALWAYS looking for somewhere for a cool drink, snack coffee etc. without having to walk to Stockton shops. Top idea!

I would just like to add... I moved to Newcastle 15 years ago from Manly (Sydney) When paid parking was bought in at Manly Council around the beaches and coast line.... Rate Payers were sent 2 x stickers per household for their cars, that gave them "free parking for the time set by the "zone". I think NCC should seriously think of doing the same. not in the CBD but at beaches. I'm getting tired of NCC charging me rates and then charging me to park at the beach.

I would love to see Stockton become part of this millennium and cater for the modern retiree with up to date accommodation in high rise apartments with a real shopping centre to supplement our great advance on our southern foreshore of our great harbour.

If you are going to relocate the skatepark, it should be done in consultation with skatepark users for design and functionality. It should be completed immediately

If you have money - don't waste it! Fix the City Hall, Post Office & provide beautiful landing facilities for the Cruise ships. Give incentive to people in Stockton Main St to beautify it & build up on our current library - books don't do well so close to the water.

I'm worried that the proposal will take away the quiet village atmosphere that exists at the moment.

Improvements and upgrade of the area are essential, including expanded parking and public facilities as well as toilets. The viewing platform, playground and community centre/cafe should all be progressed without any doubt in my mind. Expansion of the caravan park and relocation of the skate zone are also very attractive in to attract more visitors. There is lots of available space that could even include some planting of trees around the open areas.

Include as part of works improved picnic facilities ie covered tables etc

It is important that commuters who park all day, because of work or travel do not lose parking close to ferry terminal and that it remains free. All day parking at some distance from ferry invites theft & vandalism (my family have experienced this).

It will be an asset if the published guidelines and plans are fully implemented, particularly with regard to aesthetic use of recycled materials which acknowledge the past uses of the area. Stockton has an eclectic charm which must be kept. It is a bit like taking a short holiday to another place and I love its difference, openness and easy access.

It's well thought out, congratulations

I've been at the Lions Park playground and have noticed that people drive on the grassed area between the Lions Park and the breakwater/tourist park.

I would prefer for safety's sake (both for children, and adults esp cyclists) that barriers were put up all along this part of the reserve to prevent motorists from driving on this grassed area.

I think council is doing a nice job so far in relocating the cycleway adjacent to the damaged part of the cycle way.

Overall, I think the S Stockton Reserves Plan is very good. Thank you

I've read the information provided but not being a Stockton resident I don't "really" understand their needs. Expanding & improving the Tourist Park however appears a great idea to bring people/holidayers to Stockton/Newcastle. As so close to all we have to offer in the wonderful city. The playground area sounds wonderful.

Q3. What do skaters think!

Q5. Good view without one.

Q10. I don't know the library in King St. but I like libraries close for everyone - prefer money to be spent upgrading.

Q11. As I wrote earlier - how many people would use it. Whilst a coffee is nice most mums/dads bring their own drinks to playgrounds. However, Stockton residents may know a multipurpose centre would work for them, they would understand the makeup of their community. sounds good idea- not sure it would work though!!

just another example how NCC wastes ratepayers' money.

Just concerned that all of these proposals have properly considered the 50 year hazard line.

Keep the public spaces and provide more parking.

Lack of parking is a real concern in this area. No parking should be reduced or limited. The proposal only allows for 1 car per cabin, as a regular 'camper' to this facility we always have lots of visitors and there is never anywhere to park.

Leave for future project

Leave Stockton alone. These proposals were rejected before by Stockton residents 7 want King St & our pool left alone. Stockton people helped finance this. Put the money into sports oval at Coroba as PROMISED also cycleway has damaged & separated us from river.

Lighting patrols of the area to stop vandals, graffiti, and becoming an area exchange for drugs etc. security is a must to protect the elderly, children.

Q9.How do you intend to stop vandals coming from Stockton & Newcastle area

Make a decision..... Period!

Make Stockton beach an all dog beach and get rid of the 4WD that are causing so much damage! I would like to see the Reserve incorporate something for dogs which time and time again, Council seems to ignore!!!!!!!!!!!!

Make sure that the skate park is a quality structure built by skate park construction professionals and it is located in a highly visible and public thoroughfare; adjacent to the ferry terminal. Consider a quality shade structure to cover the area.

More beautification of the peninsular similar to the opposite foreshore should come prior to any of the suggestions.However as the carbon tax will not make one iota of difference to the claimed rising seawater possibility;is it wise to use any ratepayers money in this prone area?

More bike racks both sides of the Ferry terminals

More plantings along waterfront areas would be welcome, also more sheltered seating

more toilets

More trees and gardens in the reserves

more trees for shade - eg. picnics. seats and tables in open shelters
Most elderly people incorporate their shopping trip with a visit to the library which is lovely & central.
Most he families in Housing commission homes should
NB: Tha twchich will provide the most usage and benefit
Need to maximise open green spaces with access to the foreshore, the reserves and the beaches
New roadway for extension to tourism park too close to boundary of swimming pool. Q3. Should stay near swimming pool and Tourist Park.
Newcastle council needs to accomodate for all income levels & not just target people able to pay for high cost accomodation. Your question on timed parking (for free) needed to indicate a time span in order for it to be answered. I expect that many people would commute to Newcastle over the ferry & require extended parking times eg 12 hours. How is this going to be catered for.
Newcastle is being crowded by too many coastal buildings. South Stockton will be spoilt by adding buildings open areas are necessary to promote tourism. Tourists want space & fresh air on the coast.
NO I don't know Stockton but I guess anything would be an improvement. For what I see and hear about Stockton. Q.9 I don't think it would fit in with Stocdkton being a laybak little shanty town.
No opinion, I never go to Stockton
No. I believe the opinion of users & residents of that area should be respected. The survey gives the impression that the waterfront community centre has been decided beforehand ?
Not convinced that enough parking will be available if proposed multi-purpose community centre/library/cafe go ahead.
On the whole Stockton deserve som attention and the councils plans will not only benefit residents of Stockton but will also benefit visitors from across the river.
Paid parking around the ferry terminal is mere penny pinching and no one will use the car park - they will all park on the street near by. If you installed CCTV and told people this will be a secure parking area then most would be happy to pay. I totally disagree with any vehicle access on Griffith park unless it is a controlled route with no deviation. I'm sick of the P plate hoons wrecking the grass and on three occasions in the last 12 months nearly get hit while walking my dogs. I would also like to see a more proactive approach on pedestrian access from Mitechell street [between the bowling club and oval] to the beach. It's still a joke and people deny the NO-PARKING signs. At present your compliance officers are more interested in booking locals walking their dogs off leads on the beach.
Perhaps a sheltered pathway to link the drop off point in the proposed bus turning area to the ferry terminal.
The focus being on an integrated public transport hub.
Perhaps this survey should only be conveyed to the Stockton residents. Rather than other residents that do not reside there and is involved.

Pitt St Reserve

Recommendation 1 - On King St instead of formalising parallel parking use angle parking to increase car spaces.

Recommendation 8 - Agree but increase car parking.

Pitt St

Recommendation 11 and 14 - Ensure car parking spaces are not reduced with removal of informal car park. Ensure some parking is provided for vehicles with trailers/caravans.

Griffith St - Ensure any change to commuter parking actually increases it overall as it is an increasing aspect to public transport for Newcastle CBD. Having commuters park at Stockton and catch the ferry then walk/bus in CBD should be seen as an important component to reduce car dependency in the CBD. If commuter parking is forced too far from the ferry terminal then people will drive into the CBD instead of using the ferry.

General Comment - Increase in shelters/BBQ facility across the whole reserve landscape should be a focused consideration as they are most likely to be used.

General Comment on Vehicles - The plan makes consistent reference to increasing pedestrian/cycling use but this must be tempered with the acknowledgement that people will drive to the park unless they live within a ten minute walk so parking integrated into the plan is essential.

Community Centre - Community centres sound like great ideas but are always under utilised. Before you decide it is needed do a usage survey of current community centres in Newcastle/Stockton and see when they are actually used and by whom. Cafe generally are better patronised and generate local use. Particularly a commuting public on the ferry will likely use it heavily. Traditional libraries are dying with the digitisation of records, including books to ebooks. Completely ditch the idea of a library and go for an extension to the cafe waiting area with public WiFi where people can read their electronic devices and do personal research if wanted adjacent to the cafe but not subject to the requirement to continue patronising the cafe. This will also save on library staffing another library. Keep a book based library in current library location. Remember to make everything accessible for motorised scooters as the population ages.

Placing restrictions on parking turns people away. You need to be cognisant of family needs, as well as the elderly, when considering length of time of parking and restrictions. Frankly, I wouldn't have restrictions at all.

Please be positive & do something. Don't stuff around like the "Fig Tree Sage" in Laman St.

Please check that the change of area for skate park is what young riders agree with.

please do not drag it out like the figs saga.

hurry up and chop them down

Please don't use the same people who are in charge of renewing Hunter Street/heavy Rail line/Fig Trees, or else nothing will get done. Try to find someone with some imagination

please educate Stockton that it's now the 21'st century. They are only 500 odd metres from a major city. High rise residential units along it's fabulous beach would become a state icon and boost Newcastle to a level that it deserves. BHP is gone, the old fishies, bless their souls, are also diminishing. the young need future. the edery would love a unit in Stockton. Am I alone in this train of thought?.

Please ensure that the foreshore is kept clear for fishermen and walkers to access and use free of charge and ensure that commuters to Newcastle have plenty of free parking available for their cars to keep them at Stockton instead of further cluttering Newcastle city streets unnecessarily

Please remember we are a small community made up of the elderly and the quite young(with a few in between)If you extend the caravan park it is to make a profit (of course)but it has taken the low income earner out of the picture to have a decent holiday on Stockton now as we cant afford the prices to be charged.It would be nice to have a community centre,but do we have the population to support it?At New Years Eve time why dont you send rangers around to all the vans who stay on our grounds illegally and charge them some form of rent.I can only think how much the people who have done the right thing and stay in the caravan park at huge prices feel when they see these bludgers getting away "scott free"

Policing of illegal parking on all reserves in Stockton

Positive & progressive plan of ideas, particularly for visitors to enjoy the wonderful views while enjoying a cup of tea or cappacino

proceed as soon as possible

Progress in Stockton is a good thing. However, retaining the open space along Stockton Foreshore is paramount. Free parking should also be maintained. There is nothing better than walking/ cycling around the foreshore with an uninterrupted view of Newcastle, enjoying the space and sense of security that you can let your kids cycle ahead 100m and know that you can still them and that they are safe. I wouldn't like to see Stockton turn into the Manly of Newcastle. Its charm lies in the knowledgge that it remains a quiet beachside suburb, a wonderful free place for children to grow up in.

Proposed projects are of great significance. Good to see Councils 'pro-active' approach. Hope some of the proposals do come to fruition? Well done.

Q5. No use to anyone. It is unnecessary - will not be used and will only serve to block stockton residents view. Ridiculous idea - all Stockton South is a viewing platform for those wanting to see the port and the city. At present they sprawl on the grass edge of the hunter, and would not need a platform.

Q5. What does the viewin platform look like??? How can you answer this question without knowledge of the structure??!!

Q15. No. Not enough if any information regarding the viewing platform.

Q9. Any increased use adjacent to water would require all parents to fully supervise youger swimming children adjacent to water.

Q11. But it could struggle financially with limited patronage particularly in winter.

Q14. If you know you have a parking problem at the ferry wharf. solve it first, and provide adequate parking to support the proposed developments. And parking must be free in all cases. Don't kill off Stockton like Newcastle has been killed off.

Q15. Yes. Essential. I have fully reviewed. Development looks great. A real asset for Stockton. Well done.

Ramp access to all areas for disabled to appreciate the areas

Ratepayer-friendly ideas/plans create happy families and visitors. This propels interest in Stockton as a good place to visit for day trips and utilises the ferries.

Re costs and planning Am wondering why alter the present carpark and put in fancy paving, for the bus and drop off area. Remember the "new"wharf design wasn't very practical and a disaster on wet and windy days. In this drawing the Centre sits behind the wharf, with limited views of the harbour.

The obvious place, many of us have discussed & considered, for a user friendly coffee shop restaurant, facing the harbour, and community centre (one floor) is in position 16 on your map, in Griffith Park. It provides visitors with a great view (instead of building a costly viewing platform) and is close to the parking and ferry. The skate board facility (16) is not very practically placed. It should be up further near the toilet facilities where it's less of an eyesore from Newcastle on the shoreline and still an open visible safety area for supervision of kids.

The coffee shop/restaurant/C/centre/library is less open to vandalism if seen from Newcastle & ferry sides rather than hidden behind the ferry wharf also.

Regarding the proposal to include the library as part of the multipurpose community centre, the older residents of Stockton should be considered in accessibility to the library and since Newcastle libraries are not open on Sundays or public holidays, is there a point in having it located near the ferry wharf?

Retain as much freedom of movement as possible.

Leave space open as this is relaxing and gives unrestricted views of harbour & city.

Rule 1 NO FACILITY IS WORTH A PINCH OF POOP IF PEOPLE CAN'T GET TO IT. WHEN THERE IS NO PUBLIC TRANSPORT GETTING TO IT NEEDS CARPARKS & BIKE RACKS.
q6. pARKING IS ESSENTIAL TO SEE FACILITIES USED

shade- table & seating - seating

Shore reinforcements are vital. Council to tidy up after itself - there is still a lot of half-finished work eg. pile of sand near new cycle/walk section, tape from Australia Day, tape around collapsed shore areas.

Q9. Don't see the need to move the library, though would need to know reasons.

Q12. Supportive at no cost.

Should start work on replanting ASAP

Library location should be up to locals

Cycleway and walking track needed to provide customers for cafe

Some of the proposal is at unnecessary levels or ideas and I think some of the budget could be cut - and what a perfect time to be attempting to save the peoples/countries money. It would be great PR too once the new project is complete and someone can boast about how amazing the facility is and how under budget it came in on.

sounds great about time.

Start any work at Stockton after Newcastle Baths womens shelter finished. finish one project at a time!!!

Step one must be to maintain what is already in place.

The new concrete pathway is a disaster and clearly demonstrates that Council does not understand what the users of the area want.

Stage one of redeveloping Stockton is to remove the Tourist Park and make the foreshore extend on all waterfronts of Stockton.

Step Two is to build camp and van sites in other parts of the LGA. These site should not be residential parks and should be restricted to overnight stays with a max stay of 5 days. The areas could be seasonal.

The parks, ovals and grasslands of Carrington near the Boat Ram would be a highly suitable area with assures high occupancy over the summer School Holidays and at easter.

This survey does not give a measure of the respondents use or knowledge of the area in question so is basically worthless.

Stockton and Newcastle should be combined library services

Stockton and the wider community will benefit socially and economically from adding quality facilities to be enjoyed on the northern side of the harbour where existing open space still allows a wide range of leisure events. Any expansion of the caravan park would restrict access and future leisure options for a growing city with very little open space outside Stockton. The existing park could be improved to increase his appeal and financial return without taking away irreplaceable waterfront open space.

Stockton has been a good place to live. Many of the proposals in the proposed plan have no advantages for Stockton residents.

Q5. The proposal to put angle parking near the Lions Park will cause congestion of access to the wharf.

Q12. Free all day parking area should be enlarged. All day parking is vital near wharf.

Stockton is a unique community which has long been overlooked by council. I think attention should also be paid to the dreadful state of the shopping centre which affects residents daily.

Stockton needs more tourist outlets, re tourist park expansion plus the viewing platform. I think that the library should be elsewhere, as this would create parking problems, so people picking up passengers on ferrys should be able to park free, I have always gone to the grassed areas to park and just look at the wonderful scenery looking from Stockton to Newcastle it is a fantastic site. I am in favour of tidying up Stockton but dont turn it into another Gold Coast keep it natural as you can with improvements, I come from the Nelson Bay that has been spoilt in my opinion with high rise buildings etc and they have big parking problems

Stockton needs to develop. There is no argument with that. However, there is a lot of infrastructure that needs to be improved in the suburb, such as a decent shopping centre, footpaths, street lighting and security concerns, particularly after night. Fix up these infrastructure problems first then start to develop the suburb. I was born and grew up in Stockton and see this suburb as one that could be developed in a more interesting way than just extend the caravan park to please a few people. So many coastal areas on the eastern coastline of Australia have wall to wall housing limiting the general public access to beaches. Stockton has a great beach and wonderful outlook over the city of Newcastle. Allow it to grow in a productive way and not just try to create a hotchpotch of buildings just to spend money. Leave the foreshore areas open to nature and don't crowd it out. A modern cafe/restaurant back from the foreshore would really sell Stockton as the views from that side across to Newcastle are great. don't turn Stockton foreshore into a crowded conglomeration of mismatched buildings and caravan cabins.

Stockton should not be a priority for spending any Council funds. It is of limited benefit. With the overall extremely degraded condition of all public parks and waterfront (beaches and foreshore) in Newcastle the priority should be on those areas which receive the most use and will therefore be of maximum community benefit. If we want to encourage more people to live in and visit Newcastle we need to upgrade our facilities to meet their expectations and this should start with areas like Nobby's and Newcastle beachfront and the foreshore and not Stockton.

Stop planting Norfolk Pines in redevelopments. They are not native and extremely ugly. Let's try to return our coastline to its native origins

- Sufficient Car parking residential
- Adequate toilet and washing facilities
- Adequate tree areas for shade
- Adequate play areas for children etc
- No car parking on grassed areas

Support of the immediate RATE PAYING ONLY community is imperative.

thanks for finally using this space to beautify stockton and encourage use by families.

The all ages playground is a wonderful idea. Speers Point Park playground and cafe is a great success and it would be nice for more of these types of areas to pop up in and around Newcastle for all to enjoy (ie, both kids and parents and grandparents)!

The best plan for Stockton would be to shut Orica!!

The consideration for protection and enhancement of foreshore environment should also be an option for priority proposal. Its unclear the position of Stcokton residents in regard to service delivery priorities for South Stockton precinct.

The consultation on this project so far has not been conducted at an acceptable level.

This survey should have been available for members of the community who do not have internet access, or who are elderly and do not have internet skills. Without this, the consultation process cannot be claimed to be representative.

It appears that a committee has been formed to consult with the community. No details on who is on this committee, nor how the committee was selected, appear to be available. This again raises significant concerns about the level and appropriateness of community consultation that has occurred.

Questions that the public have raised thus far at community forums have not been answered, or addressed. Accordingly, I have little faith that this project has been conducted properly. It's Clayton's Consultation at best. This needs to seriously improve.

The existing skate park should either be incorporated into the tourist park extension or be amongst the district park environs to ensure casual surveillance. The existing park is well supervised by parents during holiday season that are visitors to the tourist park. In the off season the skate park is an unpleasant and dangerous place with anti social behavior, graffiti, and alcohol consumption by local youths (and not so young unemployed) associated with nearby housing commission. Placing it within a better supervised environment alleviates this problem.

Also, there should be low fencing around the district park to avoid conflict between cycle way users and young children, and children and off leash dogs (this park is used by locals as an off leash area despite it not being so as it is well known that the rangers cannot be bothered policing any area of Stockton - the beach area between the flags has 5 or more dogs off leash at any time).

The library should be maintained in its current location to support the commercial precinct.

The proposed community center/ cafe should be located adjacent to the current road (next to the amenities block) to frame the view along Mitchell St to the city, not terminate that view with a building. The proposed "shared plaza" will result in unacceptable pedestrian/vehicle conflict. The current arrangement works well and should not be altered.

The expansion for the caravan park is only for cabins. What about some additional tourist sites for either tents or caravans?

Not everybody can afford cabins. Powered sites bring in a lot of tourist who have more disposable money to spend in the local economy.

The foreshore at Stockton is the only area in Newcastle where it is possible to drive close to the water and allow interaction of persons with the environment. This should not be lost to us. It is important to be able to drive infirmed, aged or children and be able to have an unstructured picnic next to the car and eskys etc. It is the pure joy of stockton that beaches around Newcastle have lost. There is nowhere on the southern side of the harbour and river that this is possible.

The General Washington Hotel & other nearby existing businesses should be invited by Council to consider establishing a cafe. Also, the shopping streetscape in Mitchell St/ adjoining streets should be revitalised with wider footpaths & on street dining areas, trees, etc.

The Griffith Park space should be left as it is. The plan for the community Centre might be one storied but the plans show a building with a large height. By building on the reserve space it creates a precedent. The land is ballast and according to the draft plan it will be inundated by water. How many millions of dollars are going to be spent on something which the Council know is going to be inundated! Does Stockton need a community centre - it has the Bowling Club, the RSL, The Senior Citizens' hall, church halls.

The informal car park area is used by visitors with motor homes some times, for short informal stays. I see no need to stop this activity, possibly the informal car park should stay.

The large areas of open space around Stockton provide much of the old world charm that visitors and ratepayers enjoy. Any proposal to reduce these areas or change the casual access nature of them will lead to a loss of amenity to the community.
There is no problem caused by the present arrangements.
Perhaps the Tourist Park proposal could be transferred to the huge carpark at Bar Beach or in the area at the base of the Lighthouse walk thereby providing an alternative accommodation choice for visitors to Newcastle.

The missing bit of pathway between honeysuckle and Linwood along the foreshore should have priority over anything in Stockton.

The money making parts of the plan (i.e. extension of the caravan park) should not be the highest priority for the Council at the expense of the community facilities which might come later (or never at all). I would support the extension of the caravan park on the basis that some of the community facilities (e.g. play area) are developed commensurately or shortly thereafter.

The most important thing is to link up current shared pathways along the beach front from the break wall to the surf club. This would reclaim part of the caravan park for public use and improve access ability.

The multi-purpose centre would help bring the community together, in my opinion, and, being new with so many facilities, would be very popular - therefore, used a lot.

The only thing I know in Stockton is the golf course at Fern Bay

the plan should also consider the removal of council housing on the foreshore and review of the council house that are not maintained Stockton has great potential and it is not being maximised

The plans look pretty good to me, just get on and get it done, don't listen to minority group or the do gooders if you do nothing will get done. These self interest groups have been the ruination of Newcastle over many decades.

The playground is a great idea!

The prime aim, I think, is to preserve and beautify public spaces.

The removal of any "informal" parking would require it to be replaced with an equal amount of adjacent "formal" parking. The need for parking is not going to go away just because an opportunity is closed, and tourists would like to be encouraged to park comfortably.
Also, I took my elderly mother to Stockton the other day, and it was very difficult to find a picnic table with a view which was shaded by a tree. Perhaps a tree planting project should be a high priority.

THE RESTRICTION TO ALL VEHICLES TO ALL PUBLIC RESERVES IN STOCKTON SHOULD BE A PRIORITY TO STOP VANDALS, CAMPER AND CARAVANERS FROM DESTROYING AND DEFACEING THE AREA.

The Stockton community need to be as informed as possible about these proposed developments to ensure they know how it will affect them in their daily lives particularly the moving of the library for older residents & the carpark changes for commuters.
The ferry terminal should also have bike racks available for us too.
I think if possible the community centre, & playground should be completed together as 1 will draw attention to the other & will also draw larger attention to both. Having the new development at the ferry terminal would be good to have completed prior to the tourist park as the new developments will add to the appeal of the new tourist park, assisting in attracting more people to visit.

There is a need to expand the parking at the ferry terminal. Can I suggest that be on the western side of the access road.

These proposals are all well meaning but due to the relative remoteness of Stockton I believe that the funding proposed for all these proposals could be better utilised across Newcastle. These proposals would essentially only be for the residents of Stockton and realistically not many of them would probably utilise them anyway. Also due to the fact that Stockton does not have a police presence any longer the anti social aspect that this area would attract would continuously provide a funds drain on the ratepayer.

They are not needed in that location. Wrong place wrong plans

Think the council has missed the point of why people want public domain space

This building would be nice as you approach into Stockton as I stated earlier. Not on prime land where people like to walk and enjoy the view of Newcastle.

This proposal is a great start to re-invigorating the public spaces of Stockton. I hope this will encourage much needed private investment within the commercial district of Stockton.

This would add a great deal to a fun ferry ride over to Stockton with the kids.

Timed parking at the ferry terminal would disadvantage stockton and Nelson Bay residents who commute.
Need toilets down near lion park and playground.
I think the viewing platform should be a fishing platform and located off the rocks and not near the playground.

To be practical, why is there no mention of 'fixing' the old punt landing (Punt Rd) so that it is safe and can be fully utilised as both a fishing and viewing area?
Also, how can timed parking (at no cost) be achieved - without (ratepayers) paying for security or council officers to enforce? Why not simply extend the existing ferry parking to the east?

Toilet facilities at Lions Park are badly needed. Walk to Ferry toilets to far for some demographics.
Additional fishing facilities on cycleway

Tourist park extension appears to be the main aim with a view to making money. This money is not guaranteed to benefit Stockton. The casual ambience of Stockton would be lost i.e. lockable bollards, fences, gates, and further restrictions on residents and commuters. Cost of changes would be excessive relative to returns and benefits. Why would we need "viewing locations" when the whole foreshore is a viewing location? Who stands to benefit? - not the residents or commuters.

Tourist park extension needs to be fenced.
Viewing platforms not required.
Library & Community centre poorly positioned
Proposed relocation of skate park not visually appealing needs to be in open near George Washington Hotel or adjacent to swimming pool so that on Pitt St
Plans for all purpose play centre expensive to maintain

Turning Stockton into a more attractive destination is a great idea. The library and cafe would attract me to the area more often. The extension of the park may encourage me to book a group holiday there for an international exchange organisation that I volunteer for.

Very supportive of the whole proposal. It should all be completed- when bits and pieces are omitted/alterd it leads to an untidy mess of different styles. it would be good to see all developments/improvements occur with the same theme/functional intent.

viewing platform seems so silly considering there are multiple views all along the water.

Viewing platform? Why? There's parkland where you can see everything whilst sitting on a blanket. There is also a massive break wall that acts as a "viewing platform" anyway. Spend the money on something else like cycle parking.

Not enough car parking.

The Ferry Terminal is vital to the health of the stockton community and the new communities being built close by, yet this plan places extreme pressure on the Ferry Terminal's car park.

A better plan would be to extend Ferry operation to 1am on Friday, Saturday nights and increase the size of the existing carpark. Place community centre in the main street and help revitalise that area.

We all know newcastle council cannot be trusted once these changes are done then the Parking metres will come into it and then the whole idea of going to spend family time at Stockton will not be viable for families trying to make ends meet if you persist in these changes leave out the bloody paid parking metres.

We don't need mor tourist park - make better use of existing. Parking at Beach, Lynn Oval, par overflow is already a problem. Don;t waste money demolishing existing facilities such as skate park & playground but rather sort out problems that exist.

Q3. Its OK where is and we raised funds to do it!

Q4. This is not a problem - why do it?

Q5. If you check all can be 'viewed' from the grass existing!

Q6. Not any problem

Q7. The one adjacent to Beach & Toilets in better. Have it already.

Q9. Do we need it?

Q10. Problem of access for older residents

Q11. Why? We have facilities already.

Q12. Council pays no heed to parking around Lynn Oval. This is a higher need.

We need more input from council taking care of what we already have, eg at least some patrol of the no vehicle and no dog policy (minimum requirement dogs should be on leads - there is a general free for all with dogs currently) on stockton beach, more regular cleaning of stockton beach with grader (and please come at low tide when all the rubbish has accumulated), fines for littering, more vegetation along shoreline, (the tree planting on stockton streets is a great step forward..hopefully vandals can be controlled).. unfortunately more facilities means more people which usually means more damage to an already embattled environment..(land air and water polltion from nearby industry is more than enough to deal with). Where will the money come for all these developments? Not from increased rates I hope???

What ever you do with the multipurpose centre - please use a good architect and involve public art workers from the beginning. Do something that will attract people, and showcase the great views of Stockton. I'm sick of seeing crap new architecture in newcastle.

What is the definition of a community centre and what kind of services would the Council offer?
Is finance set aside by Council for this project.

What is the building time frame?

Q6. Make the informal car park, a formal car park and keep as many cars as possible of the road.

Q7. But Council should extend current ferry car park, to keep cars of the road.

Q11. support cafe only.

Q13. Install bollards all along the reserves to avoid cars driving criss cross over same.

What is wrong with what is there? What other city has parkland like this to enjoy driving to see the ships come and go up close - for some dis advantage people it is the only place to see the ships up close - a lot of people would like to see these park lands stay the same and not waste money one a very few to be concided necessary. be come real - put the money where it is needed

What perceived community need has been the genesis of this? Would you tell me?

Where's the tree planing. ?

While it is quite fun to take the kids over on the ferry to stocko, there is very little to do once you step off it. The park is ordinary & its hard to find a shop to get an icecream or some fish & chips. What about a floating fish & chip boat like in constitution dock in Hobart? Surely cheaper than a multipurpose centre/cafe on shore. Or build a great park like at Speers Point. Or a jumping pillow?

Why prepare a plan without first finding what would be most suitable to the areaa.

At this time it would seem best to leave Stockton unaltered. Work carried out by the council which creates no significant improvement to a location is just a waste particularly at a time when the council suggests it has no money.

Would like to know what the plans are for the existing Stockton Library space.

Would have liked to have provided input to the North Ballast ground component. For example why is the existing gravel drive extension of Clyde Street not properly surfaced with asphalt for the whole distance to the water's edge? As this is often used by hundreds of vehicles (including cricketers and garbage trucks)why isn't there a proper turning circle?

Yes - surely the people of Stockton should have the loudest voice.

Yes increase library hrs ,install more useful facilities for the community to use.more age and user friendly commonsense services upgrade our streets with more footpaths etc I also think that the council should lobby the state govt for a full-time police presence. I found this survey to be a little YES MINISTER Phrase the questions so that you generally get the answers you want. I would like to add that council has done a good job with the tree planting program.and I would like to see the bike pathcompleted in a circuit and extra ferry services committed so as to allow more people from the city of Newcastle top access our wonderful suburb

Yes something is needed for the children and teens of Stockton and Fern Bay.
 With this community centre does that mean MEALS ON WHEELS MOVE. and some of the other help facilities

Yes this idea is only one which council officers want and it should be careful examined by the full council to avoid unnecessary expenditure when so much has been wasted on the Laman St fiasco

your last question did not allow me to select community centre without library - which is consistent with my previous answers. My support of the community centre is with this proviso.



Appendix XII- Submission

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The South Stockton Reserves Public Domain Plan

The problem I have with the proposals for Stockton reserves is that they fail to mention the purpose of the proposals or the object it is hoped they will achieve. It is therefore necessary to make an assumption for the proposals purpose and if they fail to fulfil this purpose ask why they are proposed.

A reasonable assumption is that the proposals that would increase the amenity of the area for both Stockton residents and visitors.

The plan is interesting but fails to suggest proposals that would increase the amenity of Stockton. Two things that would increase amenity have been overlooked:

- A. The restriction of vehicle access to the Pitt Street Reserve.
- B. Work to improve the boat ramp adjoining the parking area at the end of Booth Street (north Stockton)

1 The Pitt Street Reserve

The extension of the caravan park would make it possible to accommodate more visitors in the park. I understand that the new area would only be required at peak holiday times; for the rest of the year the park has some vacancies.

If the park extension is to be linked to the existing park and embrace the swimming pool it will require that the existing road at the front of the pool would have to be relocated to provide access to the breakwater, presumably on the south side of the pool directly to the existing car park. It is hard to justify this level of expense to achieve so little advantage.

Pitt Street Reserve would be improved by providing to restrict vehicle except for about a week to permit access to view the fireworks.

2 Lion Park

The informal parking area close to the Lion Park is only lightly used and there seems little advantage in improving or altering it.

3 Griffith Park

There are already community facilities, including the library, in Stockton facilities that are already not fully utilized so there is little purpose in building an additional facility near the ferry terminal.

It is difficult to understand what advantage a viewing platform would be to either residents or visitors.

Existing Boat Ramps

Some work to the near the boat ramp directly into the river (extension of king street) is proposed. This boat ramp is sometimes difficult to use because of the river current. A far more useful boat ramp is located near the end of Booth Street, a boat ramp in a small inlet from the river that protects it from both current and wind. No proposals are made in the plan for the improvement of this ramp where work would provide significant improvement to amenity for both visitors and the local community.