

Newcastle Voice

Newcastle 2030



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Q1. Are you aware of the Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan? **Please select one response only.**

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

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Q2. How well does this vision reflect your hopes for Newcastle in the future? **Please select one response only**

<input type="checkbox"/>					
Not at all	Slightly well	Moderately well	Very well	Extremely well	Don't know/ Can't say

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A strong local democracy with an actively engaged community and effective partnerships.

Connected City

Q3a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to achieving a Connected City, which is well connected and has convenient transport networks? **Please select one response only for each objective.**

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	Don't know
Effective and integrated public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linked networks of cycle and pedestrian transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A transport network that encourages energy and resource efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3b. Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards ensuring Newcastle is well-connected and has convenient transport networks. **Please be as specific as possible.**

Protected and Enhanced Environment

Q4a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to ensuring a Protected and Enhanced Environment? **Please select one response only for each objective.**

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	Don't know
Greater efficiency in the use of resources	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Our unique natural environment is maintained, enhanced and connected	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Environmental and climate change risks and impacts are understood and managed	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q4b. Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards ensuring that Newcastle's unique natural environment is understood, maintained and protected. **Please be as specific as possible.**

Vibrant and Activated Public Places

Q5a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to achieving Vibrant and Activated Public Places? **Please select one response only for each objective.**

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	Don't know
Public places that provide for diverse activity and strengthen our social connections	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Culture, heritage and place are valued, shared and celebrated	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Safe and activated places that are used by people day and night	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q5b. Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards ensuring Newcastle is a city of great public places and neighbourhoods promoting peoples health, happiness and wellbeing. **Please be as specific as possible.**

Caring and Inclusive Community

Q6a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to achieving a Caring and Inclusive Community? **Please select one response only for each objective.**

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	Don't know
A welcoming community that cares and looks after each other	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Active and healthy communities with physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>					
A creative, culturally rich and vibrant community	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q6b. Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards ensuring Newcastle is a thriving community where diversity is embraced and everyone is valued and has the opportunity to contribute and belong. **Please be as specific as possible.**

Liveable and Distinctive Built Environment

Q7a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to achieving a Liveable and Distinctive Built Environment? **Please select one response only for each objective.**

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A built environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Mixed-use urban villages supported by integrated transport networks	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Greater diversity of quality housing for current and future community needs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Best practice energy and water efficient buildings and infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q7b. Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards ensuring Newcastle is an attractive city that is built around people and reflects our sense of identity. **Please be as specific as possible.**

Smart and Innovative City

Q8a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to achieving a Smart and Innovative City? Please select one response only for each objective.

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	Don't know
A vibrant diverse and resilient green economy built on educational excellence and research	<input type="checkbox"/>					
A culture that supports and encourages innovation and creativity at all levels	<input type="checkbox"/>					
A thriving city that attracts people to live, work, invest and visit	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q8b. Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards enhancing Newcastle's reputation as a leader in smart innovations with a healthy, diverse and resilient economy. Please be as specific as possible.

Open and Collaborative Leadership

Q9a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to ensuring Open and Collaborative Leadership? Please select one response only for each objective.

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Integrated, sustainable long-term planning for Newcastle and the region	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Considered decision making based on collaborative, transparent and accountable leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Active citizen engagement in local planning and decision-making processes and a shared responsibility for achieving our goals	<input type="checkbox"/>					
The City of Newcastle: A local government organisation of excellence	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q9b. Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards ensuring Newcastle has a strong local democracy with an actively engaged community and effective partnerships. **Please be as specific as possible.**

Q10. Are there any additional ideas or comments you would like to provide on the Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan and how we can work together towards a smart, liveable and sustainable Newcastle? **Please be as specific as possible.**

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Before completing this survey, we would like to ask you a few demographic questions.

Q11. Are you...? **Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Male
<input type="checkbox"/>	Female

Q12. What age group are you? **Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	16-24
<input type="checkbox"/>	25-39
<input type="checkbox"/>	40-54
<input type="checkbox"/>	55-70
<input type="checkbox"/>	70+

Q13. Where do you live? **Please select one response only.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ward 1: Carrington, Cooks Hill, Islington, Kooragang, Maryville, Mayfield, Mayfield East, Mayfield West, Newcastle (CBD), Newcastle East, Newcastle West, Stockton, The Hill, Tighes Hill, Warabrook, Wickham
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ward 2: Adamstown, Adamstown Heights, Bar Beach, Broadmeadow, Hamilton, Hamilton East, Hamilton North, Hamilton South, Merewether, Merewether Heights, The Junction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ward 3: Georgetown, Jesmond, Kotara, Lambton, New Lambton, New Lambton Heights, North Lambton, Waratah, Waratah West
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ward 4: Beresfield, Birmingham Gardens, Blackhill / Lenaghan, Callaghan, Elernmore Vale, Fletcher, Hexham, Maryland, Minmi, Rankin Park, Sandgate, Shortland, Tarro, Wallsend
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outside of Newcastle

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Appendix II- Advertisement

Newcastle
2030
Our Vision for a Smart, Liveable and Sustainable City



Have your say

For more information phone 4974 2956 or email newcastle2030@ncc.nsw.gov.au

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Or pick up a copy from:

- The City of Newcastle City Administration Centre
282 King Street, Newcastle
- All Newcastle branch libraries

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Appendix III- Demographic Profile

- Newcastle Voice member survey
- Broad community

Newcastle Voice – Ward (n=911)

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Ward 1	316	34.69 %
O2	Ward 2	238	26.13 %
O3	Ward 3	181	19.87 %
O4	Ward 4	129	14.16 %

Newcastle Voice – Age (n=911)

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	16-24	21	2.31 %
O2	25-39	216	23.71 %
O3	40-54	287	31.50 %
O4	55-69	311	34.14 %
O5	70+	76	8.34 %

Newcastle Voice – Employment Status (n=911)

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Employed full time	420	46.26 %
O2	Employed part time	157	17.29 %
O3	Looking for work	19	2.09 %
O4	Studying	59	6.50 %
O5	Domestic activities/caring	57	6.28 %
O6	Retired	228	25.11 %
O7	Other [specify]	61	6.72 %
O8	Prefer not to answer	10	1.10 %

Newcastle Voice – Gender (n=911)

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Male	431	47.31 %
O2	Female	480	52.69 %

Newcastle Voice – Suburb (n=911)

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Adamstown	30	3.29 %
O2	Adamstown Heights	22	2.41 %
O3	Bar Beach	15	1.65 %
O4	Beresfield	5	0.55 %
O5	Birmingham Gardens	6	0.66 %
O6	Blackhill/Lenaghan	1	0.11 %
O7	Broadmeadow	12	1.32 %
O8	Callaghan	1	0.11 %
O9	Carrington	21	2.31 %
O10	Cooks Hill	29	3.18 %
O11	Elernmore Vale	9	0.99 %
O12	Fletcher	15	1.65 %
O13	Georgetown	8	0.88 %
O14	Hamilton	29	3.18 %
O15	Hamilton East	7	0.77 %
O16	Hamilton North	7	0.77 %
O17	Hamilton South	24	2.63 %
O18	Hexham	1	0.11 %
O19	Islington	30	3.29 %
O20	Jesmond	8	0.88 %
O21	Kooragang	0	0.00 %
O22	Kotara	31	3.40 %
O23	Lambton	30	3.29 %
O24	Maryland	18	1.98 %
O25	Maryville	18	1.98 %
O26	Mayfield	44	4.83 %
O27	Mayfield East	6	0.66 %
O28	Mayfield West	9	0.99 %
O29	Merewether	89	9.77 %
O30	Merewether Heights	18	1.98 %
O31	Minmi	3	0.33 %

Newcastle Voice – Suburb (con't)

O32	New Lambton	58	6.37 %
O33	New Lambton Heights	8	0.88 %
O34	Newcastle (CBD)	34	3.73 %
O35	Newcastle East	19	2.09 %
O36	Newcastle West	4	0.44 %
O37	North Lambton	12	1.32 %
O38	Rankin Park	5	0.55 %
O39	Sandgate	0	0.00 %
O40	Shortland	11	1.21 %
O41	Stockton	33	3.62 %
O42	Tarro	11	1.21 %
O43	The Hill	16	1.76 %
O44	The Junction	12	1.32 %
O45	Tighes Hill	9	0.99 %
O46	Wallsend	48	5.27 %
O47	Warabrook	4	0.44 %
O48	Waratah	14	1.54 %
O49	Waratah West	7	0.77 %
O50	Wickham	13	1.43 %

Broad community – Ward (n=56)

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Ward 1: Carrington, Cooks Hill, Islington, Kooragang, Maryville, Mayfield, Mayfield East, Mayfield West, Newcastle (CBD), Newcastle East, Newcastle West, Stockton, The Hill, Tighes Hill, Warabrook, Wickham	20	34.48 %
O2	Ward 2: Adamstown, Adamstown Heights, Bar Beach, Broadmeadow, Hamilton, Hamilton East, Hamilton North, Hamilton South, Merewether, Merewether Heights, The Junction	12	20.69 %
O3	Ward 3: Georgetown, Jesmond, Kotara, Lambton, New Lambton, New Lambton Heights, North Lambton, Waratah, Waratah West	5	8.62 %
O4	Ward 4: Beresfield, Birmingham Gardens, Blackhill / Lenaghan, Callaghan, Elmore Vale, Fletcher, Hexham, Maryland, Minmi, Rankin Park, Sandgate, Shortland, Tarro, Wallsend	9	15.52 %
O5	Outside of Newcastle	10	17.24 %

Broad community – Age (n=55)

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	16-24	3	5.17 %
O2	25-39	20	34.48 %
O3	40-54	8	13.79 %
O4	55-70	23	39.66 %
O5	70+	1	1.72 %

Broad community – Gender (n=53)

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Male	25	43.10 %
O2	Female	28	48.28 %



Appendix IV- Topline Data *(unweighted)*

Q1. Are you aware of the Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan? **Please select one response only.**

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Yes	387	39.94 %
O2	No	437	45.10 %
O3	Not sure/ don't know	145	14.96 %

Q2. How well does this vision reflect your hopes for Newcastle in the future? **Please select one response only**

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all	28	2.89 %
O2	Slightly well	73	7.53 %
O3	Moderately well	253	26.11 %
O4	Very well	397	40.97 %
O5	Extremely well	174	17.96 %
O6	Don't know/ Can't say	44	4.54 %

Connected City

Q3a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to achieving a Connected City, which is well connected and has convenient transport networks? **Please select one response only for each objective.**

Q3a_0: Effective and integrated public transport

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	5	0.52 %
O2	Slightly important	13	1.34 %
O3	Moderately important	44	4.54 %
O4	Very important	248	25.59 %
O5	Extremely important	654	67.49 %
O6	Don't know	5	0.52 %

Q3a_1: Linked networks of cycle and pedestrian transport

QUESTION TOTAL: 969
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	20	2.06 %
O2	Slightly important	41	4.23 %
O3	Moderately important	135	13.93 %
O4	Very important	275	28.38 %
O5	Extremely important	491	50.67 %
O6	Don't know	7	0.72 %

Q3a_2: A transport network that encourages energy and resource efficiency

QUESTION TOTAL: 969
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	20	2.06 %
O2	Slightly important	42	4.33 %
O3	Moderately important	152	15.69 %
O4	Very important	262	27.04 %
O5	Extremely important	482	49.74 %
O6	Don't know	11	1.14 %

Protected and Enhanced Environment

Q4a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to ensuring a Protected and Enhanced Environment? **Please select one response only for each objective.**

Q4a_0: Greater efficiency in the use of resources

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	3	0.31 %
O2	Slightly important	15	1.55 %
O3	Moderately important	127	13.11 %
O4	Very important	396	40.87 %
O5	Extremely important	417	43.03 %
O6	Don't know	11	1.14 %

Q4a_1: Our unique natural environment is maintained, enhanced and connected

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	4	0.41 %
O2	Slightly important	9	0.93 %
O3	Moderately important	89	9.18 %
O4	Very important	311	32.09 %
O5	Extremely important	549	56.66 %
O6	Don't know	7	0.72 %

Q4a_2: Environmental and climate change risks and impacts are understood and managed

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	31	3.20 %
O2	Slightly important	53	5.47 %
O3	Moderately important	179	18.47 %
O4	Very important	282	29.10 %
O5	Extremely important	409	42.21 %
O6	Don't know	15	1.55 %

Vibrant and Activated Public Places

Q5a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to achieving Vibrant and Activated Public Places? **Please select one response only for each objective.**

Q5a_0: Public places that provide for diverse activity and strengthen our social connections

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O5	Extremely important	397	40.97 %
O6	Don't know	4	0.41 %

Q5a_1: Culture, heritage and place are valued, shared and celebrated

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	7	0.72 %
O2	Slightly important	38	3.92 %
O3	Moderately important	185	19.09 %
O4	Very important	375	38.70 %
O5	Extremely important	360	37.15 %
O6	Don't know	4	0.41 %

Q5a_2: Safe and activated places that are used by people day and night

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	6	0.62 %
O2	Slightly important	6	0.62 %
O3	Moderately important	51	5.26 %
O4	Very important	303	31.27 %
O5	Extremely important	598	61.71 %
O6	Don't know	5	0.52 %

Caring and Inclusive Community

Q6a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to achieving a Caring and Inclusive Community? Please select one response only for each objective.

Q6a_0: A welcoming community that cares and looks after each other

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	9	0.93 %
O2	Slightly important	21	2.17 %
O3	Moderately important	136	14.04 %
O4	Very important	403	41.59 %
O5	Extremely important	389	40.14 %
O6	Don't know	11	1.14 %

Q6a_1: Active and healthy communities with physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	8	0.83 %
O2	Slightly important	36	3.72 %
O3	Moderately important	127	13.11 %
O4	Very important	380	39.22 %
O5	Extremely important	402	41.49 %
O6	Don't know	16	1.65 %

Q6a_2: A creative, culturally rich and vibrant community

QUESTION TOTAL: 969
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	12	1.24 %
O2	Slightly important	28	2.89 %
O3	Moderately important	150	15.48 %
O4	Very important	380	39.22 %
O5	Extremely important	390	40.25 %
O6	Don't know	9	0.93 %

Liveable and Distinctive Built Environment

Q7a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to achieving a Liveable and Distinctive Built Environment? **Please select one response only for each objective.**

Q7a_0: A built environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity

QUESTION TOTAL: 968
NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	23	2.38 %
O2	Slightly important	43	4.44 %
O3	Moderately important	235	24.28 %
O4	Very important	403	41.63 %
O5	Extremely important	238	24.59 %
O6	Don't know	26	2.69 %

Q7a_1: Mixed-use urban villages supported by integrated transport networks

QUESTION TOTAL: 968

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	15	1.55 %
O2	Slightly important	32	3.31 %
O3	Moderately important	144	14.88 %
O4	Very important	383	39.57 %
O5	Extremely important	363	37.50 %
O6	Don't know	31	3.20 %

Q7a_2: Greater diversity of quality housing for current and future community needs

QUESTION TOTAL: 968

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	16	1.65 %
O2	Slightly important	54	5.58 %
O3	Moderately important	197	20.35 %
O4	Very important	379	39.15 %
O5	Extremely important	298	30.79 %
O6	Don't know	24	2.48 %

Q7a_3: Best practice energy and water efficient buildings and infrastructure

QUESTION TOTAL: 968

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	9	0.93 %
O2	Slightly important	33	3.41 %
O3	Moderately important	127	13.12 %
O4	Very important	321	33.16 %
O5	Extremely important	468	48.35 %
O6	Don't know	10	1.03 %

Smart and Innovative City

Q8a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to achieving a Smart and Innovative City? **Please select one response only for each objective.**

Q8a_0: A vibrant diverse and resilient green economy built on educational excellence and research

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	21	2.17 %
O2	Slightly important	59	6.09 %
O3	Moderately important	186	19.20 %
O4	Very important	367	37.87 %
O5	Extremely important	320	33.02 %
O6	Don't know	16	1.65 %

Q8a_1: A culture that supports and encourages innovation and creativity at all levels

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	7	0.72 %
O2	Slightly important	35	3.61 %
O3	Moderately important	145	14.96 %
O4	Very important	404	41.69 %
O5	Extremely important	364	37.56 %
O6	Don't know	14	1.44 %

Q8a_2: A thriving city that attracts people to live, work, invest and visit

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	9	0.93 %
O2	Slightly important	9	0.93 %
O3	Moderately important	58	5.99 %
O4	Very important	330	34.06 %
O5	Extremely important	552	56.97 %
O6	Don't know	11	1.14 %

Open and Collaborative Leadership

Q9a. Please indicate how important you believe the following objectives are to ensuring Open and Collaborative Leadership? Please select one response only for each objective.

Q9a_0: Integrated, sustainable long-term planning for Newcastle and the region

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	5	0.52 %
O2	Slightly important	14	1.44 %
O3	Moderately important	58	5.99 %
O4	Very important	354	36.53 %
O5	Extremely important	522	53.87 %
O6	Don't know	16	1.65 %

Q9a_1: Considered decision making based on collaborative, transparent and accountable leadership

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	4	0.41 %
O2	Slightly important	15	1.55 %
O3	Moderately important	70	7.22 %
O4	Very important	326	33.64 %
O5	Extremely important	538	55.52 %
O6	Don't know	16	1.65 %

Q9a_2: Active citizen engagement in local planning and decision-making processes and a shared responsibility for achieving our goals

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	10	1.03 %
O2	Slightly important	38	3.92 %
O3	Moderately important	135	13.93 %
O4	Very important	325	33.54 %
O5	Extremely important	447	46.13 %
O6	Don't know	14	1.44 %

Q9a_3: The City of Newcastle: A local government organisation of excellence

QUESTION TOTAL: 969

NO RESPONSE: 0

	OPTIONS	TOTAL	PERCENT
O1	Not at all important	25	2.58 %
O2	Slightly important	25	2.58 %
O3	Moderately important	129	13.31 %
O4	Very important	338	34.88 %
O5	Extremely important	422	43.55 %
O6	Don't know	30	3.10 %



Appendix V-Verbatims

CONNECTED CITY

CATEGORISATION OF OPEN ENDED RESPONSES		
<i>CONNECTED CITY: Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards ensuring Newcastle is well-connected and has convenient transport networks.</i>		
	Base (those answering) n= 538	n= %
RAIL		61.0
Retain the rail to Newcastle	139	25.8
Cut rail line before Newcastle (Wickham or Woodville Jxn or Broadmeadow or Adamstown)	61	11.3
Light rail / trams	42	7.8
Replace heavy rail with light rail in town (specific)	40	7.4
High speed rail to sydney	10	1.9
Make a decision re rail	9	1.7
Extend the rail or light rail or monorail	7	1.3
Faster / more frequent train services	6	1.1
Monorail	5	0.9
Other rail comment	9	1.7
PUBLIC TRANSPORT GENERAL		36.4
Link public transport from CBD to other hubs/suburbs	29	5.4
Interchange	25	4.6
Establish park and rides	21	3.9
Better connections between services and pedestrian or cycleways	18	3.3
Encourage or promote use of public transport / Education and awareness campaigns	12	2.2
Clean up public transport / Make it safe	11	2.0
Better ticketing system	11	2.0
Public transport needs to be accessible for all	10	1.9
Faster / more frequent public transport	8	1.5
Make public transport cheaper	8	1.5
Integrated public transport	7	1.3
Have stations/bus stops where needed (eg Kotara)	6	1.1
Woodville Junction interchange	6	1.1
Link public transport to airport	5	0.9
Other city cited as example	5	0.9
Better connections between routes	4	0.7
Other- public transport general comment	10	1.9
CYCLEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN		29.4
Dedicated/safe/off road cycleways and bike lines and pedestrian access	60	11.2
More cycleways / pedestrian paths	24	4.5
Better cycleways / pedestrian access	20	3.7
Linking cycleways	12	2.2
Build more overpasses / crossings for pedestrians and cyclists	11	2.0
Bike rental scheme	11	2.0
More bike racks / Bike lockers / Have bike racks on public transport	8	1.5
Increased priority or importance of pedestrians and cyclists	7	1.3
Driver education	4	0.7
Other- cycleways and pedestrians comment	1	0.2

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BUSES		17.5
Mini buses / smaller buses	19	3.5
Express or more direct bus routes	18	3.3
More frequent buses	17	3.2
Maintain free buses / More free buses	15	2.8
Bus routes are convoluted	8	1.5
Better bus services to hubs/suburbs	7	1.3
More dedicated bus lanes	2	0.4
Other- bus comment	8	1.5
TRAFFIC & PARKING		9.1
More free parking / reduce cost of parking / get rid of meters	16	3.0
Traffic lights (timing, pads etc)	7	1.3
Build overpasses or underpasses	7	1.3
Get rid of 'gates'	7	1.3
Less parking in CBD	3	0.6
Encourage scooters etc	2	0.4
Other- traffic and parking	7	1.3
OTHER		17.4
Not only Council's responsibility / Work with or leave to State or Federal Govt	26	4.8
More consultation / Listen to those who use public transport	6	1.1
Local control	4	0.7
Extend ferry service to other locations	3	0.6
Other	55	10.2

<p>"Light Rail" from Hamilton to Newcastle beach.</p> <p>(1) public transport needs to be frequent, reasonably direct, reasonably fast (end-to-end) (2) public transport needs to synchronise between services; train to bus, bus to bus, ... (3) encourage/ teach youth that public transport can work and get them places - perhaps make it free for youth under 18 up to 6:30 pm. Teach them to depend on public transport. (4) reduce the price of public transport for normal paying passengers, and access increased revenue by increased patronage. If a family or several people are traveling, going by car can be less costly as well as more convenient - change this. (5) Introduce intelligent signs at bus stops that show when the next service is due (e.g. 310 due in 3 mins)</p>
<p>* Make sure the railway continues to end at Newcastle Station</p>
<p>***INTEGRATED TICKETING*** Ticketing should be integrated such that travel on all public transport including Trains, Buses, Ferries and (potentially) public Bikes is all integrated in the one ticketing system. It is cheaper and quicker for me to drive to work in a 1-person car than it is to catch a bus and train to work.</p> <p>***SMART ZONING*** Ensure that railway stations are integrated well with known points of interest in actual commercial zones. Eg. Kotara railway station is very far from Westfield Kotara. Ideally they would be integrated to be a couple of 100m walk, or even integrated with the centre. Adamstown station is 1km from the central business district in Adamstown</p> <p>Buses need to operate more like trains and interlink in an efficient way. Arterial express buses should take people on major paths, and secondary buses should handle localised transport.</p>
<p>1. Extend the rail line. Do not replace trains with buses, and call it "intergrated transport" please. The light rail proposal is just duplication and is too expensive to install. Why are overpasses (see Qld) never offered to dear old Newcastle. Having no doubt disparaged the above argument, it is also possible to ignore that all density housing is built in all cities around railways lines, see Sydney, Melb.(in fact just name a city!)</p> <p>2. Lobby NSW govt to integrate the Stockton ferry service to service Honeysuckle, Wickham, Carrington to make it more efficent and effective.</p>
<p>1. Extend the rail up to Nobby's & Beach 2. Level crossing from Ferry Wharf to Scott St to increase North Shore people to Newcastle 3. Stop the Honeysuckle creap any further</p>
<p>1. Heavy rail line connection to CBD via a new interchange at Wickham 2. dedicated and integrated bus service, harmonised to rail services, not seperate from them 3. patience in delivering the system given our population distribution and travel to work patters - i reckon a post 2030 objective.</p>
<p>1. In general cycle and pedestrian transport should have a higher priority than at present. Currently car access is overwhelmingly given priority. 2. All new or modified roads should include facilities for bicycles and pedestrians. Especially (but not limited to) in any new housing subdivision. 3. Shopping centres should be required to give much greater provision for pedestrian and cycle access. This is very badly lacking at present. "Provision for access" includes not only actual routes but safe routes without the constant risk of being run over by a car. 4. Major roads need more pedestrian and cycle overhead crossings rather than relying on traffic lights which often take a long time to change and encourage users to risk crossing without waiting for the lights to change.</p>
<p>1. more cycle ways, especially to protect the cyclists. more awareness for cyclists and promoting tolerance of cyclists on the road. behaviour to cyclists from motorists is often aggressive. 2. more frequent bus connections, cheaper fares and free travel for kids. better connections to major natural landmarks like the beaches.</p>

<p>1. Not everyone wants to, nor can, walk or cycle everywhere. I have a vision of a light rail system from the "golden triangle" (current no man's land between B'meadow,Hamilton North, Hamilton)into the city and one day continuing that system past our wonderful beaches and back to the "golden triangle" via our extensive sports precinct and race track. Tourists won't be able to resist!!</p>
<p>2. Our system will be friendly to the young in prams with parents, teenagers (possibly with surfboards in a purpose built stand up space for board and ledge for their bottoms - 1/2 stand 1/2 sitng), the disabled in wheelchairs, the middle-aged (baby-boomers)who want desperately to use a clean, reliable, comfortable and fare-priced public transport system. That's all!!!</p>
<p>1. Retention of rail transport to Newcastle be it light or heavy appears to be the cheapest option 2. The bus network should be in 2 parts - trunk & local - short services with minimum stops to ensure frequent & fast delivery to the CBD 3. By making the transport system user friendly - people will be encouraged to leave their cars at home 4. Fares should be cheap & zoned with fixed rates</p>
<p>1.Speed up development of the Glendale interchange. 2.Local control of Newcastle transport ie not control from Sydney. 3.Get public on-side to use public transport by cleaning up buses/trains and making both safe to use.</p>
<p>A afaster train service, linked to bike paths and pedestrian walkways</p>
<p>A BIT OF MAJOR PLANNING</p>
<p>a central parking area with cheap bicycle rental and /or cheap or free tram (light rail) or bus to the city centre for workers and tourists.Just one area fo improvement.</p>
<p>A community audit will help. The Council could organise a few groups of community members (male, female, children and seniors) walking/cycling/riding public transport from A to B, and see what the residents say about their transport connections to work, school, shops, parks, beaches, and so on.</p>
<p>A cycleway network safe enough for primary school kids to ride to school or to their friend's place on.</p>
<p>A final decision has to be made regarding the inner city heavy rail system, either it is replaced with light rail as a minimum back as far as the Hamilton / Wickham area or allow commercial development over the top of the existing heavy rail similar to Chadswood Railway Station in Sydney. Another option would be to establish a major heavy / light rail interchange at Broadmeadow, with the light rail servicing all inner city stations. The establishment of a hope-on / hope-off inner city bus system traversing the inner city to Hamilton,down Beaumont St, then to Albert St, Wickham, on to Hannel St and then Newcastle Foreshore, which would assist with tourists moving around the city.</p>
<p>A free/cheap bike rental program like brisbane for the CBD</p>
<p>A light rail (Tram) like Adelaide's system that does a city loop but also goes to the beaches (eg. Glenelg). So our tram would go along Parkway to Bar Beach, along Union St, Kenrick st, Watkins St to Merewether, which is obvious because it'd go through the Junction aswell.</p>
<p>A much more efficient bus service is required with more direct routes to and from the CBD and between suburbs. If there is to be a revitalisation of the CBD then and upgrade of the rail link is also required. I can get into Newcastle CBD much more quickly in the train than I can by bus.</p>
<p>a tram between hunter st, darby st and beaumont st</p>
<p>A truly connected public transport service connecting buses ferry and trains at specific points with enough time between services to allow for late arrivals and or slow ticketing and connection with specific timetables to link major areas.</p>
<p>Add a bus node at the broad meadow station and make public transports more conspicuous around key points such as Darby & Beaumont St as well as Honeysuckle and the beaches. Few people really need to go to the train terminus in town-most of the trains are near empty past Broadmeadow.</p>
<p>Affordable satellite parking stations at new transport hubs to facilitate shifting entrenched car drivers on to public transport.</p>
<p>All levels of government need to agree on the same strategy and everyone has to work for the same goal</p>
<p>All public transport types need to be coordinated with one another. Bus & ferry schedules should coincide with train schedules. Perth has 3 FREE interconnecting bus lines that serve a huge portion of the city, running in regularly scheduled loops and connecting with one another frequently. They also have electronic bus info podiums that show *exactly* how long it will take the next bus to arrive, and each podium has a map of the stops of that and the other two lines. Simple, effective, and sensible.</p>

Although this is likely the RTA's responsibility you could look into the timing of traffic lights throughout major routes. Apparently our traffic light system is timed but when driving through it seems to be poorly done.

Bus routes seem to travel somewhat randomly. I could understand the bus system in Japan despite not knowing the language because they had short, logical routes. In Newcastle they seem to take over an hour no matter where you go and inevitably what I consider a simple route will descend into the back streets of some random suburb & emerge 40 minutes later having dropped off & picked up no one. It should not take longer to get to a neighbouring suburb in Newcastle than to get across town in Tokyo traffic...but somehow it does.

An effective and presentable bus / rail terminal. Other towns smaller than Newcastle can have acceptable facilities. Also a bus/train service linking the homes and beaches (direct).

An extensive network of dedicated cycle ways (or multi-use cycle and walk ways) across Newcastle. Cycleways away from roads wherever possible. Provide incentives for commercial buildings to include change facilities (lockers, showers) to people can cycle to work.

Annual "car free day"; renewably power the electric trains; take councillors around the city blindfolded / in wheelchairs on trains and buses;

As a city we need to have well developed transport links. This would include the development of more bus lanes, light transport within the city, with the development of more cycleways and pedestrian access. Cutting the railway line at Wigham is a good concept, but infrastructure needs to be put in place for alternative transport.

As an inner city pedestrian I have found private cars & builders transport blocking footpaths on a daily basis. Please do something about this

As a mature aged frequent train traveller leave the rail into Newcastle as is

As far as possible cycle ways, walkways and traffic should be distinctly separate. Denmark, Amsterdam and Vancouver have successfully intergrated and well used transport systems where cycle ways, footpaths and roads are separated by different levels or barriers. They run parallel to each other but are distinct. This makes the users feel safe when using them.

As in Europe, we could easily have a bicycle dominant system where bikes are provided at certain stops and conveniently placed "banks" of bikes are provided around the city and suburban areas to allow people to use this form of transport in preference to motorised transport.

vastly increased secure car parking facilities at all major train and bus stops to allow more people to use the public transport systems, with a greater availability of evening and weekend services.

Education campaign regarding the existing cycle/footpaths available to people in all areas, along the lines of issued public transport timetables - why not have these systems advertised at the same place as timetables?

Attractive bus hubs/stops- use major ones as people gathering places so they are inviting. I know NCC is not responsible fro bus shelters but it could be wrking with Newcastle buses or whoever is responsible to incorporate them into a placemaking way of working.

I catch buses to the uni a lot but I don't even know where the free city bus runs and I believe the 104 goes round the beaches- which doesn't run too often as I catch it sometimes in Waratah.

Loading teh lower hunter transport document on teh NCC website is good but boy is the page boring- Blackbutt page is great why don't we have a public transport page that says Yes- public transport in Newcastle is GREAT with piccies and everythin. The 100 bus has it's own facebook page & we have a santa bus at Christmas there are some great engaging things about transport in this area. Let's make the most of it.

<p>Base the plans on existing transport services. ie</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. keep the existing rail link into the city (the continuity of the service between the two cities is a great asset to rail users) 2. extend bus services to make it easier for commuters to get to the rail stations and for easy movement between suburbs that might not exist now. 3. extension of cycleways 4. extend provision of footpaths for pedestrian safety 5. a "car club" where drivers pay an annual fee to use a car when they need one. This takes away the necessity of owning a car in the city.
<p>Better advertising of routes/times/availability of interconnections. I know it is a bus/ferry issue but council may be able to assist</p>
<p>Better bus routes between major centres (shopping villages, more bike paths AND, ramps down off side walks to the road - the number of times one has to clunk violently over a curb onto the road to cross it (with bike, scooter, pram) is infuriating.</p>
<p>Tunnel the railway line from Wickham to city. If this in not possible, then light rail/tram from Warrabrook through Waratah, hamilton, etc to city.</p>
<p>If the rail line is cut, then there should be a seamless option from as far out as possible so that train users, for instance, from warrabrook to city don't have to change.</p>
<p>Better connection of cycle ways so we don't need to use the roads</p>
<p>Better connections to state government required.</p>
<p>Better cycle ways and education of drivers and police on supporting cyclists. I have found Newcastle drivers very aggressive toward cyclists.</p>
<p>Better parking options for bikes.</p>
<p>Better public transport is needed in Newcastle</p>
<p>Better public transport system would be an improvement , you need to have a lot of spare time to travel as most bus routes go all over the place .</p>
<p>Bike racks on buses; light rail to replace the heavy rail into the city; regular, reliable, efficient and cheap public transport</p>
<p>build a new transport hub at woodville junction incorporating a railway station that does not go to newcastle but goes north but has an area for interstate and intrastate coaches .local buses taxi;s etc. a light rail system to connect to newcastle city and inner suburbs like cooks hill,junction hamilton. this is done in london very succesfully.</p>
<p>Build a safe and secure indoor transport hub in the Store building liking all modes of transport particularly the Airport.</p>
<p>build a train tunnel under the harbour to stockton & airport. This will relive parking at both & fix the peninsula problem faced today.</p> <p>you could put it underground from whickham.</p> <p>Also you could link it via Raymond terrace & the new maitland suburbs & maitland airport as well. Creating a loop.</p> <p>Train underharbour tunnels are cheap when you look into them</p>
<p>Build a transport hub at Woodville Junction with Council, Courthouse, Water Board, Police Station, RAMS, MSB etc. ie all public utilities. This can be done for NO COST to the city by leasing the land to a developer at \$1 per year as long as the developer has the air space above. Retain the rail corridor as a bus/tram route and knock down the wall that is killing the East end. Newcastle East is a suburb, not a CBD anymore.</p>

Build cycle and public transport networks to key attractions/work place areas/shopping areas in the city especially where parking is scarce as this will encourage people to use public transport/cycleways as it will be cheaper and faster eg beaches, parks, honeysuckle, the city centre, darby and beaumont street, fernleigh track. The cycleways should be dedicated where possible and off main roads. Encourage local traffic use only by constructing traffic island that only allow bikes through and traffic lights for bikes at busy intersections. Also more bike lanes at traffic lights so you don't get intimidated/squashed.

Build SAFE bikeways. Limit car parking in the CBD. Build a light rail network.

Bus routes need to be direct and competitive with cars for travel time.

A spoke-and-hub system with central nodes at broadmeadow, charlestown and cardiff or elemorevale.

Buses that go to Waratah village no buses go there at the moment

Charge a congestion tax for all vehicles entering the city. Build a transport interchange on the old gas works site with ample parking for all city travellers/workers/visitors to park their vehicles and catch an express bus into the city.

Rip up the train line not for developers to pillage, but to provide an express lane for all buses travelling to the city from the gas works site.

City link trams/trains (shuttle/one track)

Key fast cycle tracks/roads

Smaller inner city busses

Stop the rail inner city, blocks car traffic. Until we have a better public transport system, this causes useless traffic delays in peak times on the road, for sometimes 10 train passengers.

Scooter friendly parking/more of it. Stop traffic congestion.

City wide dedicated cycle/walking paths. Outside of Council's responsibility but a fast train to Sydney would be a boon.

clean safe public transport promotes a pride in our city

Close the rail from wick ham and put in a monorail that is above the road with plaza's underneath

Common sense approach to solutions. Stop listening to vocal minorities. Lip service of statement is good, how about doing something

Commonsense approach to suitable integrated ideas and solutions that are sustainable and affordable.....

Complete overhaul of our public transport system.

Light rail/trams servicing inner suburbs to Hamilton, Merewether and Islington. Even if this means making roads one way so as to utilise lanes. City workers more likely to use trams if they are new/run often and service suburbs that house many young professionals.

Ferry service to Carrington and Maryville.

Connect with Lake Macquarie City Council to determine solutions that integrate Newcastle and Lake Macquarie.

Connecting routes should be coordinated

Consider the experience of the user. Anything that makes use of transport faster, easier, or simpler is good change. Personal NFC cards for example could speed up bus stops.

Consult all involved not just a (unreadable) few - use a method such as this for all involved of ratepayers convenient and clean public transport (not sure how much control council has over this!)

bike paths and safe bike parking

footpaths in suburbs!

convenient transport network..leave the trains..get rid of heavy rail in Newcastle and surrounding

suburbs..
Convince the State & Federal Governments to replace the heavy rail branch line between Hamilton & Newcastle Stations with a new light rail line loop. Starting at a new transport interchange in the Gas Company rail triangle along the existing rail corridor, Darby St, Glebe Rd to Adamstown Station then via Broadmeadow Station back to the new interchange. A \$100M investment similar to the Honeysuckle Building Better Cities Funding received 20 years ago & the Bicentennial funding for the Foreshore Park in 1988 would just about finish the project. The 7th largest city in Australia deserves this type of 21st Century integrated transport especially if its main railway line is removed. Also increase the frequency & speed of Newcastle Buses services including creating park & ride interchanges to reduce inefficient car usage & parking problems eg by introducing express services on main routes such as Wallsend - Jesmond - Hamilton - CBD via Thomas/Newcastle/Griffiths/Donald/King; Shortland - Warrabrook - Mayfield - Islington - CBD via Maitland Rd/Hunter St; Charlestown - CBD via Pacific Hwy/City Rd/Stewart/King. Also complete separated bike routes especially along main R routes as per Councils new bicycle strategy.
Co-ordinate bus and bus linkages. Ensure that 'bus shelters are maintained properly.
Co-ordinate transport systems that involve all Municipalities.
Prepare planning for a rail corridor from Newcastle to Williamstown Airport.
Co-ordinated traffic lights and train gates (better still get rid of that!).
Stop fiddling about and make a decision on the train line and design a co-ordinated system around that decision.
More pressure pads to allow traffic systems to know traffic flows and adjust the light timing accordingly and in real time.
Less green arrows and more green lights. If it is clear the car waiting to turn right shouldn't be made to wait.
co-ordinated transport links established at same time , not in stages 1 waiting for the next one , creating bottle necks and discontent
get that light rail working asap
Council needs to be more bold in its strategy such as closing lanes in preference of bicycles. My view is that there is a desire in the community to cycle more, but the roads are far to dangerous to ride on.
Create cycle and pedestrian links through green space, such as parks (f.ex. wickham park) and along drains and creeks (Cottage creek).
Tabula rasa on public transport, starting from scratch with a regional bus network centred around Broadmeadow station, planning for a 'gateway' transport hub at Broadmeadow to connect the city to Central Coast - Sydney and Maitland-Singleton with 30 min interval intercity trains, and intermediate suburban rattlers.
create destinations for public transport. For example currently Adamstown and Kotara railways stations are in no mans land closing both and building integrated transport hub at the kotara homemaker centre would increase patronage, efficiency, etc...
I understand rail is not a council responsibility but the theory of creating destinations and places is.
Create specific bike tracks throughout Newcastle (eg convert streets to onw waay and divide them for bike use)
Stop the rediculous argument re the rail line - just get rid of it and stop the trains at Broardmeadow - run the Sydney flyer from Maitland or Singleton. Implement buses from Broadmeadow to CBD and beaches. Plan for Bus and ride to CBD, hospitals, Kotara
Prepare longer term plans and land acquisition for light rail
Crucial, possibly the most important given the developers I know won't consider downtown develop without it.

<p>cur off the railway line at Broadmeadow, have a city circuit bus or tram. REduce cost of parking, why come in if you cant afford to park? have segregated cycle ways</p>
<p>Currently our public transport is in real need for overhaul. I believe that we should retain the rail corridor for light rail or similar. It is disturbing to hear yet again about the advantages of cutting such an important service with the increase in residents in the inner city and with plans to expand the University's presence in that area.</p>
<p>Cut heavy rail line at Wickham. Light rail (loops) to The Junction, Beaumont and thereafter buses. Congestion taxes on private city vehicles. Real cycleways</p>
<p>Cut the rail at Wickham and either run a bus service or a monorail into town up to Nobbys/Ncle beach and back via King St</p>
<p>Cut the rail at Wickham. Use a series of motorised trams to shuttle around the foreshore,the city and the Hill.</p> <p>Trams are now avaiable in Sydney at railways workshop - cpould become a feature ie the Newcastle Trams</p> <p>And do this by the end of 2012!!!!!!</p>
<p>Cut the rail line at Hamilton with a transport hub at the old Gas works site.</p> <p>A tram or low/long bus travel (maybe also an open double decker bus) to the city and beach loops with may stops.</p>
<p>CUT THE RAIL LINE in the city and build a bigger and better train station at Wickham (that links all major train networks and lines). You could have buses or trams to take you up the top of town. Maybe encouge people to walk along honeysuckle and the foreshore!</p> <p>Get it done - it can't be that hard!!!!!!</p>
<p>cutting the rail line into Newcastle will not achieve 'effective and integrated public transport'. Those who are pushing for the removal of the rail line do not have a viable or effective replacement planned. Removal of the line will further erode public transport networks in Newcastle and turn the rail corridor over to cars, congestion and more ugly development.</p>
<p>Cycle connectivity though improving is still not achieved. Safe routes to where people want to go for business and pleasure will see a large increase in cycling as a form of transport.</p>
<p>Cycle paths and transport trains and buses that bikes can be carried on</p>
<p>cycle paths need to be a priority. This city is so ideal for cycling but its dangerous on some routes</p>
<p>Cycleways and pedestrian ways that connect suburbs effectively with safety.</p>
<p>If the trainline to Newcastle station is to be cut then there needs to be co-ordinated responses so that the links are actually improved and lead to better public transport connections, particularly with the Stockton ferry. A person coming from Stockton should be able to connect ferry to bus to train without the current half hour waiting times. Co-ordination of timetabling is vital.</p>
<p>Cycleways and resource efficiency are noble lifestyle and environmental goals however there are urgent public transport issues that are restricting Newcastle's growth and prosperity. These must be addressed before we chase lofty aspirations.</p>
<p>Cycleways on every single road!</p>
<p>Cycleways separated from roads</p>
<p>Level crossings replaced with overpasses</p>
<p>Rail line maintained to Newcastle (underground if desired)</p>
<p>Light rail to connect CBD with Charlestown</p>
<p>Cycleways should not be part of the road. Too dangerous to ride.</p>

Cycleways that link up, rather than the current arrangement where there are short cycleways in isolated areas.

Safe cycleways along main road corridors - not the current tiny space given to bikes next to the parking lane - they are so dangerous.

It is not enough to say we have an integrated public transport system if the rail line is cut and a bus interchange is put in. For people who use the rail (or any other form of public transport) every day or regularly, it is an absolute pain having to get off one form of transport and wait for the next. Newcastle Buses are notorious for not running on time - either early and don't wait at the stop until the time they are suppose to be there, late and then you don't know if they've got there early and left or are indeed late.

Dedicated commuter cyclist lanes fully separated from car traffic should be installed on high usage routes and/or dangerous areas. Maude St cyclist bridge should be installed and negotiations held with ARTC. Secure bicycle storage for all train stations (ie a security swipe in system similar to that installed in parts of Brisbane).

A proper arterial bus route with regular buses should be implemented and based on a similar model to the bus ways in Brisbane, and reflect high usage routes, particularly east Lake Macquarie to Newcastle and University/ Birmingham Gardens to Newcastle.

Goget or a similar car share company should be encouraged to have pods in Newcastle particularly the inner city area, Broadmeadow station and the University.

Design any improved transport system/s around the real projected population of the city i.e We are a country city, not a capital city and bare in mind that Newcastle has, because of its spread, relied upon its private transport not public transport.

Design education programs to encourage people to use public transport, ride (cycle or motorcycle), park and ride and walk, and offer incentives such as discounts through local retailers, movie tickets, discounted rates etc

Develop integrated public transport strategy that provides an affordable forward capital works program as a key output. This needs to ingrate with State controlled infrastructure and services.

develop Parkway avenue into a major transport link. It runs down the geographical centre of the newcastle basin and could provide a majoe link from the beaches to the vineyards if connected to existing link roads from wallsend to Hamilton. Park and ride stations could be built at the existing bar beach carpark and National park. The vibrant areas of the Junction , darby street and Hamilton would be connected by better transport links. By creating better access to the city it would allow for the redevelopment of hunter street to a more user friendly street . The removal of the rail will just hamper access to the city. we have seen Wharf road become a roadblock since the development of Honeysuckle and the removal of the railway without the creation of new major links to newcastle will cause nothing but havoc just witness now the jams that are being caused by traffic turning right as you travel west down hunter street. Longer turning lanes into Wharf road from industrial drive would be beneficial also from wharf road into Stewart avenus. Co-ordinating the traffic lights with the railway lights would also help

Direct express bus links with limited stops in between transport nodes/centres. These could be include a new bus interchanged in the car park at Broadmeado Train station.

Do anything. Public transport is bad. Road traffic systems are worse. Parking and accessibility are pathetic in a community of this size. It is almost a completely disconnected city at present. removing the rail would be the final nail in the coffin.

do not close railway line to newcastle station

Do not cut the rail line - it is not the real issue for the CBD. Restore the already existing crossing for at least pedestrians and bring back the trams we used to have!

DO NOT cut the rail to the city - buses are not efficient/effective

Do not increase bus numbers - light rail preferred

DO NOT PLAY POLITICS in Council. Communicate openly with State & Federal Governements for funding

Do not remove the rail line into the heart of Newcastle, this is a massive mistake. go underground if you have to BUT do not remove it. I have no idea what plans you have for the Stockton Ferry BUT KEEP IT. Have a system like the Go Card one card electronic for ferry bus rail.

build real cycle paths not token jesters where it is actually unsafe for the cyclist.

DO NOT REMOVE THE RAIL IN TO NEWCASTLE STATION.... otherwise you make a mockery of all your stated aims re public transport and connectivity and the vibrancy of public domains and usage in our CBD and city at large. That includes the wider Hunter and upper Hunter area not just Newcastle itself.

The bus system needs to be totally overhauled to give real routes that are useful to get folks where they need to be without hours between buses and connectivity issues with other routes and forms of transport.

Trains need better timetables and connections to other lines and transport modes. An example... I took the train into the CBD Civic station (because of ridiculous parking issues), worked (volunteered) on a theatre production for 4 hours and then returned to the station to catch a train from Civic back to Broadmeadow where I had left my car. After waiting half an hour for a train, I mistakenly got off one stop too soon at Hamilton. Then waited a full hour for a train to travel one stop further to where I needed to be. To catch a bus to Broadmeadow from there meant walking the entire length of Beaumont street and then waiting who knows how long for a bus going to the right place and walking a decent distance again to get to the station where my car was parked.

All stops on major traffic routes on both methods of transport. It took me 2 hours to get home. A journey of only 17 minutes in a car. Until this sort of thing is decently co-ordinated and timed I won't be doing "the right thing" again. These are the reasons public transport figures are supposedly down I am sure.

IF the rail is cut there is no access by it to the so called Legal Precinct, The University Campus mooted, to the beaches and festivals etc.. with all the associated paraphernalia to carry, kids disabled, elderly.

With parking as it is you are killing the entertainment venues of all types in the CBD. You cannot park long enough to enjoy a meal then go to a 2 1/2 hour show. You can barely do the show! Let alone the actors involved, often amateur, So you kill the service industry and the arts in one fell sweep, and the volunteers who help make these things happen. So the ripples flow. These are the sorts of inequities that need to be addressed across the board.

Do not remove the rail line!

Do not take out the rail line from Newcastle. It is ESSENTIAL for CONNECTIVITY to our marvellous city.

We can only attract our local area visitors as well as visitors from further afield if they have ONE means of transport to access Newcastle. Improve this transport system with a CONNECTED bus service and park and ride options. Especially to be available for big events/ occasions.

do work with adjacent councils (Lake Macquarie especially) to achieve a cohesive network of both public and personal (cycle/pedestrian) transport

don't cut the rail. it is already there and I strongly doubt the alternatives proposed or promised will make a difference, or be funded adequately. The exercise is being viewed very cynically by a lot of people - that an alternative is being considered - light rail, but really the rail line will be built on as it is non-mine subsidence threatened land.

Don't go backwards, retain the transport systems we have like Newcastle Rail.

Don't neglect the corridors to Lake Macquarie Council region, which may be on Newcastle margin but provides much of the traffic and transport needs for this whole region. Work towards more off road bike lanes.

Don't remove the rail line. I think we should work around the railway. As not all people ride bicycles or can walk, there are many traffic lights around the suburbs that you have to wait a few minutes

Don't rip out the rail line

Get rid of most of the big buses and replace them with 3 times as many small buses = about the same cost; to provide speedy and much more specific transport routes

Don't spend money getting rid of infrastructure we already have, instead spend money on building better infrastructure that ensures those who don't live in the CBD have adequate access to transport.

Each Railway Station from Broadmeadow to Newcastle to include covered bicycle parking areas, cafe, bus interchange and taxi rank. More extensive bicycle parking racks to be provided by council along Hunter street, King Street, Darby Street, The Junction, and Beaumont Street.

Broadmeadow station to have more extensive parking by Council providing more in the surrounding streets and the state government providing more on railway land.

Bus Services through Broadmeadow to be routed via Broadmeadow station so that train passengers can use the buses without having to walk unreasonable distances to Belford Street or bus stops in Lambton Road west of Curley Road.

Each time there is a new development or there are road improvements, ensure that cycleway or part thereof is built- some pedestrian foot paths can be shared as they are rarely used by pedestrians.

Effective and integrated public transport - better coordination of trains, buses, trains for all of us who don't have any other means of transport ie. private vehicles. Government buses of 1 per hour not very encouraging especially with no shelters or seats

Effective and integrated public transport for users - same for cycle and pedestrian facilities rather than an emphasis on energy and resource efficiency for the sake of resource and energy efficiency.

Efficient, regular, convenient public transport

Electric buses- no noise and no pollution

Maintain the rail network to the city, but modernise and plant trees along it to create a green corridor which will add to the beauty of the city.

Eliminate all day parking of private vehicles.

Light rail to bring most people into the city.

Development to attract children & young people into the city - some way to make parents want to bring their children into the city

Eliminate the green Jodi buses that never have people riding them or have them run earlier and later for free. How about free buses from the show ground for commuters to the CBD?

Elimination of all public transport from the city centre.

Removal of all cars from city centre.

Encouraging alternatives other than motor vehicle transport within the CBD by limiting parking stations in the CBD, providing free timed on-street parking, providing "park & ride" stations in the west end of the city and more free buses and cycle/walking paths in and around the CBD. This would minimise car traffic, increase pedestrian traffic and also encourage tourists into the CBD.

engaging people who are visionary and can make decisions and who can ignore the vocal minority interest.

Ensure space is preserved so that future needs can be effectively addressed. For example do not develop or build over existing corridors just because the funding is not presently available to deliver the end result.

Ensure that city Rail services continue to historic Newcastle Station and that a mix of transport options are avail to all citizens

Ensure that the rail corridor is kept open to Newcastle station either by existing heavy or light - bus rail. Ensure more pedestrian crossings are installed

Ensure that the rail line to Newcastle is retained with heavy rail being replaced by light rail.

Ensure that there is affordable long term parking for workers including weekend and shift workers

Link up the bike path from Tbhrosby in to Honeysuckle so that travel by bike is a safe option for traveling to work

Do not cut the rail line to line developers pockets without an accessible user friendly and economic alternative for the aged, people with disabilities and parents with young children

Ensure the provision of more 'shuttle bus' and 'park and ride' type options; especially for daily commuters. Its fine to debate parking meters to great degree, but there are so many more options that could be considered. Large employers such as at Honeysuckle and Civic precincts could be banding together to provide such services - even for just their own staff would take 1000's of cars off city streets. Form alliances with other organisations such as Hunter Stadium and use car parks such as at Bar Beach that are nearly empty all day as meeting places for park and ride. Public transport needs to run more frequently and to a broader range of destinations. Definitely keep the rail into Newcastle. New law courts and uni complex - great; that will be very vibrant but how will folks get there if there is no rail?

Ensure the train line stays.
Ensure the free bus stays.
Park & Ride for people who live in town should be further encouraged.
Be brave and create some real bike paths that are fenced off from cars to encourage people to ride.

ensuring more, and safer, bike paths.

making sure that transport is affordable - currently it costs me \$7 to return the 5kms from new lambton to the city by bus - a ridiculous amount.

ensuring that the rail network is used for inner suburban trains more frequently instead of coal/freight.

Equip buses with bike racks.

Ditch the 555 free bus OR change its route.

Establis transport "nodes" with radiating routes, eg. from Glendale and Broadmeadow and/or Wallsend, (with light rail where possible - diesel/electric ?) so that all suburbs are easily accessible via the nodes - an extension of the Canberra

system. Accept that old Newcastle East End is no longer a "node", but more an occasional destination. This in no way justifies removal of the rail line, rather supporting its retention as a tourist attraction.

Exclusive cycle paths for recreational and daily commuter transport.

Clean and shaded bus stops.

Continue free CBD buses.

Express bus services from outter suburbs, that don't have rail transport.

Reinstitute Belmont, Wallsend & Cessnock passenger train services

Adequate safe off street parking at all suburban train stations

Build overpasses or subways to replace all level crossings

Complete Jesmond to New Lambton section of inner city bypass with western access to john Hunter hospital

Extend the 235 Maryland bus further up Maryland drive so people don't have to walk or drive to bi low to catch the bus that goes in to town.

fast rail to sydney

Finding a better option than the current train system that cuts the city in half. Transport is so very important so we should be looking at better options like lightrail or trams.

Finish the train line before Newcastle and provide good public transport for those who need to get into the city

First of all, The council is always coming up with plans!!We will do this We will do that but nothing happens for the wishes of the citizens. Mostly the "WE will's " are really not in the scope of the council.The buses and trams used to give us reliable regular and affordable transport.NOT NOW!!! The train line. -Why is it still there? With or without a decent city centre it will never justify its cost as a spur line.

Firstly transport is a state govt issue and while council can have an opinion it should not let the state get away with poor opportunities and decisions and pick up the task for them.

At this stage and for many years to come cars will provide the best means of transport around Newcastle, an aging population will add to this.

Cycleways may be fun but there is only a small number who actually want to ride to work every day.

Fix the bloody Adamstown Gates!!! Its the 21st century for crying out loud!

For starters, don't remove the rail line from Newcastle.
Better conections between buses and trains.
Start building light rail.

For too long the approach to Sustainable Lifestyle by gov's has failed. Our community deserves a Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and we will except nothing less. Healthy sustainable cities by promoting safe active transport culture (combine walk, cycling, bus, train with appropriate higher density infilling of cities to stop urban sprawl and car addiction). Cities focused on people, not on cars spewing out toxic exhaust emissions (asthma and cancer causing), creating danger, obesity (sedentary travel) and climate change. Safe, efficient, equitable, ethical, socially just transport for all (pedestrians, children, disabled, blind, wheelchair, cyclists, motorists, etc.), not discriminatory. Since the 90's car culture has stopped generations of kids that have lost their mobility of walking/cycling places. Curtin uni has done a study that show the infrastructure costs for a new suburb are \$684,000 per dwelling (Curtin_Sustainability_Paper_0209). Putting this money to infilling the city, will also make Newcastle a safe cycling tourist attraction, which will bring many visitors and to town.

The entire approach to road safety must be turned aroud to a strategy of Road Danger Reduction.

The current small changes proposed will see our Community get more obese. The Gov's have an obligation to create a safe city for people not cars. We must plan for a "Safe Active Travel 30 for 30" concept. Safe Active Travel 30 for 30 means by 2030 we should have 30km/hr local speed limits and trips : 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest. We must aim for high targets and for the long term because we have lost so much ground in the last few decades of urban sprawling car culture. So the local speed limit needs to be 40km/hr across the whole NCC area NOW! Then lobby RTA for 30km/hr for world's best safe practice in Europe. At the moment 40 and 50 zones and school zones are quite confusing so to make it simpler and safer, a 40 limit is much better. We must match funding for the targets so 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest means the money is split this way. Even though NCC has little say in state public transport, they need to fund active transport modes of combining walk/cycle with public transport. Otherwise spending money on the way travel share is, means more roads and more cars. Need heaps more pedestrian crossings across all main roads so even cyclists can walk their bike across a road, also gives peds/cylists priority. Block off more local roads to make cycling more convenient. Block off Hunter St to cars, let them go down King St. Every bike/pedestrian route must feel safe for 90% of 10 year olds to travel by themselves. Safe routes to schools must be a priority to get kids healthy and stop them costing our country \$billions of health costs later.

Need to stop driving most kids to school. Need to stop the car culture of mothers accidentally killing their own toddlers (like on 27th Sept 2011 in Australia) while backing their car out of their driveway. Whilever Governments and authorities continue to bow to the car lobby and let car culture thrive, more road death will occur when they could help Newcastle to be the safest, nicest, friendliest (no road rage, etc) city in Australia.

Remove all pictures of bikes causing road rage, crashes confusion on the roads NOW! Stop the wasteful money on narrow bike lanes (These rely on cars being parked touching the gutter and people checking before opening their door. But too many bigger SUVs, trucks and people not checking before opening doors mean this is not a safe option to entice the 30% of people . Sure it may entice 5% but this target is laughable, we need proper sustainable 30% target). They are not a success if we double cycling because of them. We need to get all people walking/cycling, even the ones who are very scared to walk/cycle because of the cars. Bikes and pedestrians should be separated, because similar conflict arises when numbers are large. We don't want safe cycleways clogged with walkers, and people find it more convenient to drive a car. Must make walk/cycle/public transport more quicker than cars for all short trips.

Increasing walk/cycle/public transport means reducing car trip for the same amount of trips. This is a fact . Lets not try and keep motorists happy with how they are going. Many motorists must be kicked out of their cars for most of their trips and only then will they realise the light on the other side, and the

Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle is now for them. The car culture and advertising is a hard thing to fight, but we must!

Cycle routes on their own don't create mode transfer from cars. All roads must be safe for walking and cycling and the use of private motor vehicles must be strongly discouraged. Planners must look to walking and cycling as the primary modes of transport for everyone. Public transport must be seen as the secondary modes, for longer distances. Cars must be seen as the last resort. All council policies must be audited for their transport implications. Everyone must have the choice not to own a motor vehicle.

With the increase in car dooring accidents as a result of cyclists riding too close to parked cars and in the drivers blind spot we should consider not supporting bicycle shoulder lane markings in parking lanes and rather place the bicycle symbols at the right of the edge line and encourage cyclists to utilise the parking shoulder lane when its safe to do so as a courtesy to other road users. There are a lot of crashes from motorists not seeing the cyclist until the last second and they clip the cyclist when passing them. This is due to motorists travelling too close to the car in front and the cyclist being squeezed out of sight. The 1st motorist sees the cyclist and squeezes past him without changing lanes. The motorist following the first car thinks all is OK (nothing is ahead to dodge) until a cyclist appears too close on the left. The engineering solution to the clipping a cyclist when squeezing past them is to either cause the 1st motorist to change lanes (which signals to the following car that something is ahead) or to have proper 1m clearance zones between cyclists and traffic lanes.

Dedicated Bicycle Lanes should be constructed in accordance with World's best standards (E.g. Dutch):

clearance to pass the open door of a parked car in the adjacent parking lane without leaving the bicycle lane. A 1 metre separation is desirable.

lane widths that are adequate to carry the anticipated bicycle traffic, that continue through intersections

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road with a posted speed limit above 70km/h to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane.

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane. This should be at least 1 metre, because "1m matters" (Amy Gillett campaign)

(Unfortunately the relevant sections of the RTA/RMS NSW Bicycle Guidelines, the AustRoads guidelines of 2012 (<https://www.onlinepublications.austroads.com.au/items/AP-G88-11>) do not meet appropriate safety standards for 13 year old children to feel safe in "marked bike lanes" that put them in positions of hitting car doors, or cars passing them on their right too close)

Many motorists will believe wherever the bike symbol is placed, that is the place where cyclists MUST ride their bike over the symbol painted on the road. It is confused as a bike lane. So all the problems associated with "Road Shoulder Lanes" below exist, even without edge lines. The bike symbols are very confusing, most motorists don't think it's a bike route marking, they think it's a bike placement marking (where you should ride your bike). Bike route signs are not confusing. Bike symbols create confusion and road rage.

Bicycle symbols in shoulder lanes can even be counterproductive as they give cyclists the impression that it's a safe space to ride and motorists the impression that it's a bicycle lane and cyclists should not be in the traffic lane. And they can give an impression of safe passing distances (of motorists passing cyclists) well less than 1 metre.

For full references why we need a Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and a safe separated cycle network please see the fact sheets and research from <http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/> and the Australian Bicycle Council.

Action needed for Safe, ethical, equitable, socially just, non-discriminatory Happy, Healthy Sustainable active transport network

Forget it, newcastle is a lost cause. I have never read so much rubbish in all my life. newcastle, a unique city, good god, we no longer have a city centre, Hunter street is an eyesore and I am to ashamed to take visitors up untidy street with all those empty shops. Our parks including Gregson Park are run down and out of date. hve a look at our country towns and see just how run down Newcastle is. Some of you people need to open your eyes. I love Newcastle however, but gvet very angry when people like you try to fiull our heads with all of this rubbish telling us how wonderful Newcastle will be in 50 years, most of us will be dead by then. Get in now and do things to make this place attractive.

Free buses linking key locations around Newcastle.

Express bus routes - the combining of bus routes over the past few years has meant that some journeys can take ages.

Free shuttle buses or similar throughout inner city. One ticket ride all day passes that include other forms of transport- buses trains ferries

Frequency of public transport is important. Most people won't look at a timetable, they just want to go out and expect not to wait more than 15 mins. Everybody wants a bus/ train stop close by. People should realise that a walk is good exercise and shelter is needed at stops against sun and rain.

Frequent public transport services and separate cyclways for commuters

Get factional politics out of decision making. Use experts.

Get quick and convient transport options. E.g turn teh railway into a cycleway where people can hire bikes to ride around the city by pay somethuing like \$2 an hour. People wouldnt need a helmet if they kep to cycleways and not on roads. City works would use this at lunch and get to and from parking areas that arent in the city (as no afforable one's currently exist).

Workwers could use these in there lunch breaks, instead of a free bus that is never theer when you need you and you dont have to loop around.

This would also be a tourism activity and something for teh local community to do on weekends bringing more people to the city to enjoy the forshore, harbour, creeks and beaches.

There are great e.g's of this overseas.

get real

get rid of Adamstown gates, intro light rail and get rid of heavy rail into Newcastle

get rid of parking meters

Bring back trams/light rail

Retain heavy rail to Newcastle Station -dont cut rail

offer insentives to get residents back into newcastle city

Stop looking after yuppies and renters in preference to residents in the suburbs

Get rid of negitive staff who have run down city

Get rid of the heavy rail and only have light rail from Broadmeadow.Let all have a say not just the vocal minority

Get rid of the rail line - close from Railway St Wickham thru to Newcastle rail station - 3 out of date level gate boon crossings are out of date and the single biggest impediment to your vision of a 21st Century Newcastle. In justification - I only know of one gate rail crossing in Sydney, why do we still have six (6) in Newcastle - FIX IT - please

Get rid of the rail line into Newcastle, terminate at Wickham

Get rid of the rail line to Newcastle transport hub at Waratah Rd Broadmeadow

Get rid of the rail link from Adamstown into the city. It holds up traffic and cuts the city in two.

Get rid of train line

getting rid of private motorists,make them use public transport trains and buses running around the clock.

Half hourly to quarter hourly bus system train to Newcastle and a bus system 24 hour 7 days per week

Have an above ground bus subway that has buses running to all the major areas for shopping , University , Hospitals etc every 10 mins.

Have buses that are more direct, or an alternative that doesn't take so long to get where you need to go.

<p>Have open and honest communication with residents.</p> <p>Build either an overpass or underpass at the Adamstown gates.</p> <p>Have Adamstown Railway Station serviced as frequently as Broadmeadow Station as a rail stop for the Sydney-Newcastle journeys, as this stop is becoming more important with the expanding nearby (Garden City & across-the-road) shopping complex. Kotara station is too far away and has absolutely no infrastructure around it!</p> <p>The necessary development of a proper Passenger Cruise Ship Terminal is paramount for the city as the local tourism and cruise ship industry demands. Stop holding back on this very important transport infrastructure and build the terminal.</p> <p>Develop a regular shuttle-bus service between Newcastle Airport and the city.</p> <p>Retain the heavy rail, especially for the pending university campuses and students, as well as encouraging more residential dwellings within the city centre and east.</p> <p>Start on and complete a dual carriage way link of the inner city bypass. That is, between Kotarra Hights and Jesmond.</p>
<p>Having a transport network 'hub' at Wickham, where buses and trains from the suburbs terminate, and allow people to get onto light rail which can move around the city, in the corridors left by the heavy rail, would ensure a cleaner, quieter, more efficient transport network. The light rail could service the beaches (not just Newcastle, but Bar, Merewether etc), and the parkland areas.</p> <p>Cycling could be included in widened corridors left by old rail lines, to make it safer to cycle around the city, joining to suburb based cycleways, off the road ways. Green lanes are a good idea for cycle, but they need to be partitioned for safety.</p>
<p>Having one rail system that goes to most main routes</p>
<p>having traveled overseas a bit I've seen how more frequent and effective public transport and effective bike ways can make people happier and stress free getting about the city centre with certainty. The car should not be the determiner of city transport.</p>
<p>How can you possibly achieve the first objective by reducing the range of train network coverage. Railway should be used as a bedrock, and buses used to supplement it wherever needed ie as a connector to places trains don't or can't go e.g. John Hunter Hospital, Charlestown shopping precinct.</p> <p>Where in the world has a rail-line been cut from accessing the recognised CBD area of a city, without a corresponding decline or shift in the CBD?</p>
<p>Submissions should be made to have Kotara railway station moved to where it services the business area of Kotara - it is useless where it currently is located.</p>
<p>However it's achieved (bus, light rail, tram etc) there needs to be a regular/routine grid or network or public transport that connects the various suburban areas to the CBD areas and the CBD and other important sites such as hospitals and train stations.</p>
<p>I am a public transport user and I believe that the rail line must be retained for our city's future. Frankly, there is no better form of public transport.</p>
<p>I am afraid this is 60 years too late, we once had trams that covered a wide area of this city and suburbs efficiently for that time. Through wonderful political decisions we are left with an inefficient public transport system that just does not work and will never work because nobody outside Newcastle gives a rat's or damn about us. The tram network could have and should have been expanded, the Fernleigh track could have been a tramway. It will cost billions to make Newcastle a great city to get around and quite frankly Sydney will not give it to us because for too many years they have been a bunch of greedy Bastards.</p>

I am against turning this city into a "pedal power"..monoply

This caters for a minority of people..

Society is approaching an explosion of ageing people ie baby boomers....who ALL cant ride bikes ...or wish to for that matter.

Light rail....tram..bus .. networks ..cater for ALL people in ease of access and usage ..

This needs to be kept in mind ...

Denmark is a typical example of WHY bike riders are a menace.Alight from a bus or car etc in Copenhagen ..and you are in danger of being seriously injured by "pedal power" who consider they "know best" and have "the right" ..over normal people trying to live their lives ..

I am not sure who the WE is in the statement above.

Council and residents?

All levels of governments and residents?

Residents of Newcastle and /or Hunter alley.

Suggest planning and trialling some more integrated public transport systems.

eg smaller buses, on local runs connecting with main arteties

Bycycle or car swapping

I am totally against the removal of the train line that now exists and terminates right in the middle of Newcastle CBD. It suits me and many other people who rely on that train service.

I object to a terminal being built on the outskirts of the city where many will have to get off and wait for another form of transport to come along. How many buses or trams will there be at that terminal to fit 6 carriages of passengers into?

Buses and trams are hard vehicles for the elderly, the disabled and people with children in prams. A tain is stright in off the platform, a bus (I have used the trams down in Sydney CBD)is a sgtruggle to board for those group of people because of the climb up stairs. Then if there are no seats, walkers have to be folded up, prams etc that adds to the nightmare and inconvenience. I can @ this time if I want to go into the CBD to the Foreshore get the tgrain here at Broadmeadow Station and I dont have to get off till I reach the end of the line exactly where I want to go and be.

I resent business people and developers with their own interests stiong on local councils trying to get what They want done not what is in the best interest of the Whole Community.

The thing that continues to cause problems, keep people out of the Newcastle CBD and the worse eyesaw are the rows of parking meters. They not the rail line have killed the CBD.

I believe that the train line is an asset, considering the amount of people that utilise it locally and from Sydney and surrounds. I would like, which is impractical to have a bridge over the line at Wickham, bing the major exit.

I commute to Sydney 3 times a week. The speed of the service is appalling. Also the toilets are disgusting and unusable. (I am not a prude and i am not exaggerating. i regularly use other public toilets/portaloos etc with no issue, yet I would rather get off at a station and be delayed 40m to an hour rather than use the toilet on the train and given I've already stated my concerns with the speed of the service, that's saying something!)

It would be great to see more cycle ways for local commutes. I grew up in Canberra and the cycle paths are fantastic - it made it safe for kids to ride their bikes just about anywhere.

<p>I dont believe in pulling up the railway line as think there is still a need for people to get into newcastle and believe there has to be some sort of rail to do this.</p>
<p>I dont believe that such a plan will arise. It is all talk and a waste of paperwork. This is a plan of action where everyone just talks and nothing gets done.</p>
<p>I don't use public transport which I assume the question mostly refers to. I would certainly keep the rail line into Newcastle station as an alternative for people who don't have private transport. Probably phase out buses, though. They are probably not relevant for the future. As wages rise and fuel becomes scarcer their continued operation will probably become no longer justifiable.</p>
<p>Like most I believe parking meters should be removed from Newcastle CBD to assist the CBD at least to survive in the face of competition from the suburban shopping malls that Council have been all to willing to encourage and approve.</p>
<p>I feel the rail MUST remain for the benefit of the whole Hunter area. People from outlying areas MUST be able to get into the city proper for any number of reasons with as little fuss as possible - which means NOT having to change mode of transport - particularly our ageing population!!</p>
<p>I feel the train line issue needs to be resolved the free green shuttle appears to be a waste of funding I very rarely see any passengers using service ,likewise the city train link is poorly used.All city link buses to Beaumont St should be free and I feel more cost efficient>the green bus on honeysuckle could be used to service rail link from Wickham to city and beaches perhyaps encorporating bar Beach and Merewether as a continuing daily circuit every 20-30 minutes hence workers shoppers and tourists are all catered for.There is acarpark and land around wickham station that could be utilised for parking i live in the city and travel to Broadmeadow to train to sydney on a regular basis,the current services do not offer parking or safety</p>
<p>I grew up in Canberra where there were plenty of bike paths off the roads that made you feel safe and relaxed to ride along. I can't see the sense in spray painting bicycle symbols on less than adequate lanes alongside traffic. These are not bike paths and if you are serious about some they need to be purpose built. I rarely catch public transport as the bus routes from Wallsend into the City are more like Cooks Tours taking you everywhere, no real direct links to places. Maybe light rail is an option - not sure but I know Newcastle is getting busier by the day - I have to drive my children to the bustop on Newcastle Road because there is no where in reasonable walking distance to cross. Lots of talk, very little action.</p>
<p>I know it is going to be difficult but the largest hurdle for Newcasle to acheive these things is its low urban density. To increase density you will have to figure out how to bring the people of Newcastle with you to building a new Newcastle with higher density which supports the above at an economic rate. the higher density living must also be well designed to avoid problems. Best practice design ensures that lifestyle in our suburbs is high quality and there are key design features which enhance this. Happy to talk more.</p>
<p>I like freee city bus service but often need to park a long way away to access</p>
<p>I live in Maryland we had one bus a day. Now we have 3 buses but they all leave within 5 minutes of each other they cannot stagger the times they leave</p>
<p>i still would like the railway to finish at wickham and have cycle/ pedestrian routes along the present railway to inner newcastle</p>
<p>I strongly believe Newcastle must retain its rail corridor into town. People from outside Newcastle, e.g. from Sydeny, cannot believe that we would even consider removing a train line - look at Sydney's woes and then try to understand removing public transport. Profit of self-interested private developers cannot be placed ahead of public interest.</p>
<p>Having a network of light-rail links (e.g. town to uni, Junction to town...) would be fantastic.</p>
<p>As a Mayfield resident, I'm frequently disappointed at how unfriendly the traffic lights are to pedestrians crossing Maitland Rd. Both at Silsoe St, Church St, Valencia St and Victoria St, the crossing is only on one side, which means people (often kids) run across the other side (e.g. to or from the skate park at Dangar Park) because they don't want to have to cross 3 sets of traffic lights, where they can get away with one. Upgrading these traffic lights to both sides of the road would greatly improve the saftey and friendliness of the neighbourhood to its community.</p>
<p>Furthemore, these traffic-lights are 'sensored' for cars. As a bike rider, I have to dismount from the road,</p>

cross to the foot-path, press the button and then go back onto the road if I want to cross. This is extremely annoying and a waste of time, and is biased against cyclists. If Newcastle wants to have a sustainable, cyclist-friendly transport future, traffic lights sensed only for cars will have to be changed to respond to cyclists, too..

Otherwise, build more cycleways! I commend council on their implementation of route 6, which I frequently use. Next time, please make sure that parts of it aren't in dangerous zones (i.e. the dead zone where cars open their doors) - but on the whole, I think this project is fantastic.

I suggest cutting the electric network at Wickham but retaining the railway line for diesel and heritage steam trains into the city.

people could either get onto a diesel train from the valley(which would need to be timed to match or catch free buses up hunter street.

I think it is important that we plan to be inclusive of needs of all groups but that ultimately decisions are made which best reflect most. Decisions should not be held up due to the endeavours of minority groups at the detriment of all others. This stalls all progress instead.

I think it is worth keeping the rail to Newcastle and increasing level crossings to allow for access to the foreshore. If we get rid of the rail line, we are very unlikely ever to replace it if we finally decide we do want a train line into the city.

I think question 3 is a useless waste of words

If Newcastle Voice would look up Bob Goeghan's letter to the Newcastle Herald February 12th 2005

The answer to the invented rail problem is clear.

Retain the fixed tracks. Use light rail on them.

Recently either our new Lord Mayor or Nick Griener compared the rail in Newcastle to putting a rail line in George Street Sydney??? what are they on???

Also in the Newcastle Herald recently an article stated there are half hour closures of Adamstown Gates.

If this were true the road either side would be blocked from the gates over Adamstown lights to Adamstown Bowling Club or further on one side and from the gates across the New Lambton lights that lead to Garden City and well up the road that lead to West Leagues Club.

I was 7 when my father built in Adamstown I am now 72 back living in Adamstown for the past 8 years. I have never seen a gate closure for half an hour.

Where are the photographs of it?

I think safer networks for commuting on a bike would be utilised exponentially in the coming years. Relatively flat environment conducive to people powered transport. Also the rise in cost of automotive transport over the coming decades makes me feel that this is a high priority.

I think that too much emphasis/discussion has focussed on removing the rail line, instead of the other problem areas. Even though in the long-term removing the rail may be the best thing to do, this will not be a magical solution to suddenly improve the CBD.

I think the free bus is fantastic and should be more frequent and offered for more hours

I think the heavy rail line needs to be terminated at Woodville Jn and a new station built there with a proper modern interchange to other public transport systems. For the link into the existing Newcastle Station, my preference would be to use trolley buses - powered by overhead electricity, but rubber tyred & the ability to pull to the side for stops, without the need for formal stations/stops.

Speed through the Foreshore area (east of Wickham Station) should be reduced to allow free pedestrian traffic safely.

Another issue that should be seriously investigated is the use of smaller buses on certain routes (existing and/or new).

<p>I think the open drainage system should be capped and become cycle-pedestrian ways. There should be a central place where all transport needs are met e.g. near The Store. Here there should be parking facilities, bus stops and the end of the heavy train line. There should be light rail into the east end of town and plenty of fasciitis to walk or ride as well. I think a "central transport hub" would allow bus routes to be simpler and hopefully more people will use them. People could switch from buses and trains and use the cycle - pedestrian ways to explore the city.</p>
<p>I will not be using Public or cycle transport.</p> <p>These days people have a car, no more than 1 car.</p> <p>Inless you know something I don't than this will continue to be the case.</p>
<p>I would cycle to most places if there were more dedicated cycle paths. I don't feel safe on the roads with cars, etc.</p>
<p>I would like to see light rail (trams) brought back to the city to remove the heavy rail line. I believe that there should be crossings at main areas so that the coal trains don't hold up traffic (Adamstown, Wickham etc).</p>
<p>Maryland/ Fletcher/ Minmi should have a cycle track along Minmi road so that it is safe to ride along this road. Anything that encourages safe walking/ riding has to be helpful to reduce our reliance on cars</p>
<p>I would love to see Newcastle in 2030 with a light rail system - as has rejuvenated so many European cities - it is fast, quiet and easy to hop on and off with prams, luggage etc.</p>
<p>ld would love to see a walking bridge connecting the foreshore over the harbour where the large silos are and this area become medium density housing.</p>
<p>If State Govt pours more money into public transport to encourage the cars off the road, reintroduce lite rail and get around the city a la Melbourne would be ideal.</p>
<p>If we had a cycleway and pedestrian system linked via lite rail even more high five to innovation.</p>
<p>If the heavy rail is discontinued from Wickham to the city, it would be the perfect opportunity to replace it with light rail not just to Newcastle but to Nobby's, Newcastle beach, Merewether etc to encourage people into the city and beyond if fact I'd like to see light rail replace all or most of the bus's in Newcastle. Wake up councillors! look at what's happening in many other country's. Light rail is becoming the favoured mode of transport in many city's. Melbourne has the best transport system in Australia. Let's try to make it better for the people of Newcastle</p>
<p>If the rail is removed in Newcastle, the transport corridor MUST be protected for immediate or future use.</p>
<p>If there was an integrated fast direct public transport system as well as connected cycleways around Newcastle I believe we could encourage people to leave their cars at home and use this style of transport. Of course public transport as it is will need to have a complete overhaul of routes to accomodate convenience. A media campaign advising the public of a new convenient public transport system should follow.</p>
<p>If you get the supply of cycle and pedestrian routes right, and a more extensive, accessible public transport system right, this will inevitably be resource and energy efficient.</p> <p>We have travelled extensively overseas by bicycle. Newcastle's drivers are intolerant of cyclists. This will change as more drivers become cyclists. In the mean time, the more Council can provide off-road or separated bicycle lanes, the more this encourages cycling.</p> <p>Fernleigh Track is a great example of a resource that is highly utilised - and a tourist attraction (well done!). More please!</p> <p>With respect to other public transport - maybe its just economy of scale that not enough people use it - but it is not as well frequented as it could be.</p> <p>May I also suggest a couple of late night routes between key parts of the city on a Friday and Saturday night between 11 pm and 2 am, as it is ridiculously difficult to get home, and it encourages people to drive when maybe they shouldn't.</p>

I'm not sure this is NCCs domain, however more frequent train services would encourage people to ditch their cars.
I'm not sure to what the third statement refers.
I'm pro-rail so believe the rail line should remain as is and also feel the bus network is OK. both could be improved with minor effort and cost and this should be explored. Trains to and from Hamilton could travel slower and not have exclusive right of way outside peak hour. Buses could interconnect with rail at strategic stops. Networked cycleways require a lot more investigation and a longer timeframe. Pedestrians can walk anywhere; there are plenty of footpaths. Regardless however, the motor car will remain the major form of transport.
Important to be realistic - we don't have the population of a large city (millions) so shouldn't expect the level of public transport connectivity that a large city can have.
impossible but make a decision and stick with it
no political influence kneecapping progress
meet people needs including business
much will depend if newcastle can be revitalised
essential to work with lake maquarie and maitland
Improve current train service with better stations that include secure commuter parking and bus interchanges. Keep buses out of City centre the streets are too narrow. Get rid of Stewart Ave railway Xing by diverting Hannal St up old Wickham railway branch corridor to new bridge replacing current Maitland Rd bridge. Pave over railway line between Newcastle Station and Perkins St to allow people walk across, protect this with a series of pedestrian gates along each side of railway line open across line then close against pedestrians when train comes, gates to be controlled by track circuits so only close when train actually comes and aren't closed any longer than necessary
Improve the movement of trains between Newcastle and outlying areas ie Morisset, Dungog & Scone
Improved bus services - should be more frequent and easier to get to. I moved into my house because the street had a bus stop. 6 months later it was taken away and us oldies have a long walk to the nearest stop.
Improved linking between existing bicycle networks to provide an effective off road network throughout the city. This would make using bikes rather than cars a viable option.
Improved quality and regular maintenance of roads and footpaths. Better access to footpaths for wheelchairs and families with prams.
In Germany, there is a system of organised car pooling called the "Mitfahrzentrale". A great green initiative as well as a money saver and social activity. People must give their license info to a central authority for security and then passengers pay a percentage of the fuel costs.
In planning traffic movements throughout the city, council also needs to liaise with the NSW Public Transport Dept. to ensure both are on the same page. Listen more to local residents in their particular areas ... they are the ones who live there, see the problems, live with the problems. It should not always just be about cars and roads. If there are much much better public transport options, we would need to plan for so many cars on more and more roads, needing more and more parking spaces
Increase the amount of safe off-road cycle tracks.
Provide more options for public transport at night in the Hamilton and City/Honeysuckle/Darby Street entertainment districts.
Increased places and security for leaving bikes
increasing public transport links & frequency in our neighbourhoods to nearest retail/supermarket hubs, particularly neighbourhoods with aging populations. public transport vehicles no longer need to be large passenger capacity buses for suburban routes, state gov. need to utilise smaller 24 seater type buses where appropriate

Information on transport routes and costs need to be easily accessible to encourage a change of old habits and get people out of their cars. When I lived in the UK for a period of time I noticed that the bus shelters had electronic message boards telling patrons how many minutes to wait until the next bus came and which bus route number it was.

I do not understand the obsession with cutting the railway line at Wickham. At present the train can take you all the way to beach if you wish. By cutting the railway line passengers will not want to get off a train to then have to wait to get on another mode of transport to get to the same place they were going to initially (especially for mothers with prams or teenagers with surfboards etc). All that will happen is even less people will use the trains and instead they will drive into town and create more traffic congestion which I thought is something the council was trying to discourage.

Install a transport inter change so that cars can be left in an area and commuters can use buses and trains to travel to their destination in the city easily. This will reduce traffic chaos.

Install bike hire stations in & around Newcastle

Institute the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce plan.

Integrated buss - rail network

Rapid transport to key centres from strategic locations at which parking or feeder transport is available

Integration with private bus services has already improved, but need to continue this and work towards uniform ticketing.

I suspect that more than 90 % of workers in the city are within 5 minutes walk of a bus/train stop. The main focus should be to find why hardly any use public transport

it is a nightmare

It is an aging population. To suggest the city should be geared up so much for cycles and to think young people will be pedestrians is ludicrous

It is important that Newcastle residents should be able to travel in all directions, not just into and out of the CBD. Travel times on public transport at present preclude people using it. In overseas cities, travellers can go from one form of transport to another seamlessly...in our dreams!

It would be a good idea if a shuttle service ran from sports centre to cbd and westfield for the workers to free up parking and not congest residential parking

It would be great to see more of the city opened up to cyclists and pedestrians. Our road network dominates our city and makes it a desolate place for those not in a car.

I think that bus services that go directly to the City and if possible John Hunter Hospital.

I think the rail should not be terminated because even if only a few people catch the train then they have to walk to

possibly Hunter Street to catch a bus because I cannot see us

getting light rail in Newcastle.

It's important people can get between different locations conveniently. A circle grid with crosses through it would make this possible. Ensure there is walking, cycling options for all routes.

just don't forget to keep a few habitat corridors when working towards these objectives.

Just go ahead and do it. You listen to too many negative people nothing gets done it is YOUR JOB TO FIX IT that's why we put you there. Just please DO IT!! example fig trees/city rail. Get rid of Newcastle Rail & turn it into a historic eating area & N/C information centre. See I have done it for you LOL!! Do it please. Use the monies that get wasted fixing the work!!

Keep & even increase the free buses within and around the city limits. Keep the rail line.

keep cars out of the city

Keep cycle paths separate from main roads.
Cyclists should not be on any roads that are 60+km/h - there should be compulsory alternative routes.
Some of the older smaller buildings on some streets should be removed to allow better throughput of pedestrians (e.g. some of buildings on Hunter Street opposite Auckland Street could be removed to better enable access from King Street to the Honeysuckle area).
Keep Newcastle Railway Station as a good link to Sydney or - develop a "bullet" train doing the same job only faster
Keep rail line and improve cycle ways. Transport system around beaches
Keep some sought of rail connection to the city.
To encourage the people of Newcastle back into the city.
Keep the heavy rail line to Newcastle, firstly, increase train and bus numbers to promote more patronage, to eliminate cars on the road and blocking up our city
Keep the rail into Newcastle Station. Have an underpass at Adamstown and build a rail bypass for coaltrains. Have a light rail from Hamilton station go to the junction and then along Union St. Sink and Cover part of the rail line into Newcastle.
Keep the rail into Town. Do not approve new developments that cannot be served by public transport. Make sure new developments have adequate off street parking (1 space per flat is not enough). Remember rule 1 of Town Planning 101: No facility is worth a pinch of poop if people cannot get to it.
Keep the rail line and encourage the use of rail and other public transport. Make it affordable, perhaps even cheaper on weekends or for big events so people get on. Put extra parking at stations where possible, eg Woodville Junction near the Tafe, Hamilton just up from the station along the track. Trains that travel up and down the track on a loop from Newcastle to Cardiff and Hexham so people know they don't have to wait forever to keep moving. A station at Kotara so people can catch a train instead of driving.
keep the rail line but adapt it to acomodate light rail and or trams
Keep the rail line open build over it.
Keep the rail line open. We need more public transport, not less.
Keep the rail line to Newcastle and upgrade the current Bus network, trying to get a bus from one suburb to the next is frustrating and often quicker to walk than wind around through every laneway and side street to get there
The rail line should be kept, our stations need some upgrading and I think it will encourage people to ride more often if the trains ran on time
Keep the rail line to Newcastle station.
keep the rail line. Increase number of houses in the city. Create a better bike access from mayfield to the city
Keep the rail line. Once it's gone we'll never get it back. (The Travers/Morgan report said it was the best option) I have found the train much more reliable than the bus - there have been occasions when I have had to run home from the bus stop to collect the car so I can be on time for work. That hasn't ever happened with the train.
I would like to see mini buses for areas where passenger numbers are low - I have seen this in Britain working very effectively.
Keep the rail line.
Stop cars at Broadmeadow/Hamilton and bus /rail people to city.
A tax on cars in the city unless a resident or working in a service industry.
keep the rail makes no sense to remove something that brings people to the city from maitland etc and more cycleways
Keep the rail station at Newcastle, run Buses more frequently and keep cyclists to the left and in single file

Keep the rail to Newcastle as it is now
Keep the rail to Newcastle station
Provide more rail pedestrian rail crossings
Minimise time that rail barriers are down
More bike paths
Additional bike stands
Keep the rail, because Newcastle will grow. Sorry about King St & Hunter St, Kotara & Charlestown have taken away the customers. At the moment the transport for us (wife & myself) is perfect with bus lines & railway! We live in the CBD.
Keep the railway. or replace it with light rail. More bike tracks.
Keep the train as is, and reintroducing a tram system along the major corridors, especially Hunter Street. If the train no longer goes to Newcastle Station, it will be more difficult for those coming from further afield into the city. It is inconvenient to have to transfer more times than one needs to. We need to get businesses and people back into the city centre. Encourage multiple use zoning. To get businesses back into the centre, offer lower taxes than in suburban areas.
Keep the train as the older generation find it hard to mobilise and the train brings people into the city but also add a monorail system from Newcastle to The Junction Hamilton
keep the train into Newcastle CBD. Progressive cities need a good train system it is the way of the future
keep the train line into Newcastle, get more people living in the CBD area (shop top housing), then that will create a demand for more shops, cafe's boutiques & create a vibrancy that will draw back business and due to shortage of parking will encourage people back on to trains, buses, cycling etc, perhaps build over sections of the train line with buildings, cafes etc to create a pedestrian bridge to the foreshore
keep the train lines open, build more and more overhead rail crossings
Keep the train, either as a light rail or a heavy rail
Keep trains - having to change for a 1km or 2km distance with small children, handicapped people/vision impaired makes change difficult and delays efficiency of journey
keep updating your ideas for the appropriate century. keep the signs well lit.
Leave the rail in place but make stations more accessible. Have public buses connect in all major areas or have something in place to provide for those who need to connect but through no fault of their own (buses late or leaving early) cannot do so and are left sometimes in dangerous conditions
leave the rail line in place the train is an energy efficient method of carrying people. The train can be easily used by people with prams and the elderly, people with biles and beach equipment. If people have to make changes to transfer a bus or light rail because the train is closed, then they are less likely to do so, physically hard and time consuming. Build shops and more overpasses over the rail line to better connect Hunter Street with newcastle encourage inner city living and a more university in Newcastle City.
Closure of the rail line penalises the less wealthy amongst us and is short sighted.
Buses should have racks on the front installed to carry cycles, this is done in many American cities.
The introduction of a bus route that circles from Newcastle station past Nobbies and Bar and merewether, then circles inland and returns to newcastle would be a great asset.
Leave the rail line into the city, a very important part of transport
leave the rail to the city
Leave the railway
Leave the trains running all the way to the top of town the beach. The blind and kids do not change transport easily - the old th mother the lame
Leave train into Newcastle station alone
Leaving the train line to Newcastle

Let's accept first and foremost that the dirty old rail line between at least Wickham and Newcastle has to go. To be replaced by an attractive light rail. Many cities around the world have these (both modern and traditional) I favour traditional for aesthetic reasons. Newcastle has everything and more than many more attractive cities. It just needs people who can see what can be not just what is. The area bounded by the Art Gallery (a bit of a joke really) the library and the waterfront at Queen's wharf should be all parkland and Piazza surrounded by classy hotels, shops, restaurants and cafes. If people of the city genuinely want big shopping centres then one should be included in the city but the council should insist that he be either well-hidden or a very attractive building. Do you realise that architecture is the only art form that is allowed to blight our landscape without regard for what people might prefer. If art is disagreeable to me then I don't have to look at it. Same with music I don't have to listen same with car design. If the design doesn't please the majority it won't sell and I don't have to look at it. But bloody architects believe they have a God-given right to put up what they please regardless of what public thinking might be and believe me this annoys me more than just a little. If 9 out of 10 people think something is not aesthetic then there's a very good chance that it isn't and vice versa. As a council do something about it. Now that takes care of the pedestrians and the rail line. I don't walk much and never cycle and drive a big V8 so I prefer not to speak for those that do.

Light rail as well as safe transport in and out of the city. Comfort and safety is paramount whether it be train, tram, bus, cycle ways, or pedestrian paths it won't be effective if the community does not feel comfortable and safe using it.

Novocastrians are too reliant on cars to efficiently and safely get to our major facilities, especially our beaches.

Light rail reaching to beach areas, bike paths, planting of trees for shaded walking, public transport subsidies

Limit expenses on road, run-down roads are slower and make alternative transport means more attractive.

Currently if a pedestrian wants to cross the road at lights he has to press the crossing button & wait for the pedestrian light to go green. This means potentially waiting for a full traffic cycle to occur (as it doesn't automatically go to walk) - stop making push-button crossing and just auto go to walk so you don't have to wait for a full traffic cycle - cars don't have to do this, why should pedestrians?

Linked cycle paths that are safe to use not just in parking lanes

Linking train, bus and ferry services around defined "hubs" @ Glendale, Hamilton and Newcastle Central.

Listen to the needs of those who use/rely on public transport. Make it workable and encourage more use.

Look at London as a model. It is better than cars therefore people use it.

Look at other cities where public transport has succeeded. Brisbanes bus system of going underground in the city centre is fantastic and has worked so well for them. There train system is also amazing, clean, constantly being improved and expanded and yes people use it. i've also seen Perth and Freemantle where there public transport system has been put underground. Dedicated cycleways are extremely important and should be considered being built beside major roads (not as part of major roads).

Look at Perth for a model of integrated services. The dedicated cycleways (not on roads) are well built and numerous. The buses around the inner city run on three routes that are linked and free to all travellers. The train line does not carve up the city centre but is well connected to other transport into the city.

maintain and extend all public transport links

align and coordinate timetables

acknowledge the finite resources of fossil fuel in planning

Maintain free city bus services. Park and drive. Better services to the beaches.

<p>Maintain heavy rail to Newcastle Station.</p> <p>Enhance by park and rail/ride facility in Showground area. Shuttle to John Hunter from here appears to be working effectively.</p> <p>Safer pedestrian/cycle crossing of Turton Road at Energy Australia Stadium - to cater for league, soccer, hockey, students of Lambton and Performing Arts high schools and east/west pedestrian/cycle path linking rail, city, university, John Hunter. (n.b. the change of access point to current ground-level crossing by approximately 20 metres offset has been most effective.)</p>
<p>Maintain the heavy rail line as is.</p>
<p>Maintain the rail corridor into Newcastle as is. Buses will add to already congested city streets. Encourage car pooling to reduce congestion.</p>
<p>Maintain the rail line into Newcastle station. It is well used.</p> <p>It would be very difficult for the elderly, disabled and those parents with prams, strollers, young children to change.</p>
<p>Maintain the rail link into the centre of Newcastle. Look at existing bike lanes and walking tracks and look at how to connect them together. Green energy buses would be great and change the way in which buses charge - ie the payment by the hour is ridiculous. Charge based on distance travelled as any other city does.</p>
<p>Maintain the rail network into Newcastle Station</p>
<p>Maintain the train line to Newcastle East but as an O-Bahn (as in South Australia) bus service with buses which can run on guided rail or on road. Flexibility plus. Closing the line is not an acceptable option because of the likelihood of the line space becoming nothing more than more horrible grey/green glass blocks of whatever. The fiction that the line inhibits Newcastle is just that - camel feathers!</p>
<p>Maintain two line train service to Newcastle Station, remove all other tracks other than those required at Newcastle platforms and to change trains onto return tracks, do not store trains in the Newcastle station area, create more pedestrian and vehicle access across rail tracks (gates) from Hunter St to foreshore, landscape rail easements, co-ordinate traffic lights and railway gate operations and importantly display gate closure times on (live and accurate) electronic signboards at each rail crossing gate.</p> <p>Give consideration to providing pedestrian and bicycle bridges over heavy usage main roadways e.g Glebe Rd, Steward Aveune, Parkway Avenue etc etc.</p>
<p>Maintain/improve rail connections to Newcastle Station unless a proven, cost-effective, convenient, readily accessible, long-term guaranteed, alternative form of public transport is identified and fully funded,</p>
<p>Maintaining & acquiring public land that provides a network for future transport corridors throughout the city.</p> <p>'Tram trains' replacing heavy rail on the local routes (Morisset - to Maitland) to allow for more rail crossing points in the inner city (ability to stop) & removing overhead infrastructure (diesel/ electric) without losing the existing rail infrastructure.</p> <p>An at-grade light rail loop that links enough key trip generators to make it viable & worthwhile (eg. Big employers - Newcastle CBD, Charlestown, John Hunter & Mater hospitals, University.)</p> <p>A network of safe bike routes along key corridors linking all parts of the city (particularly the large trip generators), achieved with a combination of off-road shared paths, on-road seperated bike lanes on busy roads, signing bike routes through local streets, traffic calming. Good quality bicycle maps and apps. Program's eg guided or themed rides that teach people safe bike routes</p> <p>Traffic calming in strip shopping streets eg. Hunter, Beaumont, Darby, etc to distinguish them from big shopping centres and them more pleasant outdoor environments to be.</p> <p>More direct, frequent & smaller buses with friendlier more helpful drivers.</p>

Maintain Newcastle airport to keep Newcastle easily connected to other Australian cities for business and pleasure.

Support a high speed train between Sydney and Newcastle. Develop a forward thinking local transport network now that would handle the rapid expansion that a high speed rail link would bring to Newcastle as a viable satellite of Sydney.

Subsidise public transport & address night time safety to make it a more attractive option than driving. Don't subsidise driving with more cheap parking in congested zones.

Integrated public, private, motorised and non-motorised transport.

Separate high speed arterial roads from residential and non-motorised transport. Mid-block bollards on local roads to reduce traffic in residential streets and encourage shared use of streets.

Maintaining a rail link into Newcastle station and even extending to Merewether via light rail. Investigating options for improving traffic flow that do not involve cutting the rail link.

Introducing cheaper bus fares based on distance ...return fare from just outside fare free zone is \$7[same as for riding the entire bus route]

Maintaining and improving our current transport infrastructure is extremely important. We must maintain our current transport infrastructure for the trains, buses & cycleways.

All of the public transport for the buses/coaches & trains should be linked for public efficiencies to the Newcastle Airport to make travel into our city easier. This will make tourist travel easier, boosting our economies.

Taxi ranks also need to be in more prominent places, with more taxi's available.

Buses need to be more frequent with shorter travel times to make them more appealing to users.

If the buses were to stop closer to train stations, this might also encourage more train users, if the timetables were linked.

Cyclepaths that run near train stations would also assist users.

Make a decision of the rail line and get on with it - it's retention or removal will dictate the transport hub centre

Make a decision re the railway into the city - I favour having an interchange and stopping the line into the city.

Make a firm decision regarding the rail and interchange hub by removing sentiment and look at numbers.

If in doubt, survey car drivers who are waiting at Stewart ave, Merewether St and other railway crossings whether to retain the heavy rail to Newcastle.

It is also relatively easy to calculate amount petrol used, and carbon gases emitted by idling cars waiting for the gates to rise and subsequently a green light. The aggregated cost of the fuel used by waiting vehicles is staggering.

In addition if the annual cost of running the train between Wickham and Newcastle can be established, inclusive of labour cost, track maintenance and all related expenses and divided that by the number of passengers, the cost to the taxpayers would be significant.

Than there are many benefits of opening a city to the foreshore.

make all public transport accessible by people using wheels - eg prams.

specific example - waratah railway station, I have lived in platt street 5 years and never caught the train as the steps are an insurmountable challenge with a pram

<p>make cycleways wider so that the majority of drivers can stop being f***wits and cutting cyclists off and stop opening doors on us.</p>
<p>make it easy to use a bicycle, have cycle paths and bicycle traffic lights that lets bikes go before cars (that turn), have decent places to park bikes and make encouraging campaigns. Another idea is to have a safe and secure place to park your bike overnight. When you arrive on train/bus in the morning you can grab your bike and continue to work/school etc. Make public transport eg where you can bring your bike from further away and ride the last distance. encourage workplaces to encourage and accommodate people using bicycles.</p>
<p>Have light transport eg smaller busses or light rail, not just in town but out to all the suburbs. Make public transport easy and convenient to use.</p>
<p>Make more people aware.</p>
<p>Maps of these connections available.</p>
<p>make sure that timetables connect to the different modes of transport</p>
<p>Make the public aware of free bus services through notification in rates notices, ie, bus routes, timetables. & extending free bus routes and times.</p>
<p>Management and Councillors must work together instead of pushing their own objectives or party factions</p>
<p>Many years ago I used the buses in Newcastle extensively - however over time the routes and times of services have deteriorated to such an extent that I no longer use them. Would like to see frequent and realistic timetables. Smaller buses for less busy routes enabling savings and still providing the service. Perhaps the introduction of mini-buses on certain routes</p>
<p>Modernize the rail net work. Remove unsightly overhead lines etc, landscape land around line. Sink the rail line as it approaches Newcastle Station. Focus on faster, cleaner, safer trains. I live right next to railway station and would love to take the train to Sydney. Work towards 2 hour journey time Newcastle to Sydney. I find the trains dirty and scary with no facilities.</p>
<p>Small elec buses around city fast and direct. Bus stops should info screen which tell you when next bus approaching. Have been to Glasgow recently, similar population and socio- economics they had fantastic bus and rail service, have a look.</p>
<p>Monorail from Nobbies all the way to Merewether Surf house or maybe from Hamilton Station to the Surf House!</p>
<p>more better bike paths.</p>
<p>integrated public transport</p>
<p>More bike lanes and bike tracks, educate drivers on cyclist rights and how to travel safely together.</p>
<p>better public transport that is cheaper than driving</p>
<p>More bike lanes</p>
<p>Train line to remain as is - into the city centre</p>
<p>More bike paths. More walking paths. More signage giving history of the city, interesting people/events. If Council persists in stopping the trains at Wickham, the trains need to be made a feature ride instead of a chore. For example, train trips up the Valley to cheese/tastings/markets or to the vineyards for wine tasting or to Maitland for Steamfest. People want a 'party' to be involved in and something memorable to look forward to.</p>
<p>More buses on certain runs</p>
<p>More buses to Algona St Charlestown, they finish at 5:13pm Newcastle, none at weekends, no footpaths, cars parked on green so we walk on road. I've fallen over (sober) 76 yrs bruised & sypaes. Taxi \$10 to \$14 to shopping centre. Also, why not more buses to go to Broadmeadow Station, I get Sydney & North Coast trains SUCH A WALK with luggage. Visit WA Council Transport system great.</p>
<p>more cycle paths, clean the on road cycle paths so we don't get so many flat tires, fill in all the pot holes, Newcastle looks like it is a third world country with its terrible roads. Pot holes are dangerous for cyclists.</p>

<p>More direct public transport, as some bus routes are so roundabout that it takes 3 times as long to get anywhere</p>
<p>more express bus routes</p>
<p>More frequent buses - in many suburbs such as Wallsend, Shortland or Elmorevale there is only a bus into the city centre every 60 minutes, the bus route is so indirect as it tries to cover the whole suburb and all other suburbs on the way in to pick people up, but this means it often takes over an hour to get into town which makes the thought of hopping on a bus a very daunting and off-putting task!</p>
<p>more frequent buses, cheaper bus fares so everyone is encouraged to take buses instead of driving. More walking and cycling tracks and lanes. Education and TV ads on benefits of walking and cycling</p>
<p>more frequent buses, one transport card to include both rail and bus services</p>
<p>More off road bike paths (utilise some existing footpath infrastructure where appropriate and safe). Better connections for cycling and integration with pedestrian and public transport infrastructure. Get rid of those ridiculous and dangerous bicycle stencils that are on the roads at present and the green lanes that go no where.</p>
<p>more public notice of opportunities for persons to be selected/participate in Council committees, working groups etc focussed on the planning and design of infrastructure improvements and/or policy planning, more public notice of what these groups are doing, more public notice of their accomplishments</p>
<p>More requirements from developers to provide adequate cycleways in new estates making it easier to link them up to current ones</p>
<p>More separated cycleways and less on-road in car door lanes</p>
<p>Move the inner city rail line, have a central hub for bus & train make it modern, user friendly centralised, with cafe and amenities</p>
<p>Must terminate heavy rail west of Stewart Avenue.to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Open city to the harbour b. Stop the gridlock at the gates across Stewart Ave <p>The rail lines should remain and later be used as a tram link to top of town. The corridor could also be used as a pedestrian/cycle path. Free bus loop should be available from the train station until a tram service begins(when funding allows)</p>
<p>Need for a transport hub where train and bus connect and a Park and Ride is co-ordinated with it</p>
<p>Need to have off road cycleways so that people feel they can safely use their bikes as alternate means of transport</p>
<p>Need to move to electric vehicles and transport fleets.</p>
<p>Needs careful planning - no knee jerk reactions as is often the case. Pay peanuts get monkeys...</p>
<p>Newcastle Bus system is one of inconsistency, unreliability and this gained reputation is well known throughout the Hunter Valley, unfortunately. Have always believed water taxis, as found on other harbors, should be allowed to operate either through Council funded operations or private permits being authorized.</p>
<p>Newcastle Council needs to take a leadership role if this is to be realised. Coordination with adjacent councils and the various state government authorities will not occur unless actively managed.</p>
<p>Newcastle has convenient transport networks. Bus services to newcastle are in most cases very adequate. Clean the rail line up and leave it as is. It is very important to a lot of rail commuters. Don't waste our taxes on fixing what doesn't need fixing</p>

Newcastle has the great benefit of the trainline into the city servicing people from many parts of the region and beyond. It integrates with the buses to the airport and places north like Raymond Terrace and Port Stephens; and it also links with the Ferry to Stockton. To remove the link would be a counterproductive waste of money as it provides an energy efficient and non polluting (cf to the noise and smell and pollution of buses) way of bringing commuters,visitors and increasing numbers of inner city resident into the city. It services all the events on the foreshore and brings in young people to the beaches. It links with Honeysuckle, museums, theatres,library and the new court house which has no parking as well as the Hunter Street Mall. To remove it serves no purpose.

Newcastle is a car oriented city. Rail is mainly used by outer suburban or inter city commuters,or tourists. Buses follow such convoluted and lengthy routes so infrequently there all but useless. The best form of public transport are taxis, they offer door to door service 24/7 every day of the year. Their main defect is their cost, but then, they are not subsidised.

Newcastle is a dead city at the moment in terms of night life, shopping and attractions. People have been driven away by parking fees and lack of shpping facilities. Until suitable, reliable public transport facilities are put in place, I believe parking meters should be removed to attract people back into the city. When these facilities are put in place, then turn the meters back on and hard to make the transport a more attractive option. Promotion of cycle ways for intercity travel would be great too, however there needs to be a way of providing secure lockable racks so theft is kept down.

Newcastle is uniquely sized and positioned to lead Australia in cycling commuting to both workplace and school. We have made a good start with our current network of off-road cycleways, but we need to do MUCH MORE to enhance our city through pleasant, scenic and safe cycling infrastructure, that will reduce congestion on our roads and optimise public spending on them. Newcastle is poised to become a world cycling tourist destination. But our car drivers MUST re-learn their skills, and accommodate a vastly increased cycling culture.

not a hope in the world

Not close the train line - why take away transportation links in a city already desperate for more.

Not easy. More park and ride. Until people get out of cars then transition arrangements are necessary.

Not too sure

Numerous intersections around the city need extra pedestrian lights installed. Two of these are the intersections of Parry St and Stewart Ave, as well as Donald St and Gordon Ave. It would also be good to have extra buses running around school drop-off and pick-up times, particularly those lines which go to the university.

Obtain the services of a capable town planner to produce an overall scheme. Such a scheme cannot be produced piecemeal. Individuals will want individual items. It is only if an overall plan is developed as a unit that such a scheme can be effective.

A capable town planner might be within, or external to, the Council.

ooh that's a tricky one, I acknowledge the arguments for & against heavy rail going all the way into the centre of Newcastle... on the one hand the land and buildings around the line aren't being designed and used effectively... on the other hand, if the decision is made to stop the line at Broadmeadow, I can't trust the vested interests to not stuff it up...

Other than for Newcastle Railway Station, there is little connection between trains and buses. For example CountryLink passengers at Broadmeadow must walk (carrying luggage) to/from at least the Nine-Ways to link with buses. Great fun for a pensioner on a hot or wet day.

Our public transport needs to dramatically improved, trams and light rail would be a very effective method of moving people in the CBD. We also need to stop the urban sprawl and encourage more density in existing suburbs, whilst still maintaining sufficient public areas. If we must sprawl the infrastructure needs to be put in place first. Cut the heavy rail from wickham and replace it with light rail or a tram network.

<p>Park and ride facilities (for trains). Replace heavy rail (from Wickham) with 10 minute "loop" buses that go from beach to Wickham only. Coordinate buses to arrive with/for trains so commuters aren't "stranded" (and see driving as the only way to guarantee not being stranded).</p>
<p>Coordinate points where buses leave for areas further out of city, leaving more buses for express loops of the inner city area. Eg for me to get from Merewether to the city requires me to get on a bus that goes halfway around Newcastle. I can drive there and back by the time the bus has even dropped me off.</p>
<p>Parking infrastructure</p>
<p>Paved footpaths are needed across the board</p>
<p>People are time poor these days, so any if public transport is able to be provided for this it will be the preferred transport. Bikes are good for those that are fit enough to use them, but safety needs to be addressed by council. If all buses and trains had WiFi access FREE the younger generations may see it as a preferred mode of transport, as it is efficient use of time.</p>
<p>Please keep the city railway line. Not so much for now but the future (50 years time) when parking in the city will be non-existent.</p>
<p>Please keep the railway into Newcastle. It is not only important to us locals, it is very important in bringing visitors and tourists to the centre of the city</p>
<p>Please link outlying suburbs</p>
<p>Please reduce the cost for parking in the CBD</p>
<p>Political correct and verbally ambiguous statements need to be avoided and the city be processed after a period of inertia and bureaucratic misleading of the city.</p>
<p>Popularity of cycle ways such as the Fernleigh Track for leisure need to be expanded into viable commuter cycle networks.</p>
<p>The rail corridor into Newcastle station must be retained, and bus services improved to enable public transport to be a better option than cars. Hourly buses are not a serious 'service'.</p>
<p>Previously we had two buses along Newcastle Road (between Longworth and Douglas Streets) which had a direct route into the city. Now we have one only which takes a trip around a number of suburbs and takes forever to get into the city.</p>
<p>Prioritise cycling projects above all road projects. include cycling facilities in all road projects. Provide a safe separated cycle way connection between the fernleigh track and the city as a priority of the special rate variation funding. Retain the rail line. Bring in a free coastal bus service.</p>
<p>Proper safe cycle routes, not car parks doubling as cycleways.</p>
<p>Protect the assets Newcastle already has.</p>
<p>provide better off road bike paths between existing bike paths eg fern leigh and foreshore tracts, Jesmond park</p>
<p>Public & private transport must be accommodated for, in free flowing traffic with little intersections. This needs to flow around main parts of the city. Not what usually happens when roads are narrowed and slowed down with speed humps. Eg Wharf road/ honeysuckle drive was the quickest and easiest way to the top of town and the beaches. This was essential during and after the earthquake. Good town planning is critical.</p>
<p>public buses that run on time and so not travel kilometres around before you finally reach your destination</p>
<p>Public transport - in particular trains are viewed as unsafe and it would be good to make them safer for people to use</p>
<p>Public transport at night needs improvement as does weekend transport. There are many things on at night that I cannot attend due to lack of transport to get home.</p>
<p>Public transport is a state responsibility and should not be in the Newcastle plan, unless there is buy-in and funding from the state government, and unless it is a state government-sanctioned document. Otherwise, these are motherhood statements that will never come to fruition. Council should stick to the things that are in its remit, and not reach into state government issues.</p>
<p>Public transport is controlled out of Sydney. An essential element is local knowledge and input being the drivers on issues such as modes of public transport, routes and timetables. Equally important is unlocking state funding for public transport from a very Sydney-centric environment.</p>

Public transport needs multiple connective services linking rail and bus and ferry. Destinations and routes need to be very clearly defined and viewed. An electronic time of arrival notice should be at every bus stop and rail station.

Public transport needs to be efficient, on time and well organised to connect to other services and needs to connect shopping centres. It also needs to be kept clean. Cycleways and pedestrian walkways need to be safe, not just a narrow strip on a main road.

Public transport needs to be free to encourage take-up.

Public transport needs to be more frequent and more up to date.
Get rid of heavy rail and make it light rail or a bike/pedestrian path.
Simplify ticketing; make ticket machines available at bus stops or on the buses themselves.
Think "Melbourne". They have a pretty good system there.

Public Transport

Please install Melbourne style, train-tram transport. When in the outer suburbs of Melbourne commuters going to the city can get on a train at a standard train station with a platform level entry onto the train. The train then travels at high speed until it gets close to the city, and then it just slows down and drives on tram ways along the city streets. This transport system would suit Newcastle, enabling unfenced pedestrian and bike crossing with multiple car give way crossings, from Hunter Street to the harbour. This transport design could be used to keep all Novocastrians connected with the Maitland and Sydney.

Cycle and pedestrian transport

Please install bicycle only transport lanes that are safe from opening car doors, designed for fast commuter cycling to and from the city and other commercial business zones. Please join up all the current shared bike and pedestrian lanes, so they can be used safely in conjunction with the bike only lanes to get to from desired destinations.

Energy and resource efficiency

Maintain our electric train line to Newcastle. Allow bicycles on public transport including bus transport. Set up for electric cars with electric charge poles like parking meters on streets, and parking stations.

Public Transport: We need to hold on to the Train, in how many city can you travel by train to an End Station 500mtrs from the Beach.

10 days ago I took the train to Bondi Beach to find out that I still had to walk/ bus (if you know the system, and I prefer walking) another 1/2hour to get to the Beach. Maybe they need to rename the Station!

Cycling/ pedestrian/ transport network: This takes a high priority on my list, having just recently walked/cycled/bussed in 4 Capital cities/ and many towns of Europe. Many city areas can only be accessed on foot, by bike or light rail.

Yes, I can see the point of light rail, but I can also see the nuisance of having to change transport lugging heavy luggage.

>>>>!!!! PLEASE NOTE: I have mentioned this before... it would be nice to have a copy of my notes sent to my email as well, as I post this to Newcastle Voice.

I now copy/past this into a WORD DOCUMENT, then SAVE THIS. Alas it DOES NOT GIVE ME ACCESS TO QUESTIONS ASKED.

Push bikes should not be considered as a form of transport and their infrastructure should not interrupt transport

The InterCity rail line to Newcastle Station must be retained and improved as it is an essential asset.

Newcastle does not have a suburban train service

Put the disaster along merewether beach back the way it was.....what is going on there with the removal of the possibility to drive along the road from bar to merewether beach in both directions is ridiculous.....whose idea was this??? it will be a traffic nightmare every summer,....

also the uni traffic and transport is also very bad

rail all the way to Newcastle!

bus routes that fit, and connect

Rail transport, both to and from Central Coast/Sydney as well as northwest towns as far as Dungog, must be retained to N'cle East (beaches, F'shore and Pacific Pks. draw v.lge. crowds and there is extremely limited carparking spaces available).

Both public bus transport needs rationalising in terms of direct-to-important-hubs as well as adequate covering of suburbs with appropriate frequency and reliability.

ongoing development of safe cycle and pedestrian ways, together with the above addresses energy/resource efficiency

Railway crossings cause

1. Delay effective public transport
2. Potential for life threatening dangers to pedestrians & cycles
3. Council & State Government to work towards removing railway crossings

transport has to be designed to suit the travelling public I think that smaller vehicles more regularly meeting at transport hubs with transport quickly more directly to places people want to go to. smaller vehicles will use less fuel and if the system is designed well will require less human interference. All of this will require large capital expenditure but in the long run could make our city a place to come to. A connected city needs links with places it serves and rail systems are really the best way so we should look carefully at cutting any rail links unless they can be replaced by something similar. The future is computer controlled transport and we should be looking towards this with rail a leading contender.

recognise the need to provide uninterrupted rail transport into the heart of the city as a priority over favouring road vehicles. this can be achieved through creative responses to this necessity. cease to operate stupid cycle lanes on inappropriate roads by constructing off road cycle and pedestrian and segway routes, or adequate and safe on road cycle and segway lanes.

Reduce use of cars , in city areas .

reduce cars in the city precinct

Refurbish the rail system, do not remove it! Improve the services ie. trains on time, security cameras, cleanliness of the trains. The train is fast it transports university students, tourists, elderly among many other demographics. All developing cities such as the current transition of Newcastle, incorporate an efficient rail system. If I choose to catch a bus rather than the train my journey is quadrupled in off peak hour, there are large crowds. There is a sustainable, innovative opportunity associated with the rail line. If removed the congestion (traffic) will significantly increase.

Regular & direct transport to all city area

Regular trains and buses. Keep the train line. Reduce car traffic through improved (regular) public transport.

Removal of the heavy rail line from the western side of Stewart Ave to Newcastle station (move Wickham station adjacent to "the Store").

The heavy rail should be replaced with light rail & cycle/pedestrian lanes.

In the future spread the light rail to the junction, Hamilton, the stadium, Mayfield, & the uni in a continuous loop

Remove Newcastle train station and build a transport hub, have trains and lines that can support a higher speed therefore decreasing travel times both in the town and of course the trains and line between Newcastle and Sydney as it's a joke to say the least.

Remove opportunism by unelected council officers ,stop vanity projects and eliminate sanitizing of public space by over use of signage
Remove rail line and focus attention & resources on other options. People do not like to accept change but will do so in the end if that it the option taken.
There is no parking in the city yet public transport isn't an option due to the lack of services or inability to reach more than one area.
Remove rail line as far as Broadmeadow. Use standard buses. No problem with maintenance and interchange for train and buses in all directions. Changes and additions will be required.
Remove rail line to wickham. Keep it as a green corridor and cycle way.
remove rail line, improved roads
Remove railway line back to Woodville Junction. Light rail into city from there. Encourage business to move from the East End to the West End. Link Fernleigh track to city via the rail corridor from Adamstown. Upgade City Road to 4 dual carriageway from Scenic drive to Alic St.
Remove the heavy rail line and replace it with something else that allows the connection between the foreshore and the CBD.
Develop better cycleways into, through and around the city, AND linking Newcastle with other LGAs.
Remove the heavy rail line from Wickham and implement light rail or something similar, but continue it past the current Newcastle station and extend it towards the beaches.
Ensure designated, well lit and well signposted areas for cyclists and pedestrians.
Remove the inner city rail line.
Remove the rail line and ensure efficient connecting services and alternative transport options
remove the rail line to Newcastle and replace it with light rail or mono rail
remove the rail way line and replace with a light rail network that services the suburbs of Newcastle.
Remove the railway line before Newcastle to connect the city with the harbour and get rid of the Adamstown crossing.
Remove the train line in newcastle. Look into Trams around the inner city - works well in melbourne
Removing the present parking meter system from the city and replace them with timed parking with the first 2hrs free. Retaining the train line and put tunnels for cars under the Stewart Avenue crossing and at the Adamstown gates (Iknow that this isa Railcorp issue butgood for Council to advocate) Mandate that all new roads built in Newcastle have cycle ways and pedestrian ways built into the structure. Encourage students to use the train by having a light rail to the University station. It is a lonely and dangerous walk to the Uni station at the moment. Pressure Railcorp to increase the number of security personnel on trains to one per train to ensure the safety and comfort of the passengers. Create a cycle Newcastle map and implement the Bike hire systems that are in London and Rome. These are bikes that you hire by putting payment in a meter and unclicking your bike from stands placed conveniently around the city. Returning the bike to a stand at your destination point at the conclusion of your hire period.
Removing the train line from Wickham concerns me however if that were a green corridor with say picnic facilities I could imagine most folk would love it
Replace exciting train line with - motor cycle, push cycle way, and walk way with seating and trees including exit points.
replace the railway line with light rail. buses are not friendly to the elderly and parents with prams and strollers. light rail stops are better waiting places than bus stops. LIGHT RAIL! not buses
Replace trains into the city with light rail. Lights instead of railway crossings. Add a cycleway into city.
Replacement of heavy rail with moderate speed light rail, servicing Maitland to Newcastle.
Retain rail to Newcastle. More frequent bus servcies throughout the area connecting outer suburbs. Opening two rail crossings off honeysuckle to take the pressure off stewart avenue gates.

Retain the existing railway in to the city. If funds are found, the rolling stock could be more user friendly and tram-like where required.

A minibus system would be much more efficient for most public transport needs

All areas of Newcastle and Lake Macquarie could be covered by having a bus every 30minutes, to within 100 metres of destinations, or to the door if a dial up service could be employed.

Retain the heavy rail corridor to Newcastle station. It will always serve the people of Newcastle for now and the next 100 years or more.

Retain the Newcastle rail line as a key part of the city's revitalisation.

Put more resources into infrastructure and planning controls that support walking, cycling and public transport.

Retain the rail link to Newcastle city. Consider light rail linkage to some areas eg merewether beach. Better facilities for bikes and pedestrians. Consider how provision of parking encourages or discourages use of public transport/cycle/walking. Need an integrated transport plan. Look at slowing down traffic or reducing traffic along harbour/beachfront through speed humps, one way roads.

Retain the rail to Newcastle. Develop and mark in wide cycleways at road verge

Retain the railway into the city, encourage park and ride in the outer suburbs, improve the number of bus services to the city and suburban railway stations

Retain train services to the Newcastle station as they are the most eco friendly method of mass transport and develop more cycle ways leading to and from regional shopping centres and the city CBD

Retain transport link to newcastle station, either by train or trams as in Melbournes Bourke st mall. DONT remove it.

Retaining the inner city rail line to Newcastle station is the only way to fully integrate the public transport system while being resource efficient.

Hundred of empty buses congesting the roads is not the optimum way to best utilise resources.

Rip up the heavy rail from (at least) Wickham to Newcastle & replace by a free, coordinated bus service along the rail corridor all the way to Pacific Park or thereabouts, plus make the ferry service Stockton-Wickham-Newcastle (run a poll of actual users to determine direction during different times of day). Relocate Wickham train station to the west of Stewart Ave/Hannell St; build car parking facilities adjacent to the new Wickham station; provide a general bus stop/terminus adjacent to the new station/car park & remove the gates and level crossing at Stewart Ave/Hannell St. Dedicate the present rail corridor to the coordinated bus service, emergency vehicles and pedestrians/cyclists only.

Then look at the broader picture, including 'encouraging' the NSW government to build a general transport interchange at Glendale & get rid of the Glebe Rd gates at Adamstown.

Run a tram system that could link Darby street, Beaumont street and the city and beaches.

SAFE cycleways with alternatives to riding on busy roads.

Safe walk ways and cycle ways

Relable and regular public transport

A green city including parks and sporting fields

A well kept beach front and beaches

Safety for bicyclers is very important and needs to be integrated into any new transportation or road development plans.

send a team to see how singapore/hong kong manage a streamlined, efficient and affordable public transport scheme. one transport ticket (electronic) for bus/rail/monorail services. more efficient to use public system than private vehicles most of the time. integrated bus/rail interchanges, with shopping centres and libraries build on top of these. consider also the public hire bikes in paris. make it more 'cool' and realistic to ride bikes for trips within 5km radius of home.

<p>Simplify Bus routes so that trip from A to B doesn't go via D, E, & F as is now the case.</p>
<p>Stop the Rail Line at Wickham and put in place easy i.e. user friendly options to travel to the inner city and ferry.</p>
<p>Small buses that come more often</p>
<p>Small community buses which can readily navigate and offer transport from homes where current buses do not travel and which then transport residents to whatever services they wish or need to access.</p>
<p>Light rail/trams are perfect for our wide streets and they are also more energy efficient, quieter and easier to get on/off than buses.</p>
<p>As many safe cycleways as possible as well as rental bikes which can be accessed at many locations and then delivered to a location at the end of one's journey. let us move with the times and do as they are doing throughout other cities within Aust and overseas.</p>
<p>Smaller and more frequent buses.</p>
<p>Fluent and safe cycleways.</p>
<p>To bring life back to the city we now have a clean canvas with all the shopping in one area such as market town, the inner city thankfully mainly free of shops can be developed with life style activities... Retail is not to come to inner city newcastle. Keep those monstrosities in the suburbs.</p>
<p>Smaller buses running more often, not trying to cover the whole city in 1 route!! Resolve level crossings, especially in the city.</p>
<p>start times for work opportunities that are not being co-ordinated with public transport mornings ie: Carrington !!</p>
<p>transport doesnt start until 7:30 am , when work starts at 7:00 am</p>
<p>Stockton residents need a bus service that connects the wharf to the railway station and the mall. Many Stockton residents have difficulty walking over the bridge. DO NOT remove the railway to NEWCASTLE. Motorists who do not want to wait at the crossings could drive up and around the railway station. This would not cause as much inconvenience as removing the rail connection will be for the rail travellers. Removing the line will be very damaging for Newcastle. The parking meters have killed Newcastle. After paying for registration, licence and insurance car owners need free parking available everywhere. Please extend the free buses to Hamilton.</p>
<p>Stop bickering and make a decision re the railway</p>
<p>The city is dying while you guys can't make a decision</p>
<p>Get rid of it and let the city grow up</p>
<p>stop doing road works on roads near the beach in summer. More free parking in the CBD.</p>
<p>Stop the politics and consider all issues. If the rail line is going to be removed, all parking is gone, public transport is not flexible or frequent enough, how are people in the city to get to work. Or, do they move offices out of the area like many have done as it is unworkable.</p>
<p>Stop trains west of Hamilton and free buses from there</p>
<p>stop wasting money on cycleways and kids playgrounds in parks. User pays on both these would be good. Remove the rail line or put it underground.</p>
<p>Support the Newcastle Rail Line and actively promote its improvement not its removal.</p>
<p>Surveys of people who use different transport options. Why do they drive? Why don't they cycle? What are the peak times of usage etc</p>
<p>Terminate the rail line at the railway line inter-change at Wickham (not Wickham railway station, but the area where the train lines criss-cross to go into town or Sydney), and provide bus / road tram into the city. Ensure adequately timed public transport services into / out of the city (consider no-cost / minimal cost model to promote inner-city) communal commuting via these modes of transport.</p>
<p>Terminate the rail line between Wickham and Hamilton and build an integrated train/bus/cycle terminal to transfer commuters and riders.</p>

<p>The additional cycleways in the area have been amazing.</p>
<p>It would be great to see the Fernlea track also connected to the city with an extended cycleway.</p>
<p>The aspirations stated in this survey are commendable - but - how achievable is it really when cutting or not cutting the rail line into the CBD is a decision too far?</p>
<p>Who really has the authority to construct a connected city?</p>
<p>The bus routes need to be well thought out and service majority with the interlink between connections being timely without undue wait for the next leg of the journey.</p>
<p>Whilst I truly advocate free public transport with road users funding it, the concept fails because of the tendency to attract bored/unruly types to trains/buses when it is free. Single random fares should be expensive but big discounts should be offered to users who prepurchase tickets in bulk (ie. dissuade losers from random last minute thoughts of catching a train to cause havoc).</p>
<p>The buses need to run more frequently, than 1per hour in most routes. Emphasis on public transport rather than the car.</p>
<p>The CBD is an inconvenient destination for residents. It cannot be fixed with the sort of budget available. Encourage decentralisation to suburban areas where existing transport options can be upgraded.</p>
<p>the city needs to be able to accept business input. business are an important part of the city, the city does not embrace business</p>
<p>The council needs to provide public transport for everyone in our city. This includes not only the able bodied younger generation, but the not so well older population as well. We need a safe efficient transport system covering all areas of our city and surrounds.</p>
<p>The current cycling strategy adopted by Council does not provide sufficient off road cycling linkages in the western suburbs and does not provide adequate linkage between western suburbs, such as Elernmore Vale and the city suburbs. The designated cycleway that used to connect Elernmore Vale to Jesmond has been severed by the recent hospital development and there appears to be no alternative route to offset this issue.</p>
<p>The free buses down Hunter Street are a great idea, not only encouraging people to go into the CBD, but encouraging people who live closer to the inner city to leave the car at home. The train is also a benefit to the city, and should be left to function as part of an integrated and convenient transport network.</p>
<p>The good work being done on cycle ways should continue. Also making more of the coast line less accessible to cars and more to pedestrians and bicycles. More dedicated and well signed bicycle ways especially to areas which cater for large numbers of people like the University, the HUnter Stadium, and shools.</p>
<p>The growth areas (eg. Wallsend and westward such as Fletcher) MUST have much better public transport access to Newcastle and the coast. Also the infastructure in these areas needs a BIG boost</p>
<p>The heavy rail must not be removed</p>
<p>The heavy rail needs to remain all the way to Newcastle Station. Apart from its historical value it has value to commuters from Maitland and Dungog on a daily basis. There are few places that offer rail all the way to the beach and the CBD. As the population increases in Newcastle and surrounds it is important that this valuable resource is saved for future use. Perhaps further research and consideration needs to be given to putting rail networks and stations in high growth outer suburbs to encourage this interconnectivity. One only has to travel around Sydney in peak hour to see the value of heavy rail to the inner city. Newcastle is growing and the current residents need to consider the future residents as well.</p>

The Hunter street mall area needs to be connected in an integrated way to the harbour/honeysuckle area. The railway line currently disconnects these two areas of the city in a way which lessens the usability of both precincts.

The railway however is a vital transport route, and having the railway line end within walking distance of the city beaches is critical to Newcastle's livability.

I think the ideal solution would be to put the railway underground through this area. If it were dropped only a few metres, the area above the railway could be built up as retail, residential, greenway, pathway and roadway which if designed appropriately will connect the city to the harbour AND allow the railway to terminate where it currently does, although underground.

Sure, it'd cost a bomb, but it would revitalise the city in a way which could not happen with these two precincts separated by the railway.

The new Council's goals appear to contradict most of these these mission statements.

"Public transport will become viable options for the majority of our trips" - yet they are planning to cut our vital rail link. A new Law precinct and University Campus is being built near Civic which will be dependent on public transport infrastructure.

All successful, growing cities recognise how essential public transport it yet we are thinking of removing ours. And why? Because some closed minded, unimaginative big businessmen claim it cuts our city in two. Ludicrous! Are they going to remove Central station from Sydney next?

The objectives are too broad. What do you mean by the above? Transport is obviously key to any vibrant city.

Perhaps council gets too involved in these issues???

The one thing that concerns me is that if you want to bring more life into the city how are managing parking at present paid parking & the lack of enticement apart from the beach keeps me out of newcastle to be honest what is there to entice people into the city Cinema go to Charlestown Glendale where parking is free shopping nothing really in newcastle apart from marketown again free parking theatres maybe restaurant or pub outside normal business hour generally free parking foreshore picnics paid parking costly find other venues or catch train into newcastle

The Port impact and the significant big industry is best integrated to the vision of the city
The Port is to export 300million tonne
Import 21,900 tonne Ammonium nitrate
Shell fuel storage caltex fuel storage
grain terminal

Employs large numbers

has seaman visiting every day

Large amounts of truck and vehicular movement in around and across the city are all inclusive to a 2030 plan

The separation from this cumulative impact is detrimental to any 20303 plan

Newcastle is now under the pressure of all of this transport. How is this incorporated across the 2030 plan

Leaders of the Industrial sites & Kooragang have said the NCC have not incorporated these matters into the NCC 2030 plan and they believe this a need for the success and vision of the plan

The rail into Newcastle needs to be maintained and integrated with a tram/train network on the same gauge to service the REGION and to keep direct linkage to Sydney. Fares need to be reduced to encourage rail use and the bus and rail need to be linked DIRECTLY at Broadmeadow: this would require only a very minimal adjustment to bus routes and would take the walk and the fear out of the gap between the station and the Nine Ways. The level crossings at Worth Place and Steel Street need to be reinstated and a ground level pedestrian crossing near Newcastle station safely away from the rail switches needs to be introduced. If the crossings are a hazard, maybe we need to eliminate cars and roads. Buses could have bike racks at the front of them - just as they have in Minneapolis and many other American cities. And pedestrians should be given primacy in all shopping/promenading areas by the use of chicanes, speed humps and similar traffic calming devices.

The rail line into central Newcastle MUST be retained - it is an efficient way of moving large numbers of people

Bus routes must connect to major destinations eg. Shopping Centre, University, John Hunter and Mater Hospitals

The rail line into the city is an asset, this form of transport is vital, not only for local residents but those on the Maitland line and Morisset/Fassifern.

Maybe better connections at Newcastle station to Nobby's, Newcastle and Bar Beach.

Build park and ride at Hamilton station to encourage city workers to use public transport into city.

The rail line into town disconnects the city from the foreshore.

The area in behind the old gasworks in Broadmeadow would make a good transport hub for all methods of travel.

More bike facilities and corridors to help make cycling safer. Cleaner road edges (ie regular removal of glass and rubbish would be a good start)

The rail line needs to be removed and other alternatives sought - it is an eyesore that seperates our lovely city with the beauty of the harbour. Cycling to the city is also rather dangerous as the cycleways along the road going towards honeysuckle are insufficient for pedestrians and cyclists.

The rail line needs to stay into the city.

The rail needs to be kept on it orginal line and NOT cut and options need to be looked at.

FREE AREA travel (ZONE) needs to stay not to be removed.

The railway gates at Adamstown and Wickham HAVE TO GO! Whatever it takes!

The buses are good BUT they need to be more frequent and then they must be on time.Perhaps we may even need to use smaller buses than the big ones to economize on fuel and efficiency.

The railway needs to remain to Newcastle. The best outcome would be underground rail line and stations, shops and restaurants. Living in Beresfield one feels isolated. Prior to the last Council elections Beresfield homes were delivered Maitland how to vote information we had no information in regard to Newcastle Councillors only what what was found in newspapers. The Post and Star newspapers print Maitland News. Beresfield does not have bus stops or shelters.

The real problem as I have raised with this government and with the previous governments is having bus and rail transport that does not connect or complement each other. Some solutions is having a re-route of all bus services so that buses travel from residential areas to railway stations with bus stops outside of the stations, having bus and rail timetables re determined so that they are complementary and increase the frequency so that public transport would be a first choice and not the last choice. There has to be single ticketing and a move towards all public transport to be wheelchair friendly and bus stops and railway stations wheel chair friendly. This will mean footpaths through out all suburbs as well. All this will mean a single transport authority. Buses must also transport people to where they want to go an well managed survey will get the information together and if an examination of Perth, WA transport a view of the possiblities if we lift our game on public transport and make it work. The view of the removal of any of the Newcastle rail line is stupid and show a lack of determination to fix problems and to understand the

problem.

Newcastle should have new trains by now and a change of style of train can have them be tram like and run at slower speed in the city so that the disruption to other in the city can be changed to a much shorter time frame. A train about to depart from Newcastle station should not have the Gates at Merewether Street to be activated if they were activated as the train approached the area known as Fanny's would be far wiser and is possible if the will to fix the problem is there. Just a few words. I have many other ideas and I am prepared to assist in solving the problems so all can use the city very well.

The Stockton-Newcastle ferry could have other stops up river, say at Wickham and nearer Carrington.

Get rid of the railway line that divides the city and provide trams/monorail/city buses instead. While the rail is there, nothing much else will be used, but it is ugly and the foreshore could look fantastic without it. It would open up the whole area.

The train is the quickest, comfortable & most efficient service today. Newcastle to Broadmeadow travel time 10 mins, Newcastle to Warabrook travel time 13 mins, Newcastle to Cardiff travel time 17 mins.

The transformation of the heavy rail line that runs through and divides the city into the envisaged shared pedestrian/cycle/light rail (a la San Francisco) and recreational space (what about some sculptures as well?) will completely revitalise the west end of Hunter Street. Look at the difference in the ambience/atmosphere in the east end where there is free flow of pedestrians between the city and the harbour. This atmosphere would be reflected throughout the length of Hunter Street and many small businesses would see the viability of revitalising the unused commercial properties that lie along its length. The rail line through the city is an anachronism accentuated by the vast number of unoccupied seats one observes in passing trains while sitting in traffic waiting for the level crossing to re-open to traffic.

The use of light rail. Sleek buses, with easy access for the elderly. Railway line to finish at Wickham, with connections to CBD by light rail and bus.

Waiting area to be covered if possible, and bench seats. And timetables.

Well light transport routes.

Emergency phones.

There also needs to a coordinated approach to these issues ie convenient to board public transport (mainly trains) with a bicycle. Linked networks of cycle & pedestrian transport need also to pass or terminate at bus & train stops.

There are currently not enough cycleways. The Fernleigh track has been very popular with cyclists (both recreational and elite), joggers, parents, children, dogs and skate boarders all using the track which is great. It is therefore, however, not totally safe. A friend of mine, who is a very good cyclist, was recently hit off his bike from a cyclist that was using the Fernleigh track for time trials and went wide on a bend. This highlights the need for more cycling tracks in Newcastle. I, and some of my female friends, are too scared to ride our bikes on roads and bike tracks because we are mothers and are worried about the consequences if we are hit by cars or other cyclists. Please fix our cycle ways so we can promote a healthy lifestyle for our children.

There must be integrated ticketing between the buses and rail. The timed fares for short distances make catching a bus to a railway station cost prohibitive. So if the bus is too expensive and you can't park at your home station, you might as well drive the whole way. Parking at some railway stations needs VAST improvement. Why isn't everyone sitting on the pacific highway at hexham/sandgate every day for the CBD commute catching the train from hexham or sandgate? Because the parking there is awful and the stations are invisible and unsafe.

There needs to be better connectivity with residential areas surrounding the CBD. A tram network would be great and could connect CBD, Darby St, Junction and Honeysuckle.

<p>There needs to be some increased awareness from Council that Newcastle also consists of disabled and aged people. To date, the 'beautification' of Newcastle appears to be focused on mobile and youthful section of the community. The transport system needs to consider the special needs of disabled and aged.</p>
<p>This all depends on how State Govt regards Newcastle. Govt in Sydney (unreadable) leave rail line in place & enhance it, not remove something that actually works. Pedestrians & cyclists do no mix. Grandma & small children to no fit with rude, aggressive cyclists.</p>
<p>This includes the council doing everything possible to save the rail line. Without the rail line not just Newcastle people but people from all over the Hunter & Central Coast are disadvantage.</p> <p>I person getting 44% in one vote does not give him a mandate to destroy my CBD for his developments & his developer mates.</p>
<p>This is all dependant on state or federal funding which has been historically lacking so what is going to change to achieve outcomes.</p>
<p>This question initially ask how important are the following objectives are, the second part is a statement states are well connected and has convenient transport networks. First part of the Q my answer is very important. 2nd part the transport is NOT well connected etc. Your questions are ambiguous and miss leading.</p>
<p>This would involve working out what the different transport routes would be. It would also involve</p> <p>We could work together to work out the preferred routes, how we want to best use the different transport options. We would have to decide on the quality/cost standards. Yes lots to do in moving from the idea to its expression.</p>
<p>thorough and inclusive survey of every resident asking "what will it take for you to leave your car at home" those who are so vocal re removing the rail, should ride</p>
<p>it to know what they are talking about</p> <p>Timetables must be coordinated.</p> <p>Paths must be made safe for pedestrians and cyclists. The path around the river at Honeysuckle to Tighes Hill is a fantastic example.</p> <p>And we MUST cut the railway line west of the Wickham gates. It is a travesty both to the environment in the way it cuts the city off from the river and also in time wasted trying to get through the gates. I drive through them every day and it adds 15 minutes to my trip.</p>
<p>To be able to access all areas especially public hospitals with efficient public transport with safe walkways and bike safety would make Newcastle very livable.</p>
<p>Top priority must be to get rid of the inner city railway corridor. Replace it with a light rail option such as a tram and/or integrated bus service. Along side this should be a cycleway and walking paths to allow multiple forms of transport to co-exist. Cycleways should link uninterrupted with outer areas such as the Fernleigh Track & East/West cycleway.</p>
<p>trains on the newcastle - sydney line need more frequency to non major stations eg kotara especially on weekends to encourage more use. At the momement they only stop every 2 hours tothese stations existing trains could stop and not cost any extra, maybe make all trains to and from sydney all stops to morriset on weekends.</p>
<p>Tram service or light rail to replace civic to newcastle line</p> <p>Encourage scooters and mopeds (free parking, allocated parking, financial incentives)</p> <p>Car share stations in the inner city for people who do not need access to a car each day (such as in sydney and melbourne)</p> <p>extend fernleight path all the way to newy is possible</p>

<p>Trams would be great but that will never happen.</p>
<p>So it comes back to driving and cars need parking space.</p>
<p>more parking needed in the east end. Why do people flock to the shopping centres? parking availability without the risk of getting a parking ticket . But its all been said before.</p>
<p>Trams, more and safer cycle ways connecting suburbs to he coast.</p>
<p>Tram-train public transport system to Newcastle, taking down the 'dingo' fencing, increasing crossings to the foreshore, thus promoting freer flow of traffic and bringing the foreshore and CBD together.</p>
<p>This will save a great deal of money, be a compromise that suits most, and environmentally preferable TRANSPORT CANNOT IMPROVE UNTIL MORE MAKE USE OF IT.</p>
<p>Transport networks should be planned and managed by locally appointed and controlled committees.</p>
<p>Transport system needs to be locally managed and not from a desk in Sydney, the blue gum hills area is ignored which is daft given it is the biggest and possibly only green fields development area in the city</p>
<p>Try the Turkish way of using mini-buses to stop when people need them, on a pre-arranged route, in more remote or not easily accessible places for big buses. Particularly good for elderly people, not having to walk a long way to bus stops.</p>
<p>Turn district park into a huge free car park and then run the green bus from there into the city at 15 minute intervals as an express service.</p>
<p>Upgrade trains, station parking ,good access.</p>
<p>Look at cleanliness of buses trains & station</p>
<p>Safety I do not feel safe of a night on a train</p>
<p>use smaller buses around the cbd, such as 20 seaters type and have them run regularly around the cbd as a transport system for people to manovre around the cbd which is quite large for a country town, and get rid of the F..... railway line.</p>
<p>We as citizons of our beloved city need to feel safe and comfortable in our movements around the greater newcastle area, Why do I and my wife feel uncomfortable on public transport. We love the trains ,the buses but, I'm sorry to say it, the ferals !!! make it an unpleasant experieance. We know this not your in your control, but it may explain the reluctance to use public transport</p>
<p>We can keep the current railway system as no one likes to change trains or buses if they don't have to. If possible (and I'm sure it is) we could have two more pedestrian crossings to the harbour through the current railway line, this would increase connectivity and usage. Certainly more residences would also enliven the city - giving reason for more retail outlets. However we don't want sub standard dwellings ie undersized and garageless buildings as they only cause a slum mentality. An example of this is the Bimet Lodge development which is most unsuitable in size and facilities for the position.</p>
<p>We must keep the inner city rail, or replace it with something equally efficient. I know council wants it gone, but that's just to satisfy pressure from property developers who yet again see an opportunity to become more wealthy at our expense. Ability to get all the way into the city precinct without changing even from one train to another (let alone from a train to something else)is absolutely essential.</p>
<p>we need a central hub, eg woodville junction,- a rail interchange with trams, rail and bus, this is a 30 yr solution and beyond, we are not receiving the right planning actions, think bigger, think of needs, think to save energy</p>
<p>we need a vft from newcastle to sydney</p>
<p>We need dedicated cycleways that do not come to a stop or have to weave between parked vehicles</p>
<p>We need high speed rail between Newcastle and Sydney. The Glendale interchange needs to be part of the network. I would maintain the rail into Newcastle as part of this.</p>
<p>We need more public transport - especially at night and on the weekends.</p>
<p>We also need quicker public transport. More direct routes.</p>

We need safe and convenient dedicated cycle ways through the city that link up with cycle ways to Lake Macquarie and Maitland. I recently spent 6 months in Stockholm, where the cycle way network is extensive, impressive and well used by literally thousands of commuters every day. I would also like to see planning for the future, in terms of beginning the infrastructure that meets the transport demands of the present, but will also be able to expand to meet the greater demand of the future, and in this respect I mean TRAMS! Light rail needs to come back to Newcastle. We should never have gotten rid of it, we need it back. It doesn't have to be an entire tram system next year, it can be built bit by bit over 20 years, but Newcastle needs it.

We need to get the message to car drivers that they don't own the roads and encourage more cycleways that are safer for cyclists.

We need to recognise hubs, such as the major shopping centres and railway stations, and have buses link well with these areas to provide direct and frequent service between them. Ramp off the US/European experience of a move away from car usage (which I understand is partly driven by need to be connected to social media)

We need to take a look at places in the United Kingdom (particularly London in the past 5 years) and Europe where there is a lot less space but still far greater incentive to ride because of the infrastructure in place- eg cycle pathways, bike lockers/racks in public areas, park and ride systems etc.

We need to try and pry people out of their cars and onto public transport. Novocastrians are very attached to having their cars close by, even if they are sitting in a car park all day every day. Most people would live within minutes of a bus or train station or a cycleway. All levels of government should spend time and money on encouraging people onto public transport rather than debating whether we should remove the rail line. If the rail comes out it will be too cost prohibitive to put back in...think the old tramways that criss cross the city. I bet most people wish those were still operating.

We pay our rates so that people in Council can work these things out. That is where the expertise should be & this is their full time job - so come up with sensible solutions to our city's needs.

We should be making greater use of the railway. All over the world countries are realising the cheapest, easiest way to move large groups of people is via rail. We seem determined to get rid of rail.....WHY????? Did anyone look at the number of people who were moved round the city for World Youth Day or the number who come into town for New Year celebrations without having to bring cars?

We want to have regular public transport networks to all areas of the city, or at least connecting services.

And - more importantly for us, we need efficient train services to Sydney. It should not take as long as it does to get to Sydney by train. It's disgraceful!

We will not be a connected city if the railway line is closed and sold off for more of the large buildings we already have which have disconnected the foreshore.

The current move to bring university students and staff into the city requires stronger public transport, ie rail or light rail.

What does it mean to be a connected city - connected to where/who/how/when? And what does the council mean by effective and integrated public transport? This idea could be as narrow as cycle and pedestrian transport, while connectivity may even be used to describe wifi.

Yet with the ageing of the community and the increasing numbers of aged and less mobile people city connectivity and effective and integrated public transport should be more than cycle paths. While not every worker is able to commute by bike.

Moving numbers of people effectively and efficiently should be the most important aspect for a connected city, both intra and inter. Indeed, connecting to other cities is as important for sustainable living as are suburb to suburb movements.

Newcastle, particularly the inner city, should not become some enclave which discourages the open and vibrant, welcoming-to-all-focus, that the strategic ideal is seeking to create.

The council should actively lobby the state govt to maintain the inner city rail and push for increased

funding to raise/lower the road (whichever is the most effective solution) at the Stewart St crossing. An overpass/underpass should be lobbied for at Glebe Road Adamstown, as well. The Glendale interchange should also be included to improve transport links, while public transport in the form of perhaps, light rail should be built to connect the airport to the city via perhaps, the Stockton ferry. This would connect the city to the rest of Australia and enable passengers to connect to the Hunter Valley via the rail as well as to the central coast and even to Sydney.

When travelling around Australia notice several places have rail on the ground and other traffic going up and over the rail line. Feel our rail is important and love Newcastle station and proximity to Newcastle East.

Cycling and pedestiran traffic should be included in all new works if we are to reduce vehicle traffic in the city.

I feel present parking fees are deterring outer residents from coming into the city which has the ongoing affect of reduced consumer spending which is bad for businesses. The West end of Newcastle needs urgent attention if we are to seriously promote visits by residents and visitors alike.

Simple areas which have, seating, shade, toilets, some play equipment for children and teenagers along with small cafes with public access from rail, bus, cycling and pedestrian traffic easily available, would be a great asset to the city. Affordable housing for those wishing to downsize would free up many family homes within the suburbs and surrounds but NOT public housing with million dollar views please! Lastly, please refurbish our once beautiful city post office which could easily become a smaller post office, with shops, cafes, office space and event room hire for parties and weddings for example.

Why do 'Idiots' want to cut the rail line. What is the use of building a city that no one can get to. Every other city in the world has a rail way line. There is a need to get large numbers of people to the beach and foreshore, especially for events and concerts i.e. surfest, fireworks and matara. Without trains the city will only become more of a ghost town. For christ sake change the thinking and get rid of these green do-gooder's.

Why not design public transport corridors on a 1km grid, so that everyone is less than 500m from transport, be it bus or train or ferry. The transport corridors would intersect, and a ticket would be transferrable to any public transport. To travel, one would proceed along the nearest corridor, change at an intersection and proceed along another corridor perpendicular to the 1st. Perhaps more than one change may be required. It would be more efficient as transport vehicles would run back and forth along the corridors frequently, and passengers would design their own routes to their destination. Within the 1km grid sqares taxis could take those who could not walk up to 500m to the nearest corridor or interchange. It is unattractive and ineficient to sit on a meandering bus for an hour when a car will drive across town on the same route in 15minutes. Commuters should be willing to participate in their own transport by walking up to 500m, rather than expecting to sit passively while they are transported in just one meandering bus which travels from A to B.

Wide consultation rather than dominance of narrow business and political vested interests. Commuter stakeholders living outside the city should also be consulted. Overreliance on buses/cars should be avoided.

With the new Lord Mayor only concerned about his own proprty I don't think there is much hope of achieving the connected city vision. He wants to cut the train line for god sake!

Without wry lines to Newcastle station from Broadmeadow

Work on the good things that are already in place. Expand these to cover areas not serviced well. Reduce the number of cars required into the CBD. Provide faster and better serviced trains to link Newcastle with Sydney, the Hunter Valley, and the rest of NSW. Set up Park and Ride stations into Newcastle. Ensure bus routes are direct and regular. Expand the cycle/walking network so people can commute safely to work.

Yes, we need good pedestrian and cycles paths to encourage these forms of transport. Separate cycleways (separate from pedestrian footpaths AND road traffic) are especially useful. Dr Anne Lusk, who visited Newcastle during Bicycle Week recently, had excellent planning ideas on how to build safe and efficient cycleways. City planners/architects (& cyclists) should be involved in the development of cycleways.

Additionally, whilst the number of services on offer to me as a resident in New Lambton near the Regent St shops is pretty good, the frequency of the buses is not (once an hour to the University is not enough). I also have no direct connection to the Mater, so no doubt the network could be improved. I note that most persons travelling from western Lake Macquarie are virtually cut off from public transport on the weekend. Adelaide has 'Go Zones' during peak times where buses come every 15-20 minutes. We need something like this. Plus more people would be encouraged to use buses (& rail and ferries) if the cost were say \$1 per day. Else cars are too convenient, and cost effective especially for families. Not sure how this could be subsidised, maybe through the city, state or coal revenue??? 'Sin' taxes for people who own more cars than drivers in the household?

You need to keep the rail line into town. If people have to swap from trains to buses patronage will fall.

Pushbikes and pedestrians need their own dedicated roads/paths - if they can't do the speed limit they should stay off the road.

PROTECTED AND ENHANCED ENVIRONMENT

PROTECTED AND ENHANCED ENVIRONMENT: Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards ensuring that Newcastle's unique natural environment is understood, maintained and protected.

	Base (those answering) n= 306	n=	%
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT			23.2
Get community more involved / Support community involvement		33	10.8
Education / awareness campaigns		25	8.2
Listen to the broader community, not minorities, lobbyists, politicians etc		13	4.2
TREES			20.6
Stop cutting down trees / Laman Street reference		24	7.8
Plant more trees / Shade trees / Street trees / Native trees		24	7.8
Cut down trees / Cut down non-natives / Don't plant non-native		4	1.3
Give free trees		3	1.0
Other tree / garden comment		8	2.6
DEVELOPMENT			20.3
Consider climate change, rising sea levels etc in planning and development		16	5.2
Maintain green corridors / riparian zones et		14	4.6
Consider environmental impacts in development		6	2.0
Don't consider climate change, rising sea levels etc in planning and development		5	1.6
Other development comment		21	6.9
TRANSPORT			9.5
Walking / cycling routes		10	3.3
Public transport		9	2.9
Parking		4	1.3
Other transport		6	2.0
WASTE			8.5
Reduce / penalise littering / dumping		9	2.9
Reduce waste in waterways		4	1.3
Clean up the city/streets		4	1.3
Promote recycling		3	1.0
Other waste comment		6	2.0
INDUSTRY			8.2
Control / monitor expansion of the coal industry or heavy industry		9	2.9
Coal dust / cover coal trains		6	2.0
No coal seam gas		3	1.0
Newcastle is a coal town		2	0.7
Other industry comment		5	1.6
OTHER			48.7
Maintain reserves, parks, sportsgrounds etc		22	7.2
Comment regarding wording (eg vague, queries re definitions, interpretations etc)		15	4.9
Protect beaches and coast		11	3.6
Climate change NFI		10	3.3
Work with / listen to uni, CSIRO, experts etc		9	2.9
Environment needs to be maintained / preserved / protected		9	2.9
Use solar power / clean energy / renewable energy		8	2.6
Stormwater or rainwater capturing or recycling		8	2.6
Not only Council's responsibility / Work with or leave to State or Federal Govt		7	2.3
Council needs to review its practices		5	1.6
Flood planning		4	1.3
Other		36	11.8
Satisfied		5	1.6

<p>1) Stop cutting down trees!!!</p> <p>2) Climate change & rising sea levels: we know the sea levels are NOT and will NOT rise - people who have lived near the oceans all their lives say they have seen no change in the sea level. Nor have real estate prices for waterfront properties fallen. That said, the environment definitely needs protecting. Stop wasting time & money on things like rising sea levels and focus on the things that are real & important and NOW.</p>
<p>1. Encourage local residents in near vicinity of local parks/ bush areas to take more pride in local surroundings and be eyes and ears to all that happens around those areas.</p> <p>Involve young children at early age by information at school on importance of looking after their environment.</p>
<p>1. Get rid of non local trees</p> <p>2. More charges for littering</p> <p>3. Stop all Hoons in all areas in Newcastle & suburbs</p> <p>4. Cleaner roads, drains & waterways</p>
<p>1. provision of sufficient numbers of waste bins</p> <p>2. increased clearing of waste bins at prime times eg holiday weekends. Overflowing waste bins do not encourage good behaviour in the general public</p> <p>3. Impose hefty fines for littering and dumping</p> <p>4. Liaison with schools for regular and ongoing educational programmes</p> <p>5. It should be illegal for fast food outlets to sell food in anything but biodegradable materials and part of the cost of collecting and disposal of this material could be borne by the establishments that create the waste</p>
<p>A low city with open skies is important. Shade trees are important, we have very high melanoma and skin cancer rate</p>
<p>Addressing the transport issue should have a side effect of assist in managing the risk of climate change. Keeping Newcastle clean while the number of people increase is going to be a challenge. We definitely dont want our beaches full of rubbish like Bondi, however this may come from promotion and education.</p>
<p>Adhere to climate change prediction recommendations and don't allow development on marginal land. Work with potentially affected communities to develop flood management plans. Help to raise awareness about the irrefutable climate science of Australia to alter ratepayers attitudes and help to recruit them to the cause of creating a cleaner, more sustainable city.</p>
<p>Advertisement - flood the TV, radio, movie, houses with Newcastles beautiful natural environment - and stand back - where else can you park out the front when visiting tourist attraction, beaches etc</p>
<p>Again the railway line is not enhancing the natural environment but killing it.</p>
<p>All levels of government need to agree on the same strategy and everyone has to work for the same goal.</p>
<p>All of the above are interconnected. This will only be achieved by absolute communication and a community working together with all parties.</p>
<p>All of these are important, whether it is moderately, very or extremely depends on what you are talking about. So the responses are meaningless. You have to put the options in order, indicating that some will be tackled first and some will be left to later, or not tackled at all.</p>
<p>All public buildings need solar panels. I am concerned that greater efficiency' is code for rationalisations that are unpopular.</p>

<p>As a member of an active healthy cycling club, who currently have their weekly racing at Kooragang circuit where we are having to inhale coal and toxic industry dust, I would like to see NCC take a proactive role in making a cycle track through Jesmond Park where cycle racing could be undertaken at certain times (under club supervision etc.) at minimal disruption to the rest of the community having access to a safe and healthy cycling / walking trail. This environment is currently available at a number of Sydney Public Parks with cycling clubs running their weekly racing as well as in London UK. I had the opportunity of seeing this first hand in Regent Park in central London - if this is logistically possible in the city of London why can it not be done in Newcastle? If we are truly wanting to set an example to the children and adults of our city for a healthy lifestyle then lets make a sincere effort and encourage the use of our natural environment and maybe produce more adults who would rather cycle to school/ work rather than jump into a car.</p>
<p>As can be seen around Fletcher and Cammeron Park once built on these areas never return to the glorious bushland settings they once were. Wouldn't it have been better to make use of the vacant buildings in the dying CBD and salvaged the bushland?</p>
<p>Ask the people and listen to the people, not the lobbies.</p>
<p>Ask the residents before planting - I'm sure Beresfield and Tarro didn't agree to those unsightly and mismatched plants</p>
<p>Asses the tipping fees at summer-land waste center for example as \$169 a tone for green waste is not good enough hence why there is so much dumping in the bush etc</p>
<p>assist everyone in getting storm water storage systems and solar systems</p>
<p>Be educated on the issues, don't get emotive, democracy</p>
<p>Beaches and coastlines need protecting with best practice management.</p>
<p>Existing storm water drains etc. need to be managed efficiently so that local flooding does not occur when severe storms hit our coastline.</p>
<p>All services eg.rescue helicopter service, fire, ambulance, police and SES need to have plans in place to work together when/if required in an efficient and coherent manner.</p>
<p>Media contact needs to be readily available to advise and communicate with the public in emergencies as well.</p>
<p>Being a Carrington resident I am very concerned with the level of coal dust that just collects around my house on a daily basis . I am not aware if its monitored in the area but I would like to know .</p>
<p>Beresfield is quite well maintained parks and playing fields, however there is a constant trail of coal trains passing through on one side of the town and on the other the noisy New England Highway. Noise and dust pollution.</p>
<p>Better publicity of services/programs already offered Convenient means of waste disposal to minimise illegal dumping</p>
<p>Bring back curb side recycling. We don't clean out and recycle as much as we used to with the new system. Knowing it was coming up made us do it.</p>
<p>More funding to volunteer and environmental groups to do things in their local area. These things can be initiated by the groups or suggested by council.</p>
<p>build more units-no more houses. a city lives through people and houses isolate</p>
<p>by controlling the expansion of the coal industry and the impacts this expansion is currently having and will have on our city. eg; the increase of coal terminals around our port without any planning or development of infrastructure to alleviate or mitigate the effects of coal transport through our city, increases in dust levels, decline in air quality, etc</p>
<p>By ensuring that our waterways and beaches are kept clean and free from industrial pollution. Any industry developments must be strictly environmentally controled and heavily penalised for breaches, particularly near the city waterways, beaches and wetlands. Air pollution from all industrial areas across the city / suburbs should be closely and regularly monitored. An example of failure in this area is the Baiada Poultry Pty Ltd Factory Outlet in Hawthorne St Beresfield, which continually pollutes the air; but neither the council or other agencies want accept responsibility for monitoring or actioning complaints. Beach errosion also needs to be monitored and action taken to protect or repair damage expeditiously.</p>

By not cutting down 100 year old fig trees,protect them,they are an asset.
What happened in Laman St was an environmental and aesthetic disaster.
Slowly moving all heavy industry out of the city suburbs.Get the steet cleaner back.
By providing access to events / activities / sites which involve the community.
By stopping multinational companies from filling Kooragang island with highly dangerous industries. By supporting farmers wineries and stud farms (illegible) are taking a stand against coal seam gas. Standing up to the NSW state government which treats Newcastle as the poor relative
Carbon Tax is just a crock.
Has not stopped one ounce of carbon going into atmosphere so far.
Changes to our weather patterns needs to be considered in everything Council does.
Developments must not reduce our natural environment to benefit corporations profits at the expense of the community's environmental health.
Clean up reserves more, get locals interested instead of using as a dumping ground theres still a bathtub in Jenny Close on Jenny Reserve (House 8? side) where is the walkway how do we access it into next street little known area no signage allocated. Jenny Close too steep to walk upwards.
Clean up the city/buildings etc
Climate change is a natural occurance, however we are all to be aware of looking after the planet to the best of our ability.....God does not accept legal tender!!!!1
climate change is a natural, end of story.
Climate change is a nonsense developed by those irrelevant people who are seeking relevancy
Climate change is a theory, not a fact. Council should not build policy around a theory.
Climate Change is normal....
The Global Warming scientific data ...is grossly flawed...
(I am a Scientist)...as already displayed over seas and on Internet sites.
I hope NCC isn't as stupid as other Councils ie Lake Macquarie ..and "fork out" \$Millions on green regulations, ideas...and staff. ...for What!! ...a unproven theory !!
Money needs to be put into Servicesneeded NOW.
Coastal Revitalisation plan.
Community clean up program's involving schools
conduct pro-active biodiversity monitoring within the LGA and encourage research through the use of university grants
Continue and extend free native trees with rates notices.
Continue to seek input from the public at regular forum sessions
Co-ordination of council services and other utilities essential to prevent wastage of resources, ie. when work is to be effected in an area all works relating to other services is carried out / upgraded at same time
Council can only do so much, I think the public is the weak link in keeping on top of recycling and keeping our region beautiful
Council could use solar power wherever possible; encourage people to use and enjoy natural areas in a sustainable way - Blackbutt is a good example of this, but there is scope for even less developed natural spaces for people to enjoy; the potential impacts of sea level rise should be considered for development planning
Council needs to set an example here, by reducing the no. of vehicles for its staff - I was told it is greater than 100! It also ties into transport issue too.
Cradle to grave accounting would be logical in city tenders for e.g. garbage bins to name but one.

<p>Cumulative impact of dust noise pollution from the large port industry needs recognition</p> <p>health is at risk</p> <p>clean air and water at risk</p> <p>travel times on the main arterys at risk</p> <p>road safety from b double at risk</p> <p>Somehow the 20303 plan must take all these other resources factors on board. not work a if they are none existent</p>
<p>Current standards satisfactory</p>
<p>Currently, council allows noxious weeds to proliferate in waterways and council land in Lambton and North Lambton e.g. along creeks.</p> <p>Indian Myna birds are allowed to breed and proliferate and should be seen as a community (council) responsibility to eradicate - not individual ratepayers responsibility as is the case currently.</p> <p>Don't make same mistake with climate change risk that LMCC made. Hopefully McCloy will prevent this happening.</p>
<p>Depends what you mean by connected - if you mean connected literally that is one natural environment joining the next then i am totally in agreement. If you mean connected via transport then I don't agree. People will vandalise the space.</p>
<p>Do no underestimate the necessity to protct the environment.</p> <p>Stop planting non native root intense trees. Just becuase Newcastle used to have figs doesnt mean it should continue.</p> <p>You have just completed the wonderful cycle way in Stockton WHY did you plant all those Palm trees that provide near on no shade what so ever. We need our trees our creeks all the things that maek this are attractive now need to stay.</p> <p>No 2nd Orica Celan up Carrington - no new coal seam gas ..</p>
<p>Do not build a function centre in KingEdward park.</p>
<p>dont cut down anymore fig trees!!</p>
<p>dont cut down trees again unless it is very very clear tht the trees are unwell - as the laman st figs clearly were fine, and that their removal is not for an ulterior motive. NCC has lost an enormous amount of public trust over that debacle. ranging well beyond tree care</p>
<p>Don't get caught up in fig tree dramas again. I like trees but not that much.</p>
<p>Don't lease off Public land, especially our parks. Employ more gardeners and encourage people to grow herbs and vegetables in their gardens and out the front of their homes. Grow herbs as a ground cover in the garden beds in our parks with the flowers.</p>
<p>DONT remove trees, ie Laman St.</p> <p>Listen to the ratepayers.</p> <p>council is the representative of the people, not the director.</p>
<p>DONT SELL IT OFF</p>
<p>Dont waste \$\$ on puskbike stations where yu can take a city owned bike as they have in Brisbane. No one uses them...</p>
<p>Don't waste too much time on this; it needs to be maintained and we need to consider it, but not base decisions on it.</p>

Educate/encourage food and drink vendors and patrons to take responsibility for disposal/re-gathering of containers.

Progressive tree plantings/replacements for streets and public areas.

Water retention and re-use where possible.

Education for Council staff and councillors on climate change etc (perhaps open to residents so they can more fully understand how difficult the job of the Council is)

Education of school age children and youth groups to be physically involved in community gardens/vege patches

Education. Sending letters to residents, organising school activities...

Efficient for whom? It is the balance of these issues that is important than 'efficiency', 'maintaining' and 'managing'. Our parks, including pathways, flora and fauna, need proper maintenance and protection (eg take a look at the pathway in Wallsend Park).

Encourage and support the use of local resources and markets for food and products

Encourage greater use of solar energy

No more coal loaders at Newcastle Harbour

Increase rail freight capacity

Decrease heavy road transport vehicles

Encourage more native planing in urban areas to create nature corridors and better habitat

Encourage use of public transport and shared bike paths

Engage community groups to undertake environmental projects and encourage the broader community to be involved

enhance work currently undertaken by Council to deal with these issues

better integration with utilities (water electricity, gas sererage)

Enhanced natural environment does not mean cafes and shops. Plant more trees wherever it is appropriate. Ie, not in people's views, not where they pose a danger but as many as possible in the spaces that are available. We seem to have a lot of daggy little parks that are neither attractive or well maintained. Maybe they could be turned back to more natural, landscaped 'bush' gardens. Work with childcare centres, schools and other community groups to get them to take over areas of parks and vacant land to develop more community gardens. These are fantastic and ensure the local community is really 'buying in' and getting some ownership and responsibility for their local area, rather than just expecting Council to keep paying out money.

Ensure developments are adequately assessed for environmental impact by unbiased assessors.

ensure planting of trees on an ongoing basis

cleaning of streets and paths is ongoing

Lighting is increased on side roads and parks to enhance safety for walkers after hours

open up the lighthouse in a surf house fashion to visitors as per previous rejected planning proposals

Ensure that 'properties' are maintained.

Environmental management should always be number one priority. There can be no progress if we cannot maintain our environment. all wild life should be sacrosanct- we have already lost too much.

Everyone needs to more loosely hold their strong beliefs. See the other side and work on the points of convergence.

Expect proper design from domestic buildings - passive solar, integrated energy, water storage - instead of the boring repetitive lowest common denominator designs. Adaptive re-use of public buildings to maintain the mix of styles while making new uses. Good design is a matter of using brains, not extra money. Stop the assaults on the natural environment with more of those "off-sets" and "compensatory" developments. Flora and fauna evolved in place and don't read and can't talk for themselves. Large engineering and industrial works do not sit well with nature. Keep them separate.

Favour development in areas which are already degraded rather than greenfield

<p>Firstly, advise the general public of Councils intentions then meet local residents and discuss the proposal. After frank and open discussions proceed with the project and have media (TV) attending.</p>
<p>Firstly, find out what they are - then communicate that view and seek genuine consensus along majority lines - not just the views of noisy extremists and specific interest lobby groups; eg, Save Our Figs.</p>
<p>Encourage (read that as 'financially support') genuine volunteer groups to work with council staff within relevant areas; eg, bush, river, beach-side regeneration, and reduce the level of paid council employment (and contractors) in these areas through natural attrition and voluntary redundancy.</p>
<p>Fix our city, it's a disgrace</p>
<p>Focus on energy efficiency and renewables</p>
<p>Funding. Keep public transport.</p>
<p>get other arms of govt to assist, plan, provide funds, we contribute taxes etc</p>
<p>Get over the environment it is mostly common sense and well practiced get back to basic services</p>
<p>Get rid of coal trains & level crossings</p>
<p>getting rid of private motorists</p>
<p>Give priority to expert information rather than opinions of individuals driven by petty political, commercial and personal agendas. Truth and transparency should be the imperatives.</p>
<p>Given that I am still mourning the loss of Newcastle's iconic fig trees, I struggle to trust the Newcastle Council decisions on such matters. Furthermore the harbour is turning into a concrete jungle, the dam right next to Hunter Water is filled with rubbish. Community involvement is essential and Council transparency.</p>
<p>Greater emphasis on recycling in Newcastle. Walking down the street or in a shopping centre (Kotara or Charlestown) if I have finished drinking from a plastic bottle or aluminium can (both completely recyclable) I have to throw it in the garbage (landfill) as there are not extensive recycling bins in Newcastle (including within places like shopping centres). There should be a recycling bin attached to every rubbish bin in the city!</p>
<p>Green corridors are VITAL to allow nature to adapt to climate change. Plants and animals need to be able to move north/south and east/west around the country, and each LGA must cooperate in this.</p>
<p>Climate related impacts such as storms, storm surges, sea level rise, bushfires etc will increase and need to be planned for.</p>
<p>Green spaces can be enhanced around the foreshore, off the beaches etc with cafe's, showers, public toilets, and bins (a big area lacking in lots of Newcastle Parks). Better marketing of Blackbutt Reserve, and free public buses to the reserve, to eliminate parking congestion are ideas.</p>
<p>Sheltered areas in parks opposite Dixon Park, Merewether and Bar Beach, to allow people to get out of the sun, enjoy picnic and enjoy the area. This will bring people into the Newcastle City, which is not really a business hub anymore, more so an entertainment hub.</p>
<p>Grow more native plants</p>
<p>Harness the skills and energy of volunteers for environmental projects and to instill pride in our city through community involvement and achievement</p>
<p>Identify the value of these attributes eg cost of waste or the value of tourism</p>
<p>Educational programs aimed at protecting environmental values - eg litter - there is too much litter in our City</p>
<p>Have compact well designed areas for buildings height: shops, parks, houses, don't crowd the harbour.</p>
<p>Have regular (say at least every 2 months) meetings for those interested</p>
<p>Having the natural environment maintained is vitally important. Removing trees without replacing them is not acceptable. High rise buildings are becoming more and more obvious in Newcastle. These are blocking views and destroying natural resources to build them. Green architecture is the way of the future and ensuring the progress includes our natural trees and grass lands.</p>

Historic buildings (Post Office), Places (Harbourfront & parks) Must be preserved for public use/enjoyment. Too late we see the destruction of old Hunter St. now made redundant by the "canyon" of high-rise which ruins the chance of a real harbourside parkland/tourist venue as in Perth's Swan River.

Suburban streets need appropriate summer shade trees instead of the many ugly eucalypt "widow-makers" which have been allowed to reach dangerous size.

More consideration needs to be given to good development to ensure that local amenity & residential "ambience" is not diminished in the process, ie anticipate & avoid negative repercussions.

Hold environmental earth days

How about you just focus on maintaining the urban part first? Historically NCC hasn't been able to manage a tidy mall so maybe just start there & work out.

I actually don't believe the council is seafoods about this

I am not a Greenie.

I am not too sure how much more can be done to create awareness of the importance of the environment is to the people of Newcastle but some strategy to reduce the waste that ends up in the harbour and to reduce graffiti would certainly improve the living environment for its residents

I don't know much about this topic but I do believe we need to look after the assets we currently have such as the Blackbutt Reserve and Glenrock Reserve. Climate change is a major issue and needs to be addressed. The implementation of cycleways will help in reducing carbon emissions.

I don't understand the use of the word "unique" in this context. Most of Newcastle's "natural" environment no longer exists. It has been replaced by a man-made industrialised city. The few remaining pockets of natural environment such as Glenrock SCA or Blackbutt Reserve are not particularly unique, but are very important woodland remnants for wildlife & recreation usage. Likewise our beaches are not particularly unique but primarily serve Novocastrians with very important recreation spaces. Our RAMSAR wetlands are probably the most important "natural" environments we have (since humans rarely visit them), but they are significantly compromised by their industrialised estuarine environments. This is an ill-conceived motherhood statement with little factual basis!

I feel that NEWCASTLE UNI. Could be of more assistance - via enthusiastic students??

I grew up in Newcastle, its beaches, harbour and foreshore are wonderful and easily accessible but limited parking and expensive fees keep me away. Would a transport link from either of Councils car parks work and be affordable?

I have been discovering how Council have destroyed the Mayfield Church of England Cemetery behind St Andrews and the Cathedral Cemetery in the past. I find it surprising that a question like this should be asked. It is accepted that Council will bulldoze history and the natural environment. The disposal of most of Council's archives when the annex to the Council's administrative was demolished just the other day which was discussed at a recent Newcastle Historical Society meeting indicates Councils push for ethnicity over heritage. Also its large population ideology must of course lead to a lower standard of living with regard to open space and the environment. People should be told to brace themselves for this and not be deluded with fuzzy statements that things are to be rosy in the future. Living in 2030 will need to be in depressing concrete slums that we see replacing more liveable dwellings at the moment just to cater for the drastically increased ethnic population who certainly won't share the current ideology. Go to Bangladesh for visions of the future.

I have proved that the more I do water wise or electricity use, the more the utilities up the next years rates to preserve there required yearly income!! There is NO INCENTIVE!!USE less and pay more!!

I ask- What has the council done or can do to improve the environment with Orica at Kooragang, the coal trains and devastation caused by the coal mining,or the stacking of concrete on the foreshore?

I live in Mayfield. Specifically, I would love to see parkland connected and open space planted with indigenous vegetation to reduce the number of myna birds and starlings. The space along Industrial Drive could do with more trees to swallow the dust and pollutants and smaller shrubs to encourage small birds/wildlife. Serious consideration of the effect of expansion of the coal loader on local communities is still not satisfactory. No train coming into Newcastle has the load covered, nor has Council considered what other activity will see Newcastle thrive for coming generations. The reliance on coal is short sighted.

I pay the carbon tax. climate change has been solved

I see a lot of building of new homes around Newcastle but they are not built with our climate in mind. We need to ensure that new buildings are built to reduce the need for water and heating/cooling.

encouraging more community gardens and more planting on the verge to reduce the amount of lawn

I suppose like I've mentioned before if we haven't got people in decision making positions who can see what can be but only what is then we have serious problems. Our decision makers really do need to travel but I guess that means our councillors and I'm afraid I don't have a great deal of faith in their ability to see. They can all look I'm sure but they don't give any indication that they are actually capable of seeing. Perhaps they even have the ability to hear too but I doubt many of them listen.

I think council is doing a beautiful job with parks etc so by maintaining this area is a good start

I think many of the areas of Newcastle are already kept very nice - i.e. many of the parks, the wetlands centre, Honeysuckle area, Newcastle foreshore, the beaches etc look great and are managed well.

Keep up the good work!

I think the maintained & protected areas are reasonably well understood, but understanding the environment & using this to promote the maintenance & protection will make these tasks much easier. Some workshops on the unique environments we have would be a good idea.

I trust that the Council already has efficient use of resources as a target.

I think that it is important that our views of the harbour and ocean are not blocked out - the placement of Newcastle city is unique and needs to be valued.

I think tree plantings are important but should not block the view of the beautiful heritage-value architecture in the city

I think that most of the area from Fort Scratchley to the end of King Edward Park, including the bogey hole should be put on the national heritage register.

I think that King Edward Park should be better maintained - it is looking rather shabby at present

I think that building on the old Bolwing Club site at the top of King Edward Park is fine as long as the building has public access and does not use any extra parkland or block important viewing lines

I want a Newcastle that is NOT covered in concrete especially through bush. Children need to feel the earth, the dirt, plus concrete is hard on our joints and it looks awful.

Protect and celebrate our bush areas.

ie. Clump of houses that backs onto bushland. It looks better and is healthier for us all.

Ok- so Merewether is destined to be a Gold Coast but please keep some beaches more like national parks.

No more 4wd on our Dunes - Please.

I would have thought a "protected" environment would have included good public safety when moving about on foot or on public transport - including after dark when the "antisocials" emerge.

How about encouraging residents to water their trees, and actively take care of them during dry periods and droughts, so that they do not become riddled with insects, or fall over in the next wet spell (because they have never developed good deep roots). There is so much emphasis on not using water, rather than recycling what we do use or collecting rainwater to divert to our trees.

I would like to see some of this wording changed from "maintained" to "celebrated". We need to be making people aware of our natural habitats, not treating the environment as some kind of separate entity (and chore). The more people are encouraged to explore our natural environments, the more these will be looked after and prioritised over development (and "built" assets).

I understand there are some places that we need to protect from access, but making suitable areas more accessible will improve the value people place on the environment (even some commercial partnerships - people love a bush walk / trail run with somewhere to sit and have a coffee at the end!!). Glenrock's mountain bike trail alliance is a really good example.

The more people are within the environment, the more they are aware of it and will get involved to preserve it.

I would say that we need to improve our urban environment as well. Why are our street plantings not native? We have little local habitat for native birds and bees and that has a major effect on habitat and agriculture across the region. The lack of effective tree planting has also raised the temperature of the city and caused us to use energy resources unnecessarily.

I would suggest you don't make decisions like the Laman St one. Cutting down those trees was not an efficient use of resources (the money could have been better spent elsewhere) and it certainly didn't maintain, enhance or protect our unique natural environment.

If we don't have efficient use of our resources; maintain and grow our natural environment and believe in and deal with climate change impacts we will NOT have a sustainable region which is welcoming to and can accommodate visitors to share our beautiful region. Hence we will be depending upon a built environment to provide for us in the future. This would be embarrassing and criminal.

I'm not an expert but please don't just listen to the vocal minority on this issue. That's been our problem in Newcastle for far too long - the dreaded minority groups!!!!

Important that relevant management committees be locally appointed and managed.

Improve street tree maintenance/planting. Protect and rehabilitate natural areas. Engage community on climate and environmental risks. Reduce number of roads in King Edward Park.

Increased "Police Presence" where known to be needed.

Inquire into the planning and operations of Newcastle Port and including the old BHP site at Mayfield. These developments MUST be viewed holistically and in context of the cumulative impacts.

Only develop the Container terminal at Mayfield IF there is rail link/transport in and out. No more trucks.

Cover coal piles and coal trains.

No more dangerous stuff on Kooragang. Move what is there out and distribute it around. Share the risk.

More street tree planting - Mayfield please. This provides shade, wildlife corridors, wind & storm breaks and just makes the whole place softer and nicer.

Invest in and advocate for investment in research and application of renewable energy.

Invest money into our park lands etc. A great example is the Speers Point Park play ground. I draws a great crowd and generates income through the cafe.

investment and encouragement of commercial (especially those about to be built) as well as residential properties to incorporate clean energy as main sources of power. look to germany/denmark as examples.

Involve local communities in decision making & don't say to them "we have decided". That type of statement is a briefing and decision already in place.

It is critical that Newcastle's natural environment is maintained and enhanced in such a way as to keep it in it's natural state.

Bringing in an introduced species to the environment should always be seen as a bad thing to do. The natural environment along the coast from Strezlecki lookout to Merewether heights is a treeless dune. Adding trees to this area - particularly, but not only, introduced species like Norfolk Island Pines is tantamount to environmental vandalism.

Adding salt tolerating trees to a coastal environment for shade purposes is a broad bladed and unimaginative way to deal with a desire for shade. If the area naturally had such trees, then it would be appropriate, but as it does not, it is a short sighted and unimaginative approach. Council needs to find more appropriate ways of adding shade and greening the area. Built shade structures and low locally native species of shrubs and grasses is a much better approach.

It is especially important for Newcastle to aim for a "green" status to counter the coal industry and pollution in the region. Many outsiders still think of Newcastle as industrious and polluted.

It is important that Council recognises the potential impact of climate change, and interruptions to, or spikes in the price of, oil. Transition Newcastle has been piloting the Transition Streets Challenge with some success. I believe this is a program which has real potential, particularly as a partnership with Council.

It is important that the ClimateCam initiative continues to be supported by Council.

Council should continue to show leadership by adopting best practice in relation to environmental sustainability.

It is not unique- Unique means only one exists

It would be great if you STOP CUTTING DOWN OUR TREES.

It's all about image and a clean well maintained area attracts respect. Overall, city areas will always be "overused" so a well designed and funded maintenance program is key. Besides, too much emphasis remains on car access and cruising. Hoons along our beaches might be a local subculture, but not one that's respectful of the seafront or any natural environment: it needs to be displaced to an area where mechanical extra vagance and brash behaviour is less a problem. Connecting people with the environment means allowing access without having cars all around, without fear for the children and without drunken mobs pouring out of their modified car. All doors open and their loud music.

Keep any housing developements or units away from the ocean and foreshore

Keep as many fig trees/older trees as possible.

Having a modern city does not mean get rid of the old.

Keep existing parks, reserves and bushland areas, encourage the establishment of community gardens, develop effective strategies to prevent the dumping of rubbish in bushland and storm water drains

Keep large development away from natural areas that all novocastrians can frequent ,not just a select few.

Keep our upper Hunter valley in balance with mining and natural beauty

Keep parks and open areas free of garbage

Keep parks as open spaces. Limit buildings ie Kiosks in parks.

Encourage coffee carts etc instead of buildings.

Keeping our beaches clean and tidy and our cycleways is important and stopping devlopment and anti some bsuinesses needs to be considered.

A lot of people that live in the Newcastle area to work in the mines or have so assications with it.

The more devlopment the more it to drawing young and new people to the town with employeement oppotunities.

Keeping the rail line as it is discourages further use of cars into the city

Legislation is needed to make sure this (spoiling of our unique natural environment) does not happen otherwise developers will simply do as they currently do to make a profit at the expense of the above criteria.

Let Novocastrians decide our future not a bunch of stupidly greedy and inefficient politicians , check out the latest group a ICAC, and they were the ones deciding the future for themselves not NSW or us.

Listen to the scientists & act on their suggestions rather than a particular LM who is a climate change denier.

Follow the your Urban Forest Policy which includes not destroying trees to "stop reputational damage" rather than the lie that Laman St trees where dangerous.

That is right people will not let it go.

I would also like to see that the cars that the council uses are more energy efficient. In particular i would love to see the LM in a Prius.

Local Government should not focus so much on or spend as such money on cilinate change, there are other options that ratepayers care more about.

Localised workshops / working bees to environment including cleanup and ownership e.g. merewether dunes
look after what we have already
Look at the types of industry that we are encouraging to come into our environment. Try to ensure that these industries are sustainable and clean
Look at using renewable energy, council to offer incentives
Lot of money and resources are wasted on Blackbutt as a standalone entity it should work with other community assets
Maintain & link key flora & fauna corridors by limiting clearing & tree loss in those zones, providing safe fauna routes, linking to corridors outside the city.
Enhance edges eg coastal & riparian zones.
Protect key environments (eg. National parks, waterways)with buffers from development.
Encourage sustainable transport options.
Encourage & streamline volunteer program's that help maintain bush land and other natural environments.
Maintain and add to our reserves, eg Glenrock, Jesmond Park, Blackbutt, etc.
Make the most of our beaches (which we generally are doing well). I mean maintaining public access and allowing relatively attractive but low impact facilities.
Maximise public access to coastal areas generally.
Maintain environmentally efficient rail link into Newcastle
Maintain that the highest point in Newcastle is the Cathedral on the hill. The lower streetscape is maintained. No high rise.
Make more free parking at weekends so people can come and enjoy the beaches & city
Make sure decisions are evidence based - not politically biased.
make sure the natural environment is made part of public space and place e.g. parks, picnic areas, beaches in the sense that if you use it and have access you care about it.
Encourage and support environmental groups like land care, make events and educational programs that teaches people to care, create an environment centre for the public that teaches and educates us and at the sometime gives us experiences we like and treasure, make us feel special, and we will return the favour.
make sure we are prepared for the expected climate changes eg extreme rainfall and flooding
Merewether baths h been neglected and is one of our best assets! Needs help urgently! All beaches need attention, all surf club buildings. Parks and gardens very important.
More encouragement and incentives for community gardens, free native plants to encourage people to grow more plants. More parks in areas and trees in the city.
More FREE beach parking!!!
More maintenance of parklands, reserves and even sports grounds. Fine people who dump rubbish in the bush and waterways VERY heavily.
More solare everything!!
More trees (Norfolk pines) should be planted along our coast line. eg merewether, bar beach. It is so baron & unprotected. Good Examples: Manly, surface paradise, port macquarie
Most people have an understanding
Native plants should be planted in parks instead of waste water and replanting European plants every few months
NCC can work with local environmental groups to achieve these ends. Environment mus include the built environment. Newcastle has a unique and wonderful environmnet that we must protect and promote.

Need a strategy to deal with plastic bags in the waterways
Need to provide genuine conservation approaches and connectedness. For example, Blackbutt Reserve should not be developed for purposes other than environmental conservation and education. The Urban Forest policy is a great idea.
New residential developments should maintain high levels of green space and trees. Subdivisions on small blocks close to the city should be restricted and permeable surfaces increased. Bring back the suburban back yard to encourage and enhance local bird life, insects and marsupials.
Newcastle already has some magnificent urban greenery. It would be great to see this to places like our storm water drains and roads (tree lined boulevards trees dividing lanes).
Newcastle council should not be doing things that are beyond its remit, and it is silly to have these things in the plan when they are STATE GOVERNMENT responsibilities. Remove anything from the plan that cannot be achieved by the council acting within its own powers. Get back to basics and stop discussing climate change as if the Newcastle council can stop the Chinese from burning fossil fuels purchased from Brazil.
Newcastle has done a pretty good job at protecting its natural assets. I like that its not overly developed, and have misgivings about the redevelopment of the Merewether foreshore, but recognise that formal development provides better access and limits degradation.
Newcastle has wonderful parks and sports facilities which I notice the council are gradually upgrading. In the city the Athletics ground opposite the new National Park stadium looks shabby and URGENTLY needs a clean up and new fencing. For a small outlay it could be freshened up to match the other facilities. Linking paths and cycleways around the parks increase use. it is very important to maintain parks, green areas as this helps to enhance city and improve lifestyle for both humans and animals!
Newcastle is uniquely beaches and harbour and both should be promoted.... Newcastle, because it is so windy is unable to grow interesting deciduous trees like Canberra can therefor we need to make the city attractive by other means. The options are endless.
No coal seam gas. Clear the air of coal dust from the coal loaders (ie stricter regulations for PWCS and NCIG). Clean up the air pollution.
No development approvals on coastal land (We have wonderful public spaces...keep them for the public!).
Collect rainwater off every roof?
Litter reduction campaign?
no further industries on kooragang is. and the industries that are there now need to be made more accountable as there in a lot of pollution into the waterways and air
No further private development along foreshore, maintaining and developing new open community spaces which take advantage of beautiful aspect.
Greening of open spaces eg planting more trees
Providing a strong voice to force the State Govt to consider Newcastle as a city of people not a container port and coal mine. Linking together with other councils to provide a united voice
no more cutting down figs for lies.
No more destroying trees, someone with brains to care for over trees
no more roads, no more urban sprawl. i.e.:
For too long the approach to Sustainable Lifestyle by govts has failed. Our community deserves a Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and we will except nothing less. Healthy sustainable cities by promoting safe active transport culture (combine walk, cycling, bus, train with appropriate higher density infilling of cities to stop urban sprawl and car addiction). Cities focused on people, not on cars spewing out toxic exhaust emissions (asthma and cancer causing), creating danger, obesity (sedentary travel) and climate change. Safe, efficient, equitable, ethical, socially just transport for all (pedestrians, children, disabled, blind, wheelchair, cyclists, motorists, etc.), not discriminatory. Since the 90's car culture has stopped generations of kids that have lost their mobility of walking/cycling places. Curtin uni has done a study that show the infrastructure costs for a new suburb are \$684,000 per dwelling (Curtin_Sustainability_Paper_0209). Putting this money to infilling the city, will also make Newcastle a

safe cycling tourist attraction, which will bring many visitors and to town.

The entire approach to road safety must be turned around to a strategy of Road Danger Reduction.

The current small changes proposed will see our Community get more obese. The Gov's have an obligation to create a safe city for people not cars. We must plan for a "Safe Active Travel 30 for 30" concept. Safe Active Travel 30 for 30 means by 2030 we should have 30km/hr local speed limits and trips : 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest. We must aim for high targets and for the long term because we have lost so much ground in the last few decades of urban sprawling car culture. So the local speed limit needs to be 40km/hr across the whole NCC area NOW! Then lobby RTA for 30km/hr for world's best safe practice in Europe. At the moment 40 and 50 zones and school zones are quite confusing so to make it simpler and safer, a 40 limit is much better. We must match funding for the targets so 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest means the money is split this way. Even though NCC has little say in state public transport, they need to fund active transport modes of combining walk/cycle with public transport. Otherwise spending money on the way travel share is, means more roads and more cars. Need heaps more pedestrian crossings across all main roads so even cyclists can walk their bike across a road, also gives peds/cyclists priority. Block off more local roads to make cycling more convenient. Block off Hunter St to cars, let them go down King St. Every bike/pedestrian route must feel safe for 90% of 10 year olds to travel by themselves. Safe routes to schools must be a priority to get kids healthy and stop them costing our country \$billions of health costs later.

Need to stop driving most kids to school. Need to stop the car culture of mothers accidentally killing their own toddlers (like on 27th Sept 2011 in Australia) while backing their car out of their driveway. Whenever Governments and authorities continue to bow to the car lobby and let car culture thrive, more road death will occur when they could help Newcastle to be the safest, nicest, friendliest (no road rage, etc) city in Australia.

Remove all pictures of bikes causing road rage, crashes confusion on the roads NOW! Stop the wasteful money on narrow bike lanes (These rely on cars being parked touching the gutter and people checking before opening their door. But too many bigger SUVs, trucks and people not checking before opening doors mean this is not a safe option to entice the 30% of people . Sure it may entice 5% but this target is laughable, we need proper sustainable 30% target). They are not a success if we double cycling because of them. We need to get all people walking/cycling, even the ones who are very scared to walk/cycle because of the cars. Bikes and pedestrians should be separated, because similar conflict arises when numbers are large. We don't want safe cycleways clogged with walkers, and people find it more convenient to drive a car. Must make walk/cycle/public transport more quicker than cars for all short trips.

Increasing walk/cycle/public transport means reducing car trip for the same amount of trips. This is a fact . Lets not try and keep motorists happy with how they are going. Many motorists must be kicked out of their cars for most of their trips and only then will they realise the light on the other side, and the

Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle is now for them. The car culture and advertising is a hard thing to fight, but we must!

Cycle routes on their own don't create mode transfer from cars. All roads must be safe for walking and cycling and the use of private motor vehicles must be strongly discouraged. Planners must look to walking and cycling as the primary modes of transport for everyone. Public transport must be seen as the secondary modes, for longer distances. Cars must be seen as the last resort. All council policies must be audited for their transport implications. Everyone must have the choice not to own a motor vehicle.

With the increase in car dooring accidents as a result of cyclists riding too close to parked cars and in the drivers blind spot we should consider not supporting bicycle shoulder lane markings in parking lanes and rather place the bicycle symbols at the right of the edge line and encourage cyclists to utilise the parking shoulder lane when its safe to do so as a courtesy to other road users. There are a lot of crashes from motorists not seeing the cyclist until the last second and they clip the cyclist when passing them. This is due to motorists travelling too close to the car in front and the cyclist being squeezed out of sight. The 1st motorist sees the cyclist and squeezes past him without changing lanes. The motorist following the first car thinks all is OK (nothing is ahead to dodge) until a cyclist appears too close on the left. The

engineering solution to the clipping a cyclist when squeezing past them is to either cause the 1st motorist to change lanes (which signals to the following car that something is ahead) or to have proper 1m clearance zones between cyclists and traffic lanes.

Dedicated Bicycle Lanes should be constructed in accordance with World's best standards (E.g. Dutch):

clearance to pass the open door of a parked car in the adjacent parking lane without leaving the bicycle lane. A 1 metre separation is desirable.

lane widths that are adequate to carry the anticipated bicycle traffic, that continue through intersections

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road with a posted speed limit above 70km/h to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane.

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane. This should be at least 1 metre, because "1m matters" (Amy Gillett campaign)

(Unfortunately the relevant sections of the RTA/RMS NSW Bicycle Guidelines, the AustRoads guidelines of 2012 (<https://www.onlinepublications.austroads.com.au/items/AP-G88-11>) do not meet appropriate safety standards for 13 year old children to feel safe in "marked bike lanes" that put them in positions of hitting car doors, or cars passing them on their right too close)

Many motorists will believe wherever the bike symbol is placed, that is the place where cyclists MUST ride their bike over the symbol painted on the road. It is confused as a bike lane. So all the problems associated with "Road Shoulder Lanes" below exist, even without edge lines. The bike symbols are very confusing, most motorists don't think it's a bike route marking, they think it's a bike placement marking (where you should ride your bike). Bike route signs are not confusing. Bike symbols create confusion and road rage.

Bicycle symbols in shoulder lanes can even be counterproductive as they give cyclists the impression that it's a safe space to ride and motorists the impression that it's a bicycle lane and cyclists should not be in the traffic lane. And they can give an impression of safe passing distances (of motorists passing cyclists) well less than 1 metre.

For full references why we need a Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and a safe separated cycle network please see the fact sheets and research from <http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/> and the Australian Bicycle Council.

Action needed for Safe, ethical, equitable, socially just, non-discriminatory Happy, Healthy Sustainable active transport network

Not really sure where or what your hoping to achieve with these questions

Not sure what you mean by greater efficiency in the use of resources. Take each case on its merits. Let the people of the city influence what better use of resources means. involve local community members and hold public meetings about planning proposals - dont just determine 'greater efficiency based on neo liberal approaches take into account social factors

Of course it is all important, explain to me what is so unique about Newcastle now. You make it sound as though we live in this paradise called Newcastle. Newcastle people are not idiot's, we all know the place is run down.

Once again ... listen to the scientists and advertise a lot better, all the drop off and pick up recycling options. At the same time more education is needed as to why we recycle, where it goes and what happens to it .. etc. We need to start with local schools. A lot of schools have really good green systems going but it would be nice that the local council also involve themselves with the schools. Those kids go home and educate their parents.

Open up the Civic area through to the harbour. lots a large potted plants, and trees. Always kept clean. Encourage the young people to care for the city, the more the city shows itself to have good transport, and attractive streets, this will lift the spirits of us all.

Our Storm Water Runoff should be captured and used by individual households and major businesses, and by Council, Instead of being pumped into creek systems. It should be made easy by Council and perhaps subsidised for Homeowners to install tanks for water storage and use in toilets and laundry. I would think it would be cheaper to subsidise retrofitting households and businesses than it would be to redesign the storm water system of Newcastle.

Encourage schools to study the natural environment around their community for students to take ownership and understand the importance of caring for the environment.

people should be made aware when purchasing homes in the lower lying areas the risk of rising seawater. eg. wickham, maryville, tighes hill, etc

Planning permissions are crucial here. It is time that every government department had a climate change and sustainable resource awareness filter, that it employs to guide every decision.

Newcastle has huge pressures on it, in terms of a being a growing east coast city, and as a huge coal port.

Plant more local native trees and stop chopping down so many trees. Newcastle could be a very attractive place but there are too few trees.

Plant more trees and flowers, honeysuckle and most of CBD is a desolate shadeless hell

Please focus on water management, including stormwater harvesting and re-use, to ensure that the city does not further exacerbate the issues surrounding water quality and quantity impacts on local waterbodies.

Port facilities in Newcastle should be encouraged to import/export commodities other than coal and should be supported by a rail network.

Coal trains should have covers on the carriages.

Community vegetable gardens should be encouraged; they are a good non-confrontational avenues for raising awareness of the environment in the community.

Installation of free watering points for refilling water bottles should be installed in public places with information about catchments and water quality (similar to the Manly council initiative).

Preserve Blackbutt & other natural areas

Preserve historical and natural features. The Foreshore made Newcastle 20 years ago. Keep up the good work.

previous ideas and works show you don't understand the above question

Promote more public activities to use our fantastic venues that we have

Proper and careful infrastructure development & Planning.

By not repeating the mistakes of other major cities.

By consulting with all interested parties re. development.

protect and improve the public domain.

Stop the destruction of our environment as happened at Laman Street where beauty shelter and amenity were destroyed at great cost and no gain.

protect our coastline at all costs and stop development in honeysuckle

Protect the existing environmental conditions and do what can be done to make improvements eg Stockton Beach erosion. But attempting to cater for theoretical climate change is a misdirected misnomer and a waste of energy & time.

protected from overdevelopment.

take a long range viewpoint, create a vibrant but not trashy or tacky image

space, open plan, public land, open access for people to walk around,

vital pedestrian precinct necessary for success

Protection and conservation of native forests and bushland as well as open parkland spaces.

<p>Provide community developments that centre around sustainable living, such as assisted living with residents screened and selected according to what they can provide in each residential development. Utilise sustainable building design and focus on smaller housing with greater facilities for community activities centreing around water/waste recycling, social areas looked over by all residential buildings and food production.</p>
<p>Include in these social areas - information centres for community activities city-wide and public education and specialists for consultation on "how-to" educate the community members on all topics relating to resources, natural environment maintenance, and managing environmental and climate change risks.</p>
<p>Public awareness by way of media. Objectives of the City of Newcastle in promoting our Natural environment, eg. enhance it, keep it tidy, maintained and make it a place for people to want to visit and have some recreational fun.</p>
<p>The community could come and work together in helping to maintain these areas in some circumstances and I think many would like to be involved in such. Involve the community by awareness of and a certain amount of responsibility needs to be taken by them as well.</p>
<p>Q 2 can only be understood by the writer - if they know what they are talking about. Talk plain language to the people.</p>
<p>recognise the importance of conserving a natural tidal Hunter Estuary that is not compromised by dredging for short sighted port developments. attempt to recreate natural harbour side vegetation zones instead of concrete jungles. bear in mind that our harbour and coastline areas are aquafuna and waterbird habitats.</p>
<p>Recycling water whenever possible, sustainable building methods. Keep parks for use of our citizens not developers.</p>
<p>Refer to unbiased professionals e.g. University and research specialists</p>
<p>remove all street trees</p>
<p>Remove poorly educated council officers, out source all environmental maintenance and allow public input to intergenerational amenity</p>
<p>Retaining the inner city rail line will not only assist with reducing emissions from the hundreds of buses on the roads but provides a connected and environmentally friendly transport system for the residents of Newcastle, the Hunter Valley and Central Coast</p>
<p>Roads maintained to help traffic flow Better signage for school zones, in T intersections and side roads entering school zones Clear vision at intersections</p>
<p>Save money and lower paid rates. If a tangible rating does not occur---forget it.</p>
<p>Show DVD on Peak Oil in Cuba, to all council staff, and ask for their feedback as to council vulnerabilities.</p>
<p>Social and economic development should be considered in an equal context with the environmental impacts. It is impossible to avoid any environmental impacts. We should accept that and make sure we achieve the best social and economic outcomes for each development.</p>
<p>All existing public open space and environmental areas should be protected - but not every last tree in the entire LGA.</p>
<p>Trees on single properties should not prevent the construction of a house - given the likelihood that there will be substantial green space/landscaping following completion of the house.</p>
<p>Sometimes I think that councils tend to over reach in their remit. Protecting the environment in our local area should be part of the responsibility of council, while environmental and climate change risks, like nuclear disarmament, seems somewhat outside of what most ratepayers would want a council to manage.</p>
<p>Councils should focus on the small things. By doing small things, big things happen. For example, the revegetation of native plants in degraded and weed infested areas is something that is achievable and lasting.</p>
<p>Sometimes things are done eg new turf laid in parks but it is not watered so becomes a waste.</p>

sorry but I can't answer this question. It's a load of waffle and certainly not very descriptive and specific enough. It's ridiculous really. You've used big words in fancy sentences. How is anyone meant to answer this?

stop building bloody great concrete cubes on any vacant land

Stop chopping down beautiful old trees. Take a leaf out of places such as Kyoto Japan where ancient trees are supported with wooden supports that act as sculptures that protect public amenity, protect the spirit of places and provide great shade and cool breezes on hot days. No more Laman Streets please.

stop chopping down trees

Stop chopping trees. Value the beauty and cooling effect of a street lined with trees.

Stop cutting down trees as this wastes tax payers monies.

Stop removing established trees. Plant more but protect those already in our green areas. The Council needs to change it's image. Chopping down our parks and chipping the trees into trucks with silly statements about planting 30,000 trees is beyond farcical. It's embarrassing. Be seen to care.

Stop removing so many trees. Grow more suitable street trees and more of them. Prune trees more effectively around power lines instead of cutting great chunks out.

stop selling of land for development

retain and acquire more parks

Get rid of Fig Trees

replace Laman street with a mall and with shade cloth between NATIVE TREES and shrubs with a cafe in library spilling out on to mall above the fountain NO FIGS

stop spreading out and ruining the green belts, leave some trees use residential land better

Support groups involved in environmental activities (eg. Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, Shortland Wetlands, Blackbutt.

Protect areas of natural bushland (eg George McGregor Reserve, Jesmond bushland) and manage weed problems.

Consider planting native Australian plants before exotic species in parkland and as street trees.

Support of Landcare groups ridding the coastline of noxious bitou and planting Australian natives. Planting of trees in public places to promote shade and be wind breaks. NO parking meters at beaches but lockers for possessions.

Sustainability approaches need a rethink- legislate to place the environment first and not the economy. This is called foundational sustainability.

Sustainable development is not the way forward for Newcastle, I do not not believe in the plans developed for S.D. as it is just a charade for control.

Tell people what Newcastle has as unique and how it might be maintained & protected. List other areas their problems so we don't make the mistakes they might have made.

tell the dip s**t rangers at blackbut to allow road cyclists to use the fire trail instead of abusing us when we do!

because apparently our 23mm of rubber tire is destroying the firetrail and upsetting wild life... yea f***ing right get a life

The ' broken window' philosophy espouses fixing the (metaphorical) broken window as soon as it is broken. If the window is not fixed, the other windows will be broken and soon an ugly mess is evident. On the other hand, if, for example, ugly graffiti is removed as soon as it is spotted/reported, a message is sent to ratepayers that NCC cares about our city and is pro-active in maintaining our environment.

The best use of harbourfront or beachfront land in terms of making the most of our natural environment is not parking areas (e.g. Bar Beach and Lee Wharf). or roads (e.g. Shortland Esplanade and John Pde Merewether). The best use is for recreation, including passive recreation. Imagine if memorial drive between Ocean Street and Watt Street had been converted to parkland with cafes restaurants and bars under the redevelopment of the Royal Newcastle Hospital Site opening onto a plaza connecting to the beachfront.

Already the council has improved the Bar Beach Car park, but Much more could be done.

Another opportunity is to extend Empire Park to include the adjacent section of Memorial Drive, so that the park connects with the beach. Traffic could be diverted into Bar Beach Ave and Kilgour Avenue and traffic flow could be enhanced by using part of the Park at the intersection of those streets to provide a better road design.

There is still the opportunity to convert John Pde along the Merewether beachfront into a single lane of traffic, some very limited parking for residents, a bicycle track, walkway, landscaping seating and perhaps even some exercise equipment.

Similar use could be made of Shortland Esplanade south from Nobby's to the first house fronting the Esplanade north of the Ocean Baths.

The city scape needs to be maintained (building height). Preserve parkland

The Climate Change "thing" is destroying the creativity and the natural benefits which Australia has. Newcastle must NOT be prevented from taking new and available opportunities.

The climate has been changing for thousands of years, it's the natural way of things. In saying that, the biggest threat to the environment is the cutting down of trees and the destruction of our forests. A basic fact is that trees absorb carbon dioxide and give of oxygen, the more trees we have the cleaner our atmosphere will be. It should be law that all houses have steel frames and synthetics be used instead of timber where possible.

The correct and balanced use of our resources this includes the better use of our harbour with a new passenger terminal, being a multi purpose building on the water near Honeysuckle Drive and not a tent between a coal loader and a grain loader. Establishing a container terminal with rail only access on the old BHP site. Upgrading Newcastle Airport to international status as the second airport to Sydney with a very fast train connection to Sydney via Stockton Charlestown, Belmont, Swansea through to northern Beaches then on to Sydney.

Climate change is way overstated and we need to calm down on the over statements re-determined.

The council have developed a habit of enhancing and improving an area and then the area is left to neglect Trees ,parks,beaches and gardens are left to neglect and poor maintenance hence shabby unkept gardens and parks with trees dying and becoming diseased become the long term picture.Parks in Europe and Asia are much more attractive and well kept hence loved and used by their communities.We need to address the care and maintenance programs for all city assets with a systemstic proram in place for continued regular maintenance which is far more cost effective in the long tem.priveate land and property owners are more responsible and more accountable than public enterprise

The environment sustains us. Without it, we have nothing. Taking responsible care of it to ensure its functionality for future generations is a no brainer.

Council should maintain public open spaces to reflect their natural heritage, i.e. only use native plants for landscaping, as this encourages local fauna and promotes biodiversity.

Maintaining and restoring the beaches and coastline should also be prioritised. For example, dogs are frequently brought to Bar Beach, where they endanger the biota of the rock pools, yet I have never seen a council ranger there. When I once asked a woman to remove her dog, she scowled at me and told me to 'f**k off' - she always brings her dog there. If council policed this, she might not have that attitude.

The first questions is unclear. Please define resources. Do you mean financial? natural?

The importance of keeing the wonderful assets that we have should take precedence over creating more - this applies to the natural and the built environment

The information boards that have been appearing on bush walks/beach sides recently ae helpful in disseminating information.

The key words are understood and managed. I do not believe anyone has the answers to these questions.

Eg If the sea level is expected to rise 1 metre in 100 years and we are expecting the houses being built to be raised above this level. Will the raods be raised above this level as well or will we be another Venice?

<p>The natural coastline around Newcastle is worth more than all the coal in the Hunter Valley. Do not sacrifice one for the other.</p>
<p>The optimum use (and therefore funding) of volunteer groups such as Coastcare is an essential element in environmental care. It is a cost effective resource which can mitigate the lack of public funding in this area. Newcastle has many unique natural features (such as Blackbutt Reserve and the beaches) which significantly enhance the livability of the city. Climate change impact management is significantly greater than local government.</p>
<p>The removal of the Laymen St trees was the least efficient use of resources. Just to allow for the redevelopment of the gallery.</p>
<p>The second 2 points above are too philosophical & vague, what exactly will be done?</p>
<p>The wetland centre needs to be further supported and promoted and expanded into Hexham swamp, cycle and pedestrian paths need to be established along drains, creeks and the coast line, to demonstrate the natural environment of the estuary.</p>
<p>Create further bush reserves in the residential expansion corridors and plan for higher density urban centres. Create a plan to re-zone and redevelop urban industrial waste lands, instead of greenfield sites on the fringes.</p>
<p>The wording "Greater efficiency in the use of resources" is too ambiguous to be useful as a survey question.</p>
<p>What "resources"? (Funding? Council staff time? Natural resources? Community resources?). People will have very different things in mind when responding to this. I opted for "very important" on the basis that it meant "natural resources".</p>
<p>The world is warming. We must prepare .</p>
<p>There is too much pollution coming from the large businesses on Kooragang and Mayfield. We need stricter enforcement laws placed to make the air cleaner.</p>
<p>There must not be built a conference centre at the top of King Edward Park. This is a special place very much used by the public and should remain a beautiful space people can walk to and look over the ocean, not exclusive access into a costly conference centre. In the horseshoe formed valley below bitou bush removed and native vegetation replanted.</p>
<p>Very happy with the restoring of the Bogey Hole. It is safer than before.</p>
<p>There should be maps clearly showing present day environmental resources, and there could be community debate about the value of retention of designated resources, which to keep and which can be re-allocated or given other purposes.</p>
<p>This "strategic direction" is difficult to grasp, I would be wanting to go to some specific issues in this area rather than trying to work out a general approach. There would be specific areas of the Newcastle environment that I would like to have protected and enhanced like clean air and green spaces and natural spaces. I would like to know if some are under threat.</p>
<p>This is critical to the resilience of the city and requires future scenario planning that involves many different stakeholder opinions and perspectives so that we look at these problems from lots of different angles. Bring the people with you to design solutions here.</p>
<p>This question is why you get a lot of negative answers. Go ahead & do what has to be done I am sure you are all there to make our beautiful city (which I love) & foreshore a remarkable place.</p>
<p>To ensure this happens education is key. Information should be distributed through a variety of mediums and be included in rates notices etc.</p>
<p>To my knowledge Council has never had public meetings to educate the community about the high risks the City faces as a result of projected Climate Change.</p>
<p>Compared to other urban coastal Councils Newcastle City Council has been irresponsible in failing to take a leadership role. For a highly urbanised City built on a flood plain Council's failure to inform, educate and involve the community is incomprehensible.</p>

<p>To 'Protected' I'd like to add the historical and cultural environment.</p>
<p>The destruction of a major historical, cultural and archaeological site (as per KFC debacle) must not happen again.</p>
<p>The NCC can influence this by introducing or better publicising guidelines for developers regarding sites of historical significance - this would send a strong message that despite the mayor being a developer, culture and history are valued and respected In Newcastle.</p>
<p>To start monitoring of waste discharge need to be acknowledged and managed/fined.</p>
<p>Tourism with a greater awareness of our environment and this will bring a demand of funding and protection</p>
<p>Trees are protected and kept maintained if not by council than by volunteer groups.</p>
<p>Turn district park into a huge lake, filled with stormwater from the adjacent drain.</p>
<p>Use experience of greener cities elsewhere. Make sure research is done and presented to community BEFORE Council decisions are made.</p>
<p>Use our natural environments for a higher level and number of community activities.</p>
<p>utilise the high quality researchers at the university to properly understand exactly what the environmental and climate change risks are before trying to "manage" anything.....there is actually an Environmental and Climate Change Research group at the University of Newcastle....right in your backyard but noboyd from Newcastle Council has ever consulted them</p>
<p>Very important to plan for future for future sea level rise - the longer we delay proactive action themore costly works will be to address potential future problems. Protection of natural bushland, parks, trees and beaches are very important to teh character of the city.</p>
<p>waterways/ stormwater</p> <p>all the concrete layed, water run off to drains rubbish catchers also from drains to creeks to harbour flushing out to sea, one stalling area cowper street bridge carrington, year ago the water passing under the bridge flushed mudand silt to the deeper areas of the port, clean water passing,oxygenate the water,drift oysters catch the pilons ect fih habitate, many spicies too. now mud silt thick,low tide stink just past the bridge. no fish, also blood/mud worms gone mud/silt pollution ect.needs help1</p>
<p>We already know about the risks in climate change. Please don't spend more money in another bloody assessment by paying incredible fees to some dodgy consultant. Start saving energy now!</p>
<p>We are a coastal city, we must act on climate change.</p>
<p>We are blessed with an amazing area. It must be maintained and protected.</p>
<p>We are so lucky to have the beaches that we have we should be both looking after them and using them as tourism to attract people to this wonderful place. One of the biggest issues we have is that to get to our natural resorces you have to drive through what looks like an unloved and down and out town!</p>
<p>We have some amazing natural resources here- teh Hunter Estuary & the shorebirds (great plug on the site), Blackbutt, Awabakal, Shortland Wetlands, beaches just to name a few....it's been good to see some improved signage in public places about the importance, NCC improvements and community involvement. These are not only encouraging but build community pride, understanding and ownership. So more of that is great- even though it is hard to upkeep the signage in so many different/ important areas.</p>
<p>We need to maintain our natural environment to keep our ecosustem in balance.</p>
<p>We need to make the city safe, attractive, easy to move around. Variety in shopping, scenery & activities to make people want to visit the city without coming in just to shop</p>
<p>We need to protect the unique flora & fauna that we have in Australia & must not allow any further development without the provision of wildlife corridors which can both benefit the wildlife by allowing them to travel between areas & territories, thus ensuring genetic diversirty. We need to preserve the wonderful Blackbutt Reserve & do our utmost to provide wonderful wildlife displays there too.</p>
<p>We really have to be serious about the enviroment but also be careful that we do not over do the expenditure to cure all ills. A balanced aproach is required to this work and it should have a lot of input from the community and not self interest groups this is where the city needs to get all its citizens aboard and give them confidence that we have a practical council on this matter.</p>

<p>We rely on the coal industry for our livelihoods, and we should acknowledge and celebrate that fact. There is NO alternative for us, and our lifestyles depend on it. Newcastle will never progress if it continually feels ashamed of our premier place in the forefront of the coal industry.</p>
<p>We should be proud of our "urban forest". It should be protected and nurtured. It is not the job of a local council to educate on the risks of climate change. Leave this to the big boys and focus on making sure we have a pleasant, green city.</p>
<p>We should not be wasting money on new infrastructure in areas that will be lost with sea level rise.</p>
<p>We will achieve results through the efficient use of resources. We need to educate people on alternatives, e.g car pooling, reduction in electricity and use of appliances. Use of public transport, however we need an efficient transport system to accomplish this.</p>
<p>We would be nuts not to look after our environment: I see it is already under threat in King Edward Park where a conference centre is being proposed. That aside, whether by natural or by man-made threats, our coastal waters are likely to rise over the next century - and while I'll not be here for that long I doubt that my grandchildren will thank any of us if we do not preserve what we already have. As the city population grows and intensifies it will become more important for us to keep the natural environment we have (it might even become a museum!!!) and to take action regarding climate change - just as we did with the hole in the ozone layer caused by CFCs.</p>
<p>Wharf Rd and the Harbour side developments are above Hunter St. As the sea rises with climate change Hunter St will be subject to flooding. The Council to be aware of good drainage</p>
<p>What do you mean by 'enhanced'? A dedicated effort is needed to remove lantana from the areas of bushland around the city.</p>
<p>Why does Civic Park have non-native flower gardens maintained daily with copious water and non-mulched beds. It may appear a minor point but why are the prominent council gardens not an example to the whole city of sustainable, native gardens. Civic tree planting seems poorly planned except in very new areas. No one seems to understand that more concrete, paving, asphalt increases water run off as water rushes to find a place to escape. A huge attention should be made to surfaces that soak water in heavy downfall properly not increase risk of flooding. Every one finds the beach a relaxing place all year round because it is the only slice of nature left in our city other than the parks which are maintained in an ad hoc way</p>
<p>Within the last 10 years great improvements have been made in alerting the public to the importance of the environment and its enhancement - the pressure groups responsible need to keep up the effective work - don't give up in the face of the developers and business men only interested in money and making the appearance of achieving instead of thinking and valueing.</p>
<p>Work together with knowledgeable horticulturalists and continue to offer rate payers native plants from our area. Organise more working parties to get rid of pest weeds</p>
<p>Work with Council to spread the word</p>
<p>Work with other utilities/service providers eg water, energy, planning departments to improve overall understanding of areas where the greatest cost benefit can be achieved.</p>
<p>Worried much money will be spent on fruitless tasks - this issue could be a huge money pit if not handled with intelligence</p>
<p>You need to avoid "weasel words".. What do you mean by connected?</p>

VIBRANT AND ACTIVATED PUBLIC PLACES

VIBRANT AND ACTIVATED PUBLIC PLACES: Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards ensuring Newcastle is a city of great public places and neighbourhoods promoting people's health, happiness and wellbeing.

	Base (those answering) n= 336	n=	%
SAFETY			27.7
Police / security presence		31	9.2
Lighting		19	5.7
CCTV		22	6.5
Crime issues/Antisocial behaviour		9	2.7
Other safety		12	3.6
DEVELOPMENT			21.1
Preserve or use heritage buildings		30	8.9
DA process/approvals		11	3.3
Hunter Street / CBD revitalisation		10	3.0
Demolish derelict buildings / address derelict buildings		3	0.9
Other development		17	5.1
COUNCIL FACILITIES			18.5
Parks/Sportsgrounds/ Pools		30	8.9
Art gallery / Museum		19	5.7
Public toilets		8	2.4
Library		4	1.2
Other Council facilities		1	0.3
TRANSPORT			17.9
Public transport		25	7.4
Walking routes / promote walking		16	4.8
Parking		9	2.7
Cycle paths		9	2.7
Other transport		1	0.3
ALCOHOL RELATED COMMENT			10.7
Small bars / cafes		15	4.5
Limit or police pubs/clubs/alcohol sales		14	4.2
Alcohol free zones		4	1.2
Education re alcohol		2	0.6
Other alcohol		1	0.3
OTHER			55.1
Livesites / Festivals / Markets / Events (more of)		41	12.2
Increase people numbers / Get people out and about		14	4.2
More child or family friendly activities		13	3.9
Make places clean/tidy/presentable/no graffiti		12	3.6
Not only Council's responsibility / Work with or leave to State or Federal Govt		8	2.4
Placemaking initiatives, community gardens etc		8	2.4
Support local/neighbourhood/community groups and centres		8	2.4
Comment regarding wording (eg vague, queries re definitions, jargon etc)		6	1.8
Need to consider all people / groups		6	1.8
Support / make it easier for commercial or business enterprise		6	1.8
Tourism		6	1.8
Move uni to CBD		5	1.5
Public art		4	1.2
Other		48	14.3

<p>"Maps" of nice walking areas (not roads), without fumes & vehicles, closest to our homes please please shortcuts to shops. Small free buses to clubs & sporting clubs, maybe clubs will pay a small fee to Councils for same. I'll pay \$3 to & from but choices please to which club.</p>
<p>"Places" should not only include the venues for public gatherings, but also there needs to be more development of safe routes for interesting walks by the individual.</p>
<p>"Public places that provide for diverse activity and strengthen our social connections" My problem is what is there is no survey or information as to what the activity could be. There are a large number use the waterways but I feel the focus is more about walkways and related</p>
<p>"Safe and activated places that are used by people day and night". How are you going to do do this, exactly? I smell yet another community action plan that ends up having no impact at all. EDUCATE people so they drink sensibly. That would make the place safer</p>
<p>*More funding and support to existing Neighbourhood Centres ran by NGO's so hall rates can be kept a an affordable price.</p> <p>*Get the Hunter St Mall working</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a Stage where dress rehearsals during the day can be performed ie. dancing, ballroom dancing, circus, singing, choir, musicians from conservatorium, comedians, school kids, star struck, all gaining valuable experience performing to people. get the radio stations live broadcaste.Lunch time or evening performances on the stage show casing current show at the Civic Theatre. - A really large Screen - for people to congregate to watch special events such as football grandfinals, Olympics, New Years Eve. -Make the Mall look pretty again with flowers, tidy presentation, celebrate the historical buildings, Barista Competitions, expos, holiday program activities (ie Treasure Hunt encourages kids to go in and out each shop)Painting, giant puzzles, Water Features that are relaxing, calming and pretty. <p>*Encourage people the Mall to be a place people dress up to go to, high fashion, Flashy restuarant ("my restuarant rules")</p> <p>*We just need great transport to the mall and or free parking, so nice shops will move in.</p> <p>*Bring back the Cycling criterium through the Hunter St area.</p> <p>*No grafitti, no bus stop shelter post codes. Looks depressing and untidy.</p>
<p>1. Removal of derelict buildings with no significant heritage value to provide more public spaces around the CBD (& suburbs)</p>
<p>2. All developments to have a max two year limit before buildings work has to commence otherwise the DA approval is withdrawn & penalties based on a % of the project value imposed</p>
<p>1. simplified approval and implementation 2. don't rule out private sector engagement and activation e.g. a coffee shop in Civic Park. 3. build commercial and population pressure by facilitating higher density development in important nodes. 4. focus the effort to three or four centres - stop spreading it to every shopping strip in the region.</p>
<p>1. Stop noisy & foul language concerts on foreshore 2. Port authority to clean its act up & to share its responsibility with Council</p>
<p>24 / 7 CCTV, monitored and real-time actioned. Effectively manage public-place disorder through being visible (may be private and public staff). Open closed shops, even if peppercorn leases need to be negotiated for the short-term - incentives need to be provided to businesses to come back into the CBD. Provide motivated resources to ensure that public places are kept clean, tidy and presentable, and make commercial businesses accountable for mess that is made by their late night clients - they should pay for additional security and clean-up crews for late night revellers, especially as they obviously do not adhere to the RSA laws.</p>
<p>A city becomes "safe" when its alive i.e When there are people around.</p>
<p>A redeveloped Art Gallery is essential to enrich the Civic/Cultural/Educational precinct. Should be a top priority.</p>

A water park like in Townsville and south bank QLD at the foreshore park would be a fantastic place for families to go on a hot day. It can be packed away in winter.

Activated public places is a ridiculous phrase and implies either the author uses a lot of jargon or doesn't know how to use English. Why can't it just say active instead of activated?

Activities such as Livesites and places such as honeysuckle, civic park & the foreshore (to name a couple) are all fantastic to see the city come alive! These need to continue.

Street Festivals like Darby Street & Baeumont Street are also fantastic & need to stay.

Keeping the community actively engaged in the City & providing places that are vibrant and safe is absolutely critical to the success of a City

Additional secure and attractive bike racks (such as adjacent to Newcastle Yacht Club and Crown Street,) at key sites, such as Pacific Park, Civic Park, all beaches.

Toilet facility for Fernleigh Track users.

The safer passage of pedestrians along the eastern edge of the Bar Beach Car park has led to greatly increased use of the walker way, particularly by groups of mothers with babies in prams, more elderly, etc.

This is a model of how effective it can be to separate vehicle traffic from vulnerable pedestrians, which in turn will get people out and about.

The area around Civic Park suffers by being car-bound and would benefit by Canberra-style high-level pedestrian/cycle crossing of King Street and eventually linking Laman Street and crossing Darby Street.

At Adamstown, link the excellent Fernleigh Track and Rasberry Gully/St Pius/Mackie Avenue cycleways to the Teralba Road posted cycle way.

The land between Court Street and Olney Street is probably under the control of diverse agencies, but much is already under public usage and there may be some room to negotiate a 2 metre right-of-way.

The narrowing of Glebe Road and blending of heavy traffic from James Road and Park Avenue (combined with the understandable frustration of drivers caught and released after long periods of waiting at the centuries-old Adamstown Gates crossing,) make this a dangerous area to negotiate on foot or cycle.

Again parking is a problem not to mention costs

Again we need to feel relaxed and safe using our public places especially for our children.

Alcohol free zones. Family friendly zones

Alienation of public parkland for private use should be stopped eg King Edward park bowling club land that belonged to the public being alienated as a private function centre.

All groups of the community need to be considered is this issue, the young, teens, adolescents, young adults, middle aged, and the older aged community members.

All levels of government need to agree on the same strategy and everyone has to work for the same goal.

All people need to feel welcome, part of their community and valued for their ideas, skills etc.

It is up to individuals to bother to care about neighbours, the elderly, children, everyone and respect each other including their disabilities and differences.

Smiles cost nothing but do a lot of good.

Continued promotion by groups, councils, schools etc. can teach our children, teens and adults to be courteous and inclusive. A certain amount of non-political correctness would allow those in authority to do their jobs and regain the respect they once held. When there are no limits and boundaries imposed on children and teens society pays.

ALL YOU DO IS SELL IT OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

Allow older buildings to be used for a variety of uses and not just shops and offices. Can some also be converted into housing?

<p>Allowing creative use of space that caters to a mix of needs is important. Catering just to families or just to singles nightlife doesn't meet this. Opportunities for social interactions for those in middle to old age without children or without their children in attendance is imperative. Small bars, community groups spaces, parklands that have available shade and protected spaces for children, community garden facilities etc are all important.</p>
<p>Places that encourage all ages and all community groups will decrease the likelihood of those spaces being threatened by violence.</p>
<p>and have AVAILABLE public toilets! Really, more public toilets need to be available City wide. Currently there are NO public toilets between Wickham and Honeysuckle. NOT GOOD ENOUGH</p>
<p>Areas such as Hunter Street mall could be used every week say a Thursday night for markets and stalls and music and food . Bring life back to the city.</p>
<p>As above. (call for people interested to volunteer to attend meetings every 2 months)</p>
<p>As many community-gathering events as possible!</p>
<p>As with my suggestion for sustainable community developments where all residents are responsible for their own development, connect people from all communities by regular activities to celebrate such things as each season, each culture that makes up our community, vocational celebrations, sports, etc. through the use of existing community facilities and spreading them throughout the area instead of concentrating them all in the city/foreshore area.</p>
<p>make small communities responsible for themselves and you will have greater safety.</p>
<p>At the moment, I am dealing with a terrible neighbour and nothing is being done about it. I am however consulting with an Environmental Officer and maybe something may arise. Working together is no longer an issue in this society. When it comes to living in safe neighbourhoods, no-one wants to know if something amiss is going on. This society unfortunately has become an individualistic society and I can't see how Council can promote "vibrant and activated public places" where it is promoting people's health, happiness and wellbeing.</p>
<p>be open to keeping the mix of uses of space as varied as possible. An eclectic mix of art spaces, residential, cafes, restaurants, wine bars, shops is far superior to a mono culture.</p>
<p>Be tougher on those who damage public places, and make them responsible by making them clean and repair what they have done, of course under supervision.</p>
<p>Beresfield swimming pool is solar heated, however the temperature of the water is not therapeutic. There are many seniors living in Beresfield needing to take exercise in a heated pool due to knee and hip replacements. The pool is closed during winter months. In the future a proper heated pool will benefit the wellbeing of residents.</p>
<p>Besides shopping we need attractions, activities, other than "normal" shopping to make people want to come to town - transport, cheap & frequent, other than congestion & pollution from motor vehicles</p>
<p>best practice urban design means that commercial districts are integrated with urban living. They are diverse. They are community designed and planned. This means that you might invest quite heavily to allow a community to come up with solutions for its own area (you just provide the restrictions or requirements for planning). This needs to be skillfully facilitated but local diversity (e.g. individual suburb) solutions are important because a one size fits all won't work for the whole of Newcastle necessarily. We need to listen to our local Aboriginal people more closely to inform resilient and adaptable approaches.</p>
<p>Better control of minors at night & control over boozing</p>
<p>Better lighting in several areas of the city - especially King Street and Hunter Street. Fast-tracking the University into the CBD to enable a safer night life Encouraging the addition of businesses that sell coffee, gelato etc. after 10pm.</p>
<p>Better lighting should be main objective thus promoting more people to feel safe at night and so support night activities</p>
<p>Better St lighting in town.</p>

Better street lighting in public areas would encourage more to be out and about at night
Bring back Community Forums, "Voice" is actually "top down" information. We need a good facilitator for FORUMS.
Bring back the Summary Offences Act.
Bring back the tram onto Hunter Street and into Carrington and going along Honeysuckle! Getting businesses and residents back to Hunter Street and back into the city. Lower taxes and offer incentives to businesses setting up along Hunter Street. And make Hunter Street Mall pedestrian friendly. No cars!!!! Set up a night market once a month offering entertainment, dining and cafe options.
Bring families back into the CBD after dark by increasing family orientated activities & moving alcohol based activities out of the CBD
Build the art gallery
By concentrating on sustainable transport(public,cycle, and pedestrian), I believe the vibrant and activated public places will emerge organically, so do not need much more than facilitation when appropriate.
By making public spaces and neighbourhoods in these places aware of councils objectives and by asking neighbourhoods to for ideas and help in what they would like to see for their neighbourhood. public spaces need beauty by way of gardens, shade, perhaps toilets, play areas, safety. Local community should be able to help out in their areas
By thoughtful planning and not changing things which already work well eg Laman St fig exercise was a tremendous waste of money. We look up to people who represent us on Council to work woth ours interests at heart.
Cairns has free bbqs on the waterfront which are used every day. There is also an exercise route marked out. go have a look
Camera rollout to improve safety of those moving about. Visible policing. Sufficient seating/toilets in parks and other public areas. Clean up Hunter St - Quickly.
car culture is unsocial and stops people interacting .
For too long the approach to Sustainable Lifestyle by gov's has failed. Our community deserves a Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and we will except nothing less. Healthy sustainable cities by promoting safe active transport culture (combine walk, cycling, bus, train with appropriate higher density infilling of cities to stop urban sprawl and car addiction). Cities focused on people, not on cars spewing out toxic exhaust emissions (asthma and cancer causing), creating danger, obesity (sedentary travel) and climate change. Safe, efficient, equitable, ethical, socially just transport for all (pedestrians, children, disabled, blind, wheelchair, cyclists, motorists, etc.), not discriminatory. Since the 90's car culture has stopped generations of kids that have lost their mobility of walking/cycling places. Curtin uni has done a study that show the infrastructure costs for a new suburb are \$684,000 per dwelling (Curtin_Sustainability_Paper_0209). Putting this money to infilling the city, will also make Newcastle a safe cycling tourist attraction, which will bring many visitors and to town.
The entire approach to road safety must be turned aroud to a strategy of Road Danger Reduction.
The current small changes proposed will see our Community get more obese. The Gov's have an obligation to create a safe city for people not cars. We must plan for a "Safe Active Travel 30 for 30" concept. Safe Active Travel 30 for 30 means by 2030 we should have 30km/hr local speed limits and trips : 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest. We must aim for high targets and for the long term because we have lost so much ground in the last few decades of urban sprawling car culture. So the local speed limit needs to be 40km/hr across the whole NCC area NOW! Then lobby RTA for 30km/hr for world's best safe practice in Europe. At the moment 40 and 50 zones and school zones are quite confusing so to make it simpler and safer, a 40 limit is much better. We must match funding for the targets so 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest means the money is split this way. Even though NCC has little say in state public transport, they need to fund active transport modes of combining walk/cycle with public transport. Otherwise spending money on the way travel share is, means more roads and more cars. Need heaps more pedestrian crossings across all main roads so even cyclists can walk their bike across a road, also gives peds/cylists priority. Block off more local roads to make cycling more convenient. Block off Hunter St to cars, let them go down King St. Every bike/pedestrian route must feel safe for 90% of 10 year olds to travel by themselves. Safe routes to schools must be a priority to get kids healthy and stop them costing our country \$billions of health costs

later.

Need to stop driving most kids to school. Need to stop the car culture of mothers accidentally killing their own toddlers (like on 27th Sept 2011 in Australia) while backing their car out of their driveway. Whenever Governments and authorities continue to bow to the car lobby and let car culture thrive, more road death will occur when they could help Newcastle to be the safest, nicest, friendliest (no road rage, etc) city in Australia.

Remove all pictures of bikes causing road rage, crashes confusion on the roads NOW! Stop the wasteful money on narrow bike lanes (These rely on cars being parked touching the gutter and people checking before opening their door. But too many bigger SUVs, trucks and people not checking before opening doors mean this is not a safe option to entice the 30% of people . Sure it may entice 5% but this target is laughable, we need proper sustainable 30% target). They are not a success if we double cycling because of them. We need to get all people walking/cycling, even the ones who are very scared to walk/cycle because of the cars. Bikes and pedestrians should be separated, because similar conflict arises when numbers are large. We don't want safe cycleways clogged with walkers, and people find it more convenient to drive a car. Must make walk/cycle/public transport more quicker than cars for all short trips.

Increasing walk/cycle/public transport means reducing car trip for the same amount of trips. This is a fact . Lets not try and keep motorists happy with how they are going. Many motorists must be kicked out of their cars for most of their trips and only then will they realise the light on the other side, and the

Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle is now for them. The car culture and advertising is a hard thing to fight, but we must!

Cycle routes on their own don't create mode transfer from cars. All roads must be safe for walking and cycling and the use of private motor vehicles must be strongly discouraged. Planners must look to walking and cycling as the primary modes of transport for everyone. Public transport must be seen as the secondary modes, for longer distances. Cars must be seen as the last resort. All council policies must be audited for their transport implications. Everyone must have the choice not to own a motor vehicle.

With the increase in car dooring accidents as a result of cyclists riding too close to parked cars and in the drivers blind spot we should consider not supporting bicycle shoulder lane markings in parking lanes and rather place the bicycle symbols at the right of the edge line and encourage cyclists to utilise the parking shoulder lane when its safe to do so as a courtesy to other road users. There are a lot of crashes from motorists not seeing the cyclist until the last second and they clip the cyclist when passing them. This is due to motorists travelling too close to the car in front and the cyclist being squeezed out of sight. The 1st motorist sees the cyclist and squeezes past him without changing lanes. The motorist following the first car thinks all is OK (nothing is ahead to dodge) until a cyclist appears too close on the left. The engineering solution to the clipping a cyclist when squeezing past them is to either cause the 1st motorist to change lanes (which signals to the following car that something is ahead) or to have proper 1m clearance zones between cyclists and traffic lanes.

Dedicated Bicycle Lanes should be constructed in accordance with World's best standards (E.g. Dutch):

clearance to pass the open door of a parked car in the adjacent parking lane without leaving the bicycle lane. A 1 metre separation is desirable.

lane widths that are adequate to carry the anticipated bicycle traffic, that continue through intersections

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road with a posted speed limit above 70km/h to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane.

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane. This should be at least 1 metre, because "1m matters" (Amy Gillett campaign)

(Unfortunately the relevant sections of the RTA/RMS NSW Bicycle Guidelines, the AustRoads guidelines of 2012 (<https://www.onlinepublications.austroads.com.au/items/AP-G88-11>) do not meet appropriate

safety standards for 13 year old children to feel safe in “marked bike lanes” that put them in positions of hitting car doors, or cars passing them on their right too close)

Many motorists will believe wherever the bike symbol is placed, that is the place where cyclists MUST ride their bike over the symbol painted on the road. It is confused as a bike lane. So all the problems associated with “Road Shoulder Lanes” below exist, even without edge lines. The bike symbols are very confusing, most motorists don't think it's a bike route marking, they think it's a bike placement marking (where you should ride your bike). Bike route signs are not confusing. Bike symbols create confusion and road rage.

Bicycle symbols in shoulder lanes can even be counterproductive as they give cyclists the impression that it's a safe space to ride and motorists the impression that it's a bicycle lane and cyclists should not be in the traffic lane. And they can give an impression of safe passing distances (of motorists passing cyclists) well less than 1 metre.

For full references why we need a Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and a safe separated cycle network please see the fact sheets and research from <http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/> and the Australian Bicycle Council.

Action needed for Safe, ethical, equitable, socially just, non-discriminatory Happy, Healthy Sustainable active transport network

CBD should be redeveloped with emphasis on maintaining heritage facades and preserving the cultural heritage of the place.

Community gardens!!

CCTV cameras should be installed in all areas, where extensive social activities and high risk areas have been identified, near hotels / clubs / restaurants & mall or where tourist frequent; further supported by police and security patrols. Frequency of public transport should be aligned with closing times of these establishments, particularly trains & buses to outlying areas such as Maitland & Cardiff, which should include police / security patrols. Focus should be on Friday / Saturday nights.

CCTV for night safety in key areas. Deter crime. Works in the UK

CCTV in the CBD would make safety for all especially women

CCTV in the main streets will deter antisocial behaviour and vandalism.

Putting stickers on the footpaths declaring "walk safe" routes is a tad embarrassing when, on the first weekend they'd been installed, people are beaten senseless and left for dead right on top of them.

CCTV linked to police force

CCTV MUST be considered in the CBD and other places that pose a danger to the community particularly late at night.

Comes back to a good efficient public transport system, if people can get to and from events and places quickly, safely and reliably they will utilise them

Community events such as the Sparke Helmore and NEWFM triathlons and other events that are held at Honeysuckle promote the area and increase visitors to the city. Parking needs to be able to handle the increase in visitors as well as eateries in the area to cater for increase in numbers. I believe the area near Nobbys is not currently being used to its best benefit. It is unfortunate that the housing commission have accommodation in such a central location. Newcastle has a lot of heritage that I believe is currently not being used to its best advantage. It was the second settlement in Australia. A lot of gutters in Newcastle were made by convicts but I don't believe many Novocastrians realise this. We need to better educate our citizens and visitors of the heritage that exists in Newcastle and keep the beautiful buildings that we have in good order. For example, the old Newcastle Post Office and have signs or something around the city with photos and a description of our heritage.

Consider more shaded areas in public places e.g. beaches and swimming baths at Nobbys and Merewether. More emphasis on the historic buildings and industry which are an important but undervalued asset/attraction. Keep streetscapes clean and attractive. Renovate more older buildings in city centre or replace those without preservation value so as to provide more quality office accommodation in CBD. Work towards moving more of the Uni to CBD

Considering I went out to dinner on Saturday night at the surf house, and afterwards found my car vandalized. I believe it is very important.

Continuation of livesites style events

Continue 11pm pub lockout. This has changed the inner city at night to a much more hospitable and livable environment.

Promote noise control of private venues and public events near residential areas (including the CBD) eg. harbourside music venues such as The Brewery, Fat as Butter, Longworth Institute which have live music at loud volumes during summer, which disrupt local neighbours.

Continue and build upon activities such as Livesites and the Lantern markets in the mall. Preserve our historical/ heritage buildings and environmental sites (such as our Post Office & Nobbys) and increase the available knowledge of our significant sites. Build upon & increase the publicity of what our museum offers. Our Museum and Art Gallery really are within walking distance and should be promoted as such. A shuttle bus between the two could enhance visitations.

I would love to see our established streets such as Darby and Hunter Streets have their retail shops open to at least 7pm. When you visit other cultural cities they have places open later than 5pm and with a diverse array of arty/crafty designer outlets.

Continue Livesites & Renew Newcastle. Please ensure Newcastle Art Gallery is completely renovated and extended. Newcastle deserves a proper art gallery. We export and are the cradle of wealth for the state, yet are ignored.

continue to encourage and assist the relocation of university faculties and their students to the city. support and further develop cultural/arts significance within the city

Continue with the cultural precinct which will help activate that part of the city.

Encourage community groups to hold events in their areas, (parks, malls, streets etc) which will bring people together in their own communities and make those communities a safer place because of the connection of the people.

Council needs to protect and cherish our existing heritage where possible. Council does not really pay much attention to our public spaces for the general community.

Council should be proactive in terms of ensuring that heritage buildings are put to good use. There are some very important heritage buildings that have at times languished without care or occupants. The worst example is the Post office. Others are Longworth house, The bank Corner, and "The Store".

The Council could call public workshops to develop ideas for good uses for such buildings and perhaps assist owners to develop proposals.

Council might also look at adopting a more proactive role in having building owners properly maintain their buildings -- not just heritage buildings. There are some buildings that owners allow to seriously deteriorate and be unsightly.

Culture and heritage are a vital part of the city. Make people more aware of Ncl History. Build the Art Gallery extension.

Keep the current restrictions on hotels and clubs.

Culture and heritage are not strictly in the domain of local government so are not such high priorities for council. eg what is the council's music policy beyond LiveSites?

Culture, heritage and place are not just about 19th century things but about what makes Newcastle cityscape as distinctive as any historical overseas city, including 20th century developments (like significant industrial sites, architectural period pieces etc.,)

declare war on illegal and antisocial behaviour, both young people and developers

Detter maintained parks & playgrounds & clean beaches & beach facilities

Development of Newcastle Art Gallery and city library.

<p>Developments should always have an integrated social response as part of their approval so that amenity is paramount.</p> <p>Where a development is coming up for approval, there should be key elements included, say a commercial development should also include funding for a childcare centre, or contribution to the development of the art gallery. Offsets that enhance the Newcastle experience and future welfare.</p>
<p>Do not let the developers/etc pursue the destruction of the Newcastle - Wickham rail link.</p>
<p>Don't get me started on this or I could go off especially after Council having let my street go the pack</p>
<p>Eating and drinking venues, boutique style and children friendly are greatly needed... Participation is needed, not "shopping" or "looking"</p>
<p>Educate the community as much as possible so the responsibility is on everyone</p>
<p>Encourage a relationship with alcohol that is safe, pleasant, and focused on social communication, instead of getting obliterated. Transform Newcastle's reputation into one of relaxed good living.</p>
<p>Encourage community groups to be involved in the development of projects and programs - energy and enthusiasm needs to be demonstrated from the City council</p>
<p>Encourage more police patrols especially at night and public transport</p>
<p>Enhance the night-time economy by encouraging smaller bars and late night cafes. Bring people out at night to increase security and create a "buzz" in the city. Dark quiet streets promote fear and antisocial behaviour. Cultivate a range of nighttime activities to suit all age groups. Cleaning of shop fronts and regular maintenance of broken windows and graffiti would encourage people to have more respect and a sense of "pride of place"</p>
<p>Ensure that public places are inclusive and provide options for people with diverse interests.</p> <p>Ensure that our public places are affordable and accessible.</p> <p>Promote more live music in our region, which has died in recent years, by more live music venues</p> <p>Have better lighting and transport options to and from and between places at night.</p>
<p>Events that are compatible with urban objectives are encouraged & supported.</p> <p>Encourage business that helps activate & is compatible with urban objectives is encouraged eg remove alcohol restrictions from & encourage outdoor dining, renew Newcastle style schemes, pedicabs, night and day canoe & bicycle tours of the city.</p> <p>Outdoor and public places that are well designed, pleasant and safe to be in.</p> <p>Making streetscapes that are pedestrian & cycle friendly rather than just conduits for cars.</p>
<p>Expand the Art Gallery and lobby the State Government for our share of it's revenue so that the renovations can proceed.</p>
<p>Restore the Town Hall with a GRANT from the State Government citing the Sydney Town Hall where they have contributed towards public works. Encourage the State Gov to renovate the Post Office and offer it to David Jones for a reasonable rent, to encourage them to return to the Mall and restore the beautiful historic building.</p>
<p>Extension of CBD free bus service to include evening services - e.g so I can get the bus home from the movies</p>
<p>Firstly, have more fitness tracks possibly in all parks and/or open spaces. Similar to Gold Coast not necessarily near beach. This will ensure - variety of people - different times - different days.</p> <p>Secondly, lighting is important at these tracks.</p>
<p>Forget about heritage and culture. No one cares. If you want culture, make it easy for people to park near the civic theatre and Darby St.</p>
<p>Free Parking and Police Presence where needed.</p>
<p>Get Livesites back to Council. Incorporating it into Newcastle Now means that only the Newcastle CBD will benefit, when the scope for place activation could be broader and include the suburbs.</p>

Get more people living and socialising in the CBD and other community nodes. Ensure conflicting activities are not located together. ie expensive retirement units should not be located in entertainment precincts. Keep restaurants, parks and apartments together. Keep student accommodation and cafe's pubs and entertainment together.

get more people living in the CBD....more affordable housing for students etc, not just luxury waterview apartments....

Give businesses the opportunity to make this happen, remove the barriers. Think of Melbourne laneways and the town squares in europe where people bring kids and have a great, safe evening out at a bar or restaurant with kids running around in the square.

Give police more authority

Grant more restaurant/small bar licences. There are people who enjoy socialising responsibly in late night venues that offer sophisticated drinking/dining practice.

CC TV should be installed in the CBD, I will not go out late at night as I do not feel protected.

The Herald continues to promote stories regarding statistics showing decresed violence etc. I believe this does not account for less people going out. More police.

Approving the KFC (failure) on Hunter St which is located upon an Aboriginal historical site.

Greater police presence in the city at night would be of huge value to keep the city safe.

Greater safety needed around Civic park after hours. The Hunter Street atrategies have been very good during the day, but even one cafe/restaurant open at night would make the area safer and occupied.

Green public spaces that are safe, well lit and accessible for all community members should be an objective. For example the current open plan nature of the foreshore should be extended across the existing rail corridor once it's removed.

Have a decent health system as well as education

have a look at Wollongong: a real mall. not this hybrid crap here. and 3 live nightclubs in their main street! and not doing pubrock either [like the boring Brewery].

have community areas feel safe when attending them.

have safe and accessible open spaces not dominated by private residences and businesses. allow for creative grass roots enterprises. be patient about cultural development and don't push it with imposed definitions of what it means to be Novocastrian (a Chinatown in Newcastle East?). encourage CBD spaces to be employed as genuine cultural venues (eg. theatres, cinemas, music venues) instead of alcohol industry driven wastelands.

Have strong people employed to roam streets to keep law and order

Helping to save our heritage buildings etc, also parks

Higher police presence day and night. No tolerance of anti social behaviour.

How about nicer public amenities along the walk along the beaches at the moment they are dreary. Parking is an issue - who wants to go into town and go for a walk, when you can drive to Speers point and pay nothing for parking and go for a walk. The pools are a disgrace and are falling apart. I would much rather pay \$5 to go for a swim at the Forum anyway.

I am a daily user of paths along the beachfront and applaud the improvements taking shape along Bather's Way.

A similar path around the racecourse could provide Hamilton locals and others with an alternate exercise venue. There is currently no path adjacent the racecourse on Dumaresq Street or Darling Street.

I am impressed by what has been done at Lambton Park and also Islington Park - many are not aware of how great these are looking. Others from different areas will want their spaces to look enticing as these do and then push for change & improvement in their areas

I am not sure what you are thinking of but the foreshore could be reinvigorated with ampitheatres, galleries or even a beautiful botanic garden as in Sydney.

i believe citizens want activity in the public spaces such as Wheeler Place when the dancing classes take place in the summer.

The young people too need the Moo festival so they can hear their own kind of music and dance and let down their hair.

The kids need things happening at the Museum that are interactive and educational, like clown skills and acting and mime and pet farms where they can pat animals and see where eggs come from and ride ponies etc

I believe Newcastle does this reasonably well. The Mattara Festival is our main annual celebration & should be enhanced with more funding & resources. It enshrines Newcastle's main asset "the coast" & events such as triathlon's, car hill climb, surfing comp, surf lifesaving, sailing boat races, etc could be combined into a month long carnival.

The commencement of works to widen the Bathers Way from Nobbys to Merewether is a fantastic initiative & investment in this the most valuable Newcastle recreational asset - our coast. Well done!

Noticeable improvements to park playgrounds are also terrific initiatives to provide outdoor active places for our kids. Again, well done!

I look forward to a good & sensible resolution to the continued revitalisation of the CBD.

I feel a lot of these objectives fall out of providing good public transport, cycleways and access to the environment.

All of that encourages people away from just always going to the shopping mall, which is basically these objectives!

I have recently completed a visit to every capital city in Australia. They are all vibrant, alive and gorgeous. Newcastle is shamed by the comparison.

Review council funding for community resources. Threatening to close and making people pay through the nose for suburban pools reeks of benefits for the rich eastern suburbs (free art gallery/public baths) at the expense of the west.

More public parks in mayfield.

Do something about all those vacant buildings on hunter st in Newcastle west. Who owns them? why aren't they renting them out? They shouldn't be allowed to sit on them waiting for the golden age to make a fortune on sale/rent.

Stop wasting money on changing the names of roads and further enquiries and reports into issues (wasting \$\$ on laman st figs just to chop them down - and now talking about planting new ones with underground vaults!!! - plant something else!!!)

I hope culture and heritage does not mean fee public art gallery and museum.

Both of these are only of value if they are 100% self funded and generate revenue for Council

I keep thinking of the Newcastle CBD and how run down it has been and how, it seems, good attempts are being made to revive it with small shops and stalls. I lament the current fate of the GPO and the Victoria Theatre - and there are many other good venues that have been left to go to seed. The Lucky Country Hotel is yet another. Rather than have such places become the tax write-offs that some allege it would be good to see them revived for the use of the many. It would also mean the retention of our built heritage and give us somewhere to congregate other than the commercial malls. The 'villages' of Newcastle deserve attention so that they, too, become people friendly: we could pedestrianise New Lambton, Lambton, Adamstown and Wallsend. Perhaps Beresfield could also be looked at. All of these places would benefit from being pedestrianised and their central precincts made safe for night time use.

I think a vibrant and activated public places need green space, seats, nice view, reasonable shed, and less concrete. We can build more community gardens together.

<p>I think 'live sites' was a fantastic way to build community and promote other cultures.</p> <p>Better design of new large developments to include places where people come together for local events and pocket parks.</p> <p>The continuation of building great parks such as Albert St Wickham that cater for families - young and old.</p>
<p>I think Newcastle is slowly catching on that we can be like other vibrant and active cities like Sydney, Melbourne and Perth in particular. Perth has a fantastic cultural district where cars drive slowly through an area that has theatre, movies, art, an amphitheatre, plus so much more and some are even FREE!!!!. Take a look please.</p>
<p>I think that public places are critical to a good city, especailly as more families are moving back into the city.</p>
<p>I think the foreshore and honeysuckle speaks for itself, well done !!, PS, get people to get out their cars and walk the walk,!!!.</p>
<p>I think the health of a community is reflected by the level of interaction between residents and the level of awareness of one another's lives. So public places which enable and encourage people to get out and do things in public are a good thing. These too adds to people's pride in a community: in their desire to take care of it and to show it off to visitorss.</p>
<p>I think there are already many events that bring people together in a variety of places. Keeping them going would be great, I don't see the need for loads more.</p>
<p>I think this has to do with the sense of place as that means a lot when I want to spend time in a place associated with that is the usefulness of a place. I guess what would help with this issue is to know the options for setting up such places, what are we talking about? Are we talking about council work or people fostering a location from within a very local community. This has got to do with our fostering a sense of place.</p>
<p>I think we are doing this quite well. More cycle ways/footpaths are being developed. Maybe more thought needs to be put into safe night time usage - what could we use the outdoors for at night that we couldn't do during the day because it is used for other purposes? Then think about how could we put that into action. I love the cinema at night. Maybe more night time community concerts would be good along the lines of carol time at Christmas.</p>
<p>I would like to see ferries running between carrington, honeysuckle, newcastle and stockton I would like to see the old Newcastle post office developed - could return the post office there but also add another art gallery/restaurant I would like to see more small bars and restaurants in the city for night activities - it seems to be happening which is great. I would like the Newcastle Arts school/TAFE saved as a vital cultural and heritage part of Newcastle I would like more rail crossings for pedestrians</p>
<p>I would like to see more heritage sites identifies eg. The iron bridge at tighes Hill near the TAFE dates back to the 1800's and is still in use. some form of heritage recognition should be on display at the site</p>
<p>I would like to see the city's history celebrated more. For example, the toll house off Bolton street is the oldest building in newcastle, there isn't a lot of information about it. The Victoria theatre on Perkins st is the oldest theatre building in the state and it stands there empty and disused</p>
<p>I would love to see in objective 3 more bbqs and family-oriented area closer to the beach at Nobby's, King Edward Park (and children's play equipment here) and other beach areas, and something more about communal fitness areas being identified and maintained. For example a specified walking/running track down near the beach areas and some outdoor installed gyms. Please see these links for further information and ideas: http://www.mycalico.com/ http://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/diet-and-fitness/a-bit-of-venice-beach-finds-its-way-to-liverpool-20110626-1glsy.html http://www.forparkaust.com.au/fitness-exercise/outdoor-gym-equipment.html http://www.outdoorgym.com.au/ http://www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/story/2011/06/12/healthy-communities-initiative-sunshine-coast/</p>

<p>If council wants to promote vibrant public places, why have they increased the entry price to Mayfield pool by about 200% in just 3 years? Mayfield Pool used to be a vibrant, public place, where the community met and enjoyed themselves. Due to the increased prices, many locals are now excluded because they can't afford it, so the pool is often deserted. I find it disgusting that council displays obvious double standards: subsidising wealthy areas (e.g. Lambton Pool, whose entry has not increased to the same degree, or Newcastle Baths, where house prices are astronomical, yet entry is free) yet trying to cut lower-socio economic areas like Mayfield.</p>
<p>If council wants to promote vibrant places, they should start by investing in public infrastructure in disadvantaged areas, not upgrading already wealthy suburbs (like the Lambton Park upgrade or Bar Beach skate Park).</p>
<p>I'm not sure what 'activated places' means.</p>
<p>Will need to be very sure that places are safe at night before they are promoted as being safe. I'm not confident that it is achievable.</p>
<p>Important that relevant planning and management committees be controlled by local members. Important also for wide publicity and promotion of Newcastle's unique cultural and heritage features.</p>
<p>Important to focus on this throughout the city, not just in one location</p>
<p>Improved late night transport, more police actually walking around public places at high risk times.</p>
<p>Enforce Personal responsibility for violence and poor behaviour</p>
<p>In order to have a vibrant city, we need spaces that encourage people to get out and about. Going out usually involves spending money, and as a family, outings in the CBD at night usually cost a lot.</p>
<p>I would like to see the interconnection of nice walkways within the CBD such that people of all parts of society could enjoy the nightlife and atmosphere without having to go somewhere specific. This is how safety is improved and access to nightlife is open to everyone in the community.</p>
<p>In the inner city of Newcastle public spaces should allow multiple uses: to relax and enjoy but also to function, as a means of getting somewhere such as a transport link or to include facilities such as cafes. They should be mostly green spaces.</p>
<p>In today's society, the only "safe" places at night are enclosed & supervised (eg club) venues. In daylight, beaches, parks etc which are heavily patronised could use reasonably-priced paid parking to fund police-type patrols to control antisocial activity. The over-use of drugs (including alcohol) has to be neutralised to achieve the health, happiness & wellbeing of us all.</p>
<p>increase the profile of diverse ethnic groups by featuring them in the local papers more often. get representatives from these ethnic groups to suggest how they wish to get involved (ie. 'grassroots' driven).</p>
<p>Improve Hunter Street Mall. Bring the University Campus into the city to enhance night activity and increase sense of safety in the city.</p>
<p>Installation of CTV cameras throughout the whole city activity "hot spots", including suburban "hot spots" of activity, e.g., Hamilton, Cooks Hill, The Junction, East Newcastle, Newcastle Foreshaw, Adamstown, New Lambton, Wallsend, Mayfield, Newcastle West and Islington.</p>
<p>Issues like the free pools one fits perfectly in here. Activate these places, allow people in and make safe places for kids to recreate.</p>
<p>It is shocking to me that Newcastle is not more actively maintaining its heritage buildings. Along with the city beaches this is what truly makes Newcastle unique. Every possible state and federal grant available should be applied for. Why are the coal industry not being asked to sponsor the redevelopment of say the Cathedral Park or the gun placements at King Edward Park. Get more corporate sponsors on board.</p>
<p>Clean, well designed public spaces attract people to the city, slowly as more come less desirable behaviour is forced out. Look at East Hunter Street a few trendy cafes and restaurants and what a change in the last few months. It's a pleasure to walk down for lunch or dinner now.</p>
<p>It would be nice to have more bins in parks and along the fernleigh track.</p>
<p>Keep going with your current initiatives such as live sites, community gardens, festivals, public art, free museum etc</p>

Keep our old buildings/heritage
Keep politics out of decision making.
Keep supporting Council's Community focused programs such as Placemaking.
Also, where Council offers services such as aged care or childcare which could be better serviced by private industry, make this possible.
Keep them clean
Keep them clean; provide more toilets & bins; & identify relevant 'features'; eg, simple (hardy) name/history tags on buildings, structures and even the trees planted in Civic Park. Get the kids interested and start to address the juvenile delinquent/vandalism problems.
Keeping private cars out of the city to encourage walking diabetes and obesity very high here. More people on street of all ages promotes safety on streets for everyone. Dancing in Wheeler Place, ballroom, latin, hip hop, boot scooting to categories are almost (unreadable)
Late night booze-buses. Restricted opening hours.
Lead by example (our city council). Be open to alternate ideas.
Less enforcement on revelers, longer opening hours with less alcohol.
Let's go back to the answer to the first question. Let's see a city that could be. A city where people live maybe even work. A city with a centre. I don't know if we want to be a centre for tourists but it does seem from my many travels abroad that the cities that are alive and thriving and feel good to be in both day and night are frequented by lots of tourists. I'm not a night club person or casino type person but I don't object to these places existing in the right atmosphere. Newcastle has everything and often much more than many thriving cities abroad. We all know what the city has in natural beauty but obviously it needs more than just it's natural pluses it needs what people want. But I do know it's no good saying tourists don't come so there is no use building classy hotels, restaurants world class theme parks (if that's what people want, sometimes investment is needed proactively not reactively.
Let's think about arts precincts. Have dedicated areas that bring the various arts fields to certain 'hubs'
Lighting in town around nightclubs, family friendly activities in evenings.
Lighting, events, small bars, public art
like to see the old post office utilized
Limit the amount of late hight trading to a small area so that people are not wandering from one side of town to the other.
Put a building lighting plan in place like in La Rochelle France
Listen to their needs and priorities.
Continue funding and providing spaces for volunteer groups and individuals who take initiative to contribute to our cultural scene. (I heard of someone volunteering to organise some Mattara exhibitions having to pay for the council owned space it was being set up in. What a slap in the face!)
Live sites is great.
Livesites are good- great to extend that out of the city centre. Having Nobbys open and available has been great too- 50 000th visitor expected to clock up this Sunday!
livesites is a good start - but more things like this please! also kid friendly cultural events. and open spaces that are toddler friendly - ie. honeysuckle foreshore has perfect toddler sized holes in the barrier to the water. no fencing/barriers along honeysuckle drive where the museum cafe is also no fencing/barriers in the civic precinct. more sculpture more places to go when it is rainy (ie. under cover)
Local neighbourhood centres that are accessible to all - not just the people with cars. More libraries and galleries - the city gallery could learn a few lessons from mailtland gallery - more vibrant and friendly.
lock all the ferals up

look to melbourne the small bars and cafes, the central entertainment square, clean, colourful,
Lots of public places stop people crowding houses to close cuase conflict we need space to move.
Love Our Enemies project; revitalise Cultural Stomp festival as part of Reconciliation Week;
Maintaining and developing councils facilities... pools, art gallery and libraries eg reducing entry fees to pools, expanding outlying pools[MAYfield, Beresfield, Stockton]
Expanding art Gallery
Make a start by cleaning up Hunter Street-a key introduction to Newcastle of which most people are thoroughly ashamed of and do not wish visitors to see.
The depressing reality of Hunter street is not conducive to health, happiness and well being and gives a false impression if visitors see Hunter St before the rest of Newcastle.
Make it safer to wwls around the city at night.
make more cycleways like the fernleigh track but make them a little wider because some fat people like to walk side by side and they take up all the bloody track
Make pools free or much cheaper. Abandon PSDM centralised pool model it just sets up an expensive pool that will exlude many. create and expand on public places from within suburbs involving local community members.
Make spaces for peoples, not cars.
Make the city safe
Make use of parks and spaces in suburban areas to encourage creating communities.
Don't charge exorbitant fees for the use of such spaces.
Maybe difficult to achieve because of teenagers and young generations absence of social norms & respect, & their love of vandalism & grafitti
Melbourne has a vibrant culture that stems partially from their numerous coffe shops and small bars. This could greatly benefit Newcastle to get more people out and about, socialising but also spending money..
Mixed housing types, higher density urban living and good architectural and urban design can lead to safe and well used spaces through the provision of passive surveillance and foot traffic.
More activites like LiveSites
Strengthen the library service
more attractive public toilets manned by paid employees to help up keep. Heritage buildings like the old PO in newcastle renovated and used as art galleries or cafes
More cameras & police
More CTV cameras would help particularly for night time. Trying to get trains running during long weekends when functions are on (yes I know the lines need maintenance and three days are better than two but it makes a mockery of saying people don't use trains when they are not offered. Bus substitutes are not the same).
More destination businesses and events would bring more people to the city. More people would increase safety and security.
More free public events that can be easily accessed
more indoor activities required for those bad weather days, eg, aquarium, indoor swim centre
more lighting in parks and side streets
spead humps for cars entering in side street districts - Hamilton
more lighting,cctv camreras and a greater police presence on the beat
More lighting. Interactive sites. CCTV
More neighbourhood projects, gardens etc
More night time options.
More parks, children's play areas, walkways and cycleways.
More Police , Cameras and clean up the Graffiti ...its disgusting - just came back from Alice Springs its cleaner than Newy

More police and auxiliary police. Have COMPLIANCE issue fines for more than parking violations. Enforce alcohol free zones.
More police in CBD at night on weekends
More police in town at night.
More Police patrols , lock up the idiots that cause trouble, and get the Bastards in Sydney to pay for heritage restoraton, e.g Hunter Street, Post Office, City Hall.
More public bus shelters and public seating
more public transport
More restaurants, shows and activities that attract the well behaved kind. Less bars and discos that attract the suburban mob. More family centric activities and a public transport that links the key entertainment places.
more security at night in cbd area
more small bars and small clubs in the city are a GOOD idea!
more small bars.
bring back live sites.
More small cafes and bars in the city will bring more people into town, extend free shuttle bus service into city on weekend nights
More street lights in the centre and promotion of more winebars that close early avoiding drunkenness but promoting more people in the city centre in the evening.
need more residential accommodation in the city to get more people. the reason areas are dangerous is that there are vast tracts of nothing between venues. if there were enough people in town to justify a continuous activation of the streetfront (cafes etc) then it'd improve the situation. so more residential space (higher density, higher storeys) need to be approved. lift the maximum development height and let the developers deal with mine subsidence issues.
need to activate the city.
CCTV is a waste of money. presence of other people makes people feel safe
Need to be able to hold fun runs, triathlons, relays, (possibly boat/kayak races), and cycle races along the strip of land/water from King Edward Park along to Carrington. This needs to be designed for, so that the costs of healthy community events such as these are low, and the events are easy to organise and run.
Need to facilitate safe and vibrant (all hours) public spaces that are secure and crime free.
Need to fix up the CBD to become a vibrant cultural community hub. Why else would anyone come into the CBD.
Need to have someone checking all the Alcohol Gree Zones and Areas all the time. FINES should be handed out.
Need to set inprocess urban planning that includes a residential component in ALL development.
Revitilisation and vibrancy, safety needs people....
Need to stop discouraging active use of the city at night. The alcohol issues are one part of this, but providing casual surveillance through having more people on the streets, a variety of nighttime activities and providing an efficient late night transport system are key to resolving these issues, not restricting business.
A better police presence and personal responsibility for people's actions would also assist in improving these issues.
New accomodation built so people can work, live & play in the city
New Islington Park Playground is fantastic. Would be great to see further work on the Islington Park master plan to further improve the reputation and amenity of this increasingly family oriented suburb. The park has great potential to be a hub for the local community.
Newcastle could look at The Entrance for ideas how to connect with the community.
There are hardly any children's playgrounds in Newcastle and certainly non of any great consequence

Newcastle has beautiful buildings, and regularly lets them rot. The old Merewether surf house, the CBD post office, scores of buildings along Hunter St in the CDB and stretchign towards Newcastle West. Absentee landlords who let their buidlings rot have to be given an ultimatum with teeth - fix it up and use it, or lose it. Buildings idle - and disintigrating - for decades simply stop right NOW. Improve or lose the rail into town. Limit the size of drinking venues, and create incentives for other types of evening hour businesses to open along Hunter St, Honeysuckle, Darby St, Beaumont St. How *stupid* is it to have a matrix of areas where hundreds of young adults are exposed to huge amounts of liquor and NO PUBLIC TRANSPORT to get them home? Clubs need to be smaller, farther away from one another, and interspersed with other evening-hours businesses.

Other businesses could include ANYTHING that doesn't include alcohol. How about lighting up the harbour so people can row after twilight? Create public spaces where there are now derelict buildings and put up some sturdy variant of table tennis tables, half-courts with walls for tennis. Talk to the Slam Poetry folks and get a poet's street corner going, license buskers along the harbour on a friday & saturday night. Have the Nc regional art gallery open every friday night until 9pm - you've got to get older people who drink less than the current population of weekend binge drinkers into town. Engage the high school of performing arts and other high schools that are up to the task (this would have to be a juried process) to perform in a certain space every saturday. That woudl get high school kids and their parents in. Seriously, you have to make going out in Nc at night about something other than drinking. Contact me (xxxx@mail.com) for more ideas.

The cultures of more recent immigrants need to be celebrated NOT in the Mattara 'festival'. Try having separate street fairs around Asian peoples, Africans, Middle Eastern peoples, with food, music, art & craft, & high-level performance.

Newcastle is already an 'out and about' town, especially in good weather. The issue is just that antisocial behaviour should not be tolerated

Newcastle is lettings its history be destroyed, there will be no beautiful old buildings left the way this council is going. We also need CCTV cameras in places like the mall. If people don't feel safe, they are not going to walk or ride anywhere.

No CCTV - for God's sake look at the UK, Surveillance doesn't stop bad behaviour. Lobby for more cops on the beat. Cut back the accessibility to alcohol. This town is awash with the stuff and we don't need more warehouses of it in shopping centres. Drunks fall out of hotels which have allowed them to become so because they spend more money - keep the regulations policed and prosecuted. Lighting, places to sit, street trees (not planted under power lines which means they get slaughtered by pruning), walls for graffiti artists to paint which are painted white again for another lot when covered, street musicians. Let people find their own way of connecting, just give the environment and it will happen.

NO more multi storey buildings on the foreshore. They should never have been allowed in the first place. Drop the connectivity rubbish over the railway line. It's buildings not rails that break it up.

We have fantastic parks and reserves and areas of bush throughout the region. They continue to need to be maintained. In the bush reserves YOU MUST BACK BURN the underbrush and buggger the greenies who cant see past the end of their noses. It is to the advantage of the bush itself to have a cycle of this, as it is to give protecton from bush fire when so many large reserves back directly onto populated areas and are the more vluable because of that.. I know for instance in areas near me it is building up to very high levels again from what I can see.

no more pubs, clubs or hotels - eliminate the culture of drink

No more shopping centres like kotara and Charlestown. Utilising existing shop spaces instead of building new ones

Of course we want these things. Why on earth are you putting them in a survey.

On the right track now with more cafe's in town, festivals and so on. Lots of free events helps bring people to town.

One of the things Newcastle needs is an indoor aquatic centre with children's pools.

Open spaces are retained and maintained - not encroached upon or sold
New developments to be required to include significant greening on sites.

Our public places are always dirty, litter, graffiti, broken & ill maintained infrastructure and a very anti council department when reporting a problem - they never, ever, ever ring you back, fax, email, smoke signas either

Parks etc should be better maintained and disabled access should be mandatory for all buildings, Shops and public places.

All disabled toilets, whether in a public place. shopping centres etc should be locked with the master key system currently in place by council to prevent them being used by able bodied people. This should be enforced by council as a condition of development approval.

Parks with good accessibility for public transport & children's amenities. Think the idea of the Stockton Children's park is a great one - and includes a ferry ride for kids. It needs a cafe for people to have access to tea/coffee and snacks and possibly some fenced areas for safety. Areas like this one could be used by kids and mums in the day, and could have outdoor films, theatre and musical events at night. It's a good site, as demonstrated by the numbers who use it over New Year.

Place Making activities with business and community will ssisted in enlivening public places.

Plan & promote more festivals to celebrate different cultures, art and history within newcastle

Point three is paramount. I do not feel safe or wouldn't attempt to walk in many places in my own city but do so in other Australian and world cities. Need to work with police, licensed premises to achieve with a zero tolerance approach.

Promote sports fields, the fitness industry, beach sports, open air concerts, old fashioned dances where young people can come together without getting drunk, art & craft competitions & exhibits

Protect Assets already in Newcastle

Public art, urban squares,

urban spaces - Queen Street Mail - Brisbane

landscaping (trees) along hunter street & the beaches

Public places are becoming a disaster in Newcastle as they becomes magnets for crime and anti social behaviour. Newcastle locks down its foreshores from 10.00 pm to 5.00 am now. The police want understandable restrictions on public gatherings in Newcastle CBD and surrounds pretty much after dark on Friday and Saturday nights.

Other public places are becoming ethnic ghetoes. Seemingly lawfull behaviour on the surface can't disguise what goes on beneath. I suggest Council works with police to curtail as much anti social activity as possible to make the work of police much easier.

Public places need to be open and welcoming, and well lit at night. They need to be kept clean and well maintained at all times, with clean toilets, seats and open but shady areas for protection in the sun. Areas of interest for young children as well as adults could make for happy family outings.

Food kiosks, carts, etc. would be advantageous.

People need to feel safe at all times, whether day or night.

Public places such as parks are vital.

Culture/Heritage/Place is a moving target and although the vocal minority will always want to retain the old it is better to spend the money on what's needed now.

Security is a police matter and the council should lobby the state to provide appropriate enforcement but not waste money themselves. There is some control available through development approval, use it. If people put themselves in insecure places, then it is their choice.

public places that are truely publice not excusive because of the prohibitative cost of parking such as honeysuckle

Public places that provide diverse activity is a "loaded question". There is no clear indication what this means. Again...how does it include aged and disabled, what type of activities.....more pubs for the youth and restaurants for the upperly mobile is not my idea of diverse activity for social connection. Lets consider public gardens, communal park establishment and greening our town as a public venture
Public toilets - availability, access, cleanliness and safety must be improved in all public spaces.
Publiv places should be activated by the people using them, ie: not defined by Council. Higher density housing and defined public spaces create these metling pots of activity.
Zoning and adherence to strict land release & increased densities are vital.
Put more pressure own state and Feds to cough up for CCTV
Put our great public places in the care of the people who actually care ,that is, a group that determines the best option for all locals and visitors .Stop council going off half cocked on ideas and making hasty judgements on places ,such as the post office and light house.It is a tragedy how they have been left to ruin!!!!!!
question 2 is not understood in Newcastle, visit some of the beautiful old buildings in Vic, to understand your own question
Rail line is vital to young people in Newcastle because they can't drink and drive. , Leaving their cars in town overnight is not a good option, and buses and taxis are rare as hens teeth. The train solves all problems.
Rebuild Hunter Street, make it alive enough to be safe enough.
Great start with little nooks and crannies of local heritage and history lessons but more and bigger, better recaliming the streets and public places is an outcome from public engagement. More effort in this area.
Recognise the potential for the Newcastle Art Gallery to be the catalyst for economic growth- cultural tourism is demonstrated (MONA, Hobart, Bilbao, Spain) to bring increased business activity to communities and revitalise cities.
Support for the fully realised Gallery redevelopment is a n important factor in reaching this potential.
Redo some of the childrens playgrounds, many are getting old and dated. Consider involving physiotherapists/parents in the design of these playgrounds
Increase outdoor venues in newcastle central area, night markets such as those held at xmas, street events etc would be excellent in this region.
reduce the hours that alcohol is served anywhere.
Remember that the Council is not the SOLE BODY of social interraction.
Remove the parking meters and provide free parking everywhere in Newcastle. Keep the trains to Newcastle.
renew is doing a great job!
Renew Newcastle is a brilliant example of a community activating empty spaces - innovations like this should continue to be encouraged and supported; creative communities should be supported - their value is demonstrated in the results of Renew Newcastle - an internationally recognised success story; enhance our Regional Art Gallery and encourage the gallery to work with the community to deliver art and cultural projects throughout the city; public art programs and events (along the lines of sculpture by the sea, this is not art) should be encouraged
Responsible development of the light house area on Nobby's would enhance tourism opportunities and create employment.
Responsible sales of liquor (nights). CCTV. Planned family activities
Retain heritage buildings, ensure they are well maintained.
Keep older vegetation.

Safe - extremely important, especially important for the elderly as we are very cautious about leaving our homes, mainly at night

Safety

Safety at night is a huge concern in the city. CCTV cameras should be placed in the mall. Open cafes late into the night. Take out parking meters so people can drop in for a coffee during the day. I don't think it is the hotels that create the problems at night but the types of person who wants to make trouble. Get more security in the streets as a deterrent to those who may come to Newcastle to make trouble.

Safety Day & Night: Can we have more lights in Park areas.

??? ... have speakers so that we can play selected music on low volume, to deter certain groups to Hang Around Park/Open areas ???

Safety has always been of great concern to the NMH and others, but I have always found Newcastle to be a safe place. Get people out onto the streets through diverse community events. But you must have easy access to these events. You have to get people out of cars.

Should local councils lose the control over local heritage and amenity the quality of life of the citizens will suffer

less urban sprawl and greater urban dwellings will help activate innercity areas and indirectly improve safety day and night

Shut Fanny's. No takeaway liquor after 6pm

small bars will bring in more diversity, make sure they are placed in appropriate places & they will help to revitalise the whole of Hunter St.

No fees for Art Gallery, Museum, pools etc. I already pay for these in my rates.

Continuation of Live Sites, the movies at King Edward Park, Octopod, etc.

START on some of the projects identified as low cost, high impact on Hunter Street in 2010.

Stop allowing developers to destroy our built heritage by neglect. Actively promote our history of achievements. Place a link on your council website to the work of the Unis Coal River Working Party. Make your parks and public spaces more liveable with more trees. More statues. more fountains. More beauty.

stop selling the foreshore

Strong sense of safety and security, especially at night

structure around access,

Support community groups such as community gardens, sporting groups and clubs. Support high quality cultural community hubs.

Survey community to confirm if ideas generated are any good.

The additions to the Newcastle Art Gallery are much looked forward to. The gallery is not only important to locals and ratepayers, it is, and in its new guise, will be a greater tourist attraction

The area around Newcastle Mall, Darby Street feels very unsafe at night. Hunter street is run-down, shabby and half the shops are closed down. Revitalise the whole area.

The area around the skate ramp at bar beach is a great example of this. There is a diverse ramp of activity areas that cross over and cater to different age groups. It promotes awareness and education in terms of different recreational pastimes and tolerance of different age groups. There are way too many baby and toddler parks and nothing for tweenies and older kids. Look at speers point park., what a fantastic social hub.

The Art Gallery and the Museum represent a great opportunity for cultural tourism (think Ballarat and Bendigo) and therefore need support. Likewise good public facilities enhance the city's attractiveness. Safe public areas, especially at night, are essential.

The art gallery redevelopment is extremely important for Newcastle not just for the residents but also for tourism

The attitude towards diverse activities at night in the City needs to change. Businesses that would attract people to the City that are not between the ages of 18 and 20 would assist in mitigating social issues by having a more mature presence.

The city needs facilities such as meeting rooms and halls that can be used by the community and that are not too expensive to hire or too many conditions that will be prohibitive to small groups.

The continuing purchase of public art is important to the vibrancy of a city.
Continue to support (financially and otherwise) existing community organisations that are putting on events etc. that meet these goals rather than creating new bodies.
Additionally, strengthen relationships between NCC and the university - there is a huge pool of student and staff talent and expertise that is untapped. The diverse university community has much to offer Newcastle in moving away from the Industrial working class coal town image.

The Council is currently doing a good job in maintaining the parklands throughout most of Newcastle but more efficient and cost effective thought needs to be put into changes before they are made.

The hills of coal do not fit as consistent with any concern for health

The inland swimming pools used to promote peoples health,happiness and well-being, but now the cost is so great attendances are falling,and kids will drown more often.I used to take five in my family to the pools almost six days a week,but that would be impossible for the majority to-day.

The key word in all this is "safe". We have great places already eg Civic Park but no one is safe to even walk through there of a night. While a lot of that responsibility is not Councils they should be advocating for increased crime protection etc

The Live Sites initiatives are fantastic. Encourage a diversity of dining and small bar options that activate the city centre. Encourage international and other student residency in the city centre and businesses to cater to their needs. Encourage Renew Newcastle projects to create a vibrant, arts and creative based economy in the city centre - we don't need another Westfield in our fragile peninsula city.

The retention of the most important building in Newcastle =
Newcastle railway station

The waterfront esplanade should be connected via cycle and walking paths from Honeysuckle to Linwood. This would create a continual cycle/walking track from Mayfield right around to Merewether, which would ease commuter traffic into the CBD and be a tourist attraction for Hunter residents and visitors. The area at the intersection of Hannell Street and Honeysuckle Drive should be beautified as a park area for use by residents and tourists, with public art and objects of interests that share the story of the Newcastle port heritage.

There are existing areas with a village character eg The Junction.
Seek to create a similar character in the centre of Newcastle separate from the Harbour and beach identities. No matter what you do you cannot make Hunter Street a part of the Harbour. The Sydney City centre is not the Harbour. It has a different identity.
Maybe give the village a different name to help create the character.
The people of the city centre need to feel connected and feel they have a common identity.
The beautiful but neglected Post Office building needs to be used! What a lovely environment for the people of the village to celebrate their heritage.

There are NO vibrant and activated public places in Newcastle and if you think there are, then take another look. The people that run this so called city have no imagination at all. Look at that wasted space beside the Civic Theatre, anyone with half a brain could have planed it better then that. Promoting peoples health and wellbeing, who wrote this ridiculas line, do you now just how many people are laughing at you and how stupid that sounds and do not tell us that differant cultures live together in harmony because they do not.

<p>There is not enough police presence at night I have watched bouncers in city venues for mainly younger people abuse their power and know of police refusing to take action in violent situations. Venues need to be able to call police to drunken behaviour and not just throw them into unsupervised streets to prey on others, take the offenders home or lock them up for the night as was done in my youth. As a city property owner with CCTV on our property unacceptable behaviour is seen but there is no follow through by authorities. The city streets are awash of vomit, glass, stale alcohol and rubbish every weekend as said don't throw fools onto the street remove them completely so poor social behaviour is curbed at the venues themselves You don't see this behaviour as commonly overseas</p>
<p>These are all airy fairy, come up with specific projects, cost them then ask to prioritise them</p>
<p>Think that people have to feel safe in Newcastle and I don't even feel safe walking down the mall of a day time. Need to clean up the mall, get more shops, restaurants or something in this area to encourage people to want to come to Newcastle instead of shopping centres.</p>
<p>This is what tourists and locals want</p>
<p>This is what will attract people to Newcastle and change our image once and for all. Work closely with arts groups, Hunter TAFE, UoN...make centre a cultural hub once and for all...</p>
<p>This survey seems to not be very useful - to get the most from a survey questions should be specific. Of course these things are important, but they are not specific and I keep saying extremely important to all of them because I do think they are ALL important. This doesn't help find out which ones are MORE important</p>
<p>To have public places of any kind they must be useful and be able to attract people to use them. So far our council record on this is woeful and we need to get the people of Newcastle to become really proud of their city then public places which meet the needs of a modern city will be a necessity</p>
<p>Tourist is relevant in the context of these points</p> <p>Enhance and also use the Port as a tourist attraction not just the narrow scale of the peninsula of Newcastle</p> <p>The city has a bad drug and alcohol reputation</p> <p>the city looks dirty and run down.</p> <p>clean it up</p>
<p>Try to have a balance between development and heritage. Don't have buildings cluttering up open spaces tearing up the natural environment</p>
<p>Underwriting the redevelopment of the Newcastle Art Gallery so that "blockbuster" exhibitions can be held. This brings in visitors who use accommodation, cafes & restaurants, movie houses, other cultural facilities etc, etc and adds a huge amount to the city's economy. The shop and coffee shop in the redevelopment strengthens social connections and helps the Gallery to become self supporting.</p>
<p>Improve lighting in the streets which improves safety</p> <p>Unfortunately! NE castle city is not a safe place to visit at night and over weekend. We (friends and families) had many incidents that now we just avoid going out at night. There are doggie, drugies type people hang around Market town in daytime and harass people. Police were notified several times but they don't take a positive step. Newcastle council have "Alcohol free Zone" signs everywhere but no one to enforce that on the people who sit there and drink whole day. Mayfield, Hamilton, have same problem. I think this is time that council should take some steps to make Newcastle city safe and activity place.</p>
<p>Unfortunately, Newcastle has now obtained a label as one where</p> <p>people should avoid going into the city at night due to crimes, poorly lit arteries and even poorer security and police presence.</p>
<p>Until Hunter Street is cleaned up and safe for people to walk at night we will never get people back into the city in the way it was used in the 1960s and 1970s</p>

<p>Until something is done about derelict buildings and the city continues to run down your objectives will not be reached. Its simple do something instead of just talking and sending out surveys.</p>
<p>Used active spaces heighten safety. Public spaces need to be managed and provide various public activities to encourage people to use these spaces. Live sites was one of the best things to occur in Newcastle CBD. The live sites activities were not only well attended by people from all over the city and surround but also by visitors. Everyone who attended a live sites event still raves months/years later. Perhaps further interaction needs to occur with local businesses to sponsor such events and further marketing needs to occur to capture visitors (such as from big events in the hunter valley) and marketing to Sydney siders to use the sea plane or rail for short day or weekend trips to Newcastle. We have a great city lets tell the world and show our wares.</p>
<p>We could do with a relaxation of dog park rules. You can only take your dog out in the early morning or evening.</p> <p>Obviously the person who made that rule doesn't live in Wallsend.</p> <p>I like to take my pups to the park during the day. This is so I don't get attacked by a crazed knife wielding maniac. Last time was very scary & I now only take my dogs out during the day...& risk a fine. Thanks.</p> <p>Also if you could do something about all the crazy people that have arguements with invisible people on Hunter Street that would be appreciated. They do tend to have the nasty effect of scaring good people away.</p>
<p>We could start by NOT committing serious building code violations such as the Bimet Lodge redevelopment. This is a corrupt council administration at work.</p>
<p>We do not want to be a police state. However a visible police presence is a good preventive to drunken anti social behaviour. Public transport available when needed.</p>
<p>We have it all but it is mainly up to the public to ensure our City becomes valued in every aspect. I am all for a vibrant, attractive City where there is so much for everyone and we all respect and try to improve with which we are already naturally blessed.</p>
<p>We must revitalise our city, and not get mired down in endless debates about heritage values of utterly worthless and aesthetically valueless structures. A case in point - the ridiculous 20-year fight over the hopelessly damaged Merewether Surf House. The new facility there is magnificent, and should have been operating 15 years ago. Let's get on with mopdernising our city, inside and out!</p>
<p>we need a balance with the day and night economies of our key hubs eg Junction, Beaumont Street, Hunetr Streets - only Darby St seems to do this well, closely followed by Beaumont Street</p>
<p>We need a new festival to celebrate Newcastle. Mattara is an embarrassment and not embraced by most of Newcastle. I suggest a celebration that focuses on its people. Novocastrians are a unique and diverse people achieving all over the world. We could have a festival based on the American "home coming" week where different organizations eg schools sporting clubs uni etc invite Novocastrians back to be part of organized events. We could even have a concert with our diverse group of entertainers performing eg silver chair Olivia etc. This would definitely enhance our cultural and shared heritage and involve interests of all Novocastrians. I would be pleased to discuss this idea further.</p>
<p>We need the community, local & state governments to work together on all of these projects - more public forums for people to put forward ideas would be good.</p>
<p>We need to create a better night life, not discourage people from going into the city at night or on weekends.</p>
<p>We need to get more out of all our existing assets. Mixed use facilities are essential.</p>
<p>We need to have areas that are populated and loutish behavior is observed and managed. Having worked in Newcastle for three years, there are times in the working afternoons when louts have crashed into windows, tipped over bins, fought and laid in front of cars. This can't be stopped. But, perhaps social media (people taking pictures or video and uploading to a council web site or similar) can be activated to address this in some ways.</p>

We need to move away from the culture of alcohol and gambling and include the rest of the community in planning of use of all public space (both open space and developments). Why are movie places successful in Charlestown and a new one proposed for Kotara and yet Newcastle's one is on its last legs. Parking stations close very early, WHY?? We can do a lot but think wider than the current thoughts.

We need to think outside the square for active places in the CBD - young people and families with young children want to get involved but are largely uncatered for. Encouraging restaurants with family friendly areas would be a great start along with outdoor play spaces that are safe to play in early evenings.

We need well light parking areas, which will help the decision to out to dinner, function, movie, concert or just hangout. Most important, keep the cost of parking at a minimum. Increase the selection of restaurants. Heritage is good, but don't overdo it.

Welcoming & friendly! A particularly friendly town, from our experience, we recommend Newcastle to all and sundry constantly. 100%

Well-planned "diverse activity" in public places, both at night and throughout weekends, addresses all three of the above

What does an "activated" place mean?

What drive!

When the word "heritage" is mentioned in Newcastle, all I think of is the Fred Ash building, the figs and the railway. All these things have been a block to progress. We can maintain our strategic heritage, but not every building just because it's old.

Whenever I go to night time festivals and events in other cities they are fun and wonderful to attend. Now that I see more events happening in Newcastle, I see more fun and safe events to take my family.

I would like to see more events encouraged by Council by making it easier for cultural groups to stage great events. Cultural groups need funding, support and guidance in staging a variety of events. these events can grow to be regional tourism events that people will travel for.

whenever the minority residents groups oppose every development application and hold up progressive proposals it is impossible to achieve vibrant and active public places. while they should be allowed to voice concerns less weight should be take of minority concerns. If the residents don't want to live in a vibrant city environment thats is their problem and they are obviously living in the wrong place.

With great places and spaces within and around Newcastle it would be wonderful to have a camping spot for tourists. The area between Nobby's Beach and Horseshoe Beach seems ideal (without knowing the logistics). A camping spot would also potentially bring more trading to the Newcastle Mall.

Being an avid traveller and loving to camp myself I always notice the amount of Jucy camping Vans travelling through the area. It would be great to have somewhere for these people to camp this side of the Stockton bridge.

Work with Council to spread the word

Work with local suburbs to determine what works in their area

Safe activities & transport to bring people into the city at night and on weekends

Would love to see areas in our parks designated to marriage ceremonies. For example the rose garden at King Edward Park could be planted out better so that guests could stand around the garden. There could be alter that has a vine growing over it at the end facing the ocean. This is a private space that could be used by couples and the money that they pay to book the area could fund the minor changes it would take to make it a working space. This would also be nice in Blackbutt and Lambton park which by the way is looking magnificent. Couples want to be married where they live.

Zero tolerance for any crime and alcohol abuse

Zero tolerance for graffiti etc should be our most important focus. This would promote respect and regard for people and the built environment.

By deliberating increasing the number and coverage of parking meters seems to me to reduce vibrancy. Streets become deserted, businesses suffer, and increasing antisocial behaviour may arise.

Cycle and walk paths are meant to be shared, however without speed restrictions on bikes where pedestrians also walk, risks the health and safety of people. No thought is given to hearing impaired people who may not hear bike bells etc, or blind people. I understand that in London, bikes must only travel at walking speed.

I like the way heritage buildings are being reused, either as restaurants or cultural centres. Our culture, buildings, the port, the railway, should be promoted as aspects of living culture. If we seek to "homogenise" our environment, we run the risk of looking and feeling like any other place. The question arises, why should people come to see what they could see in Sydney at Darling Harbour, or any other "generic" place on the map.

CARING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

CARING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY: Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards ensuring Newcastle is a thriving community where diversity is embraced and everyone is valued and has the opportunity to contribute and belong.

	Base (those answering) n= 270	n=	%
COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS			30.7
Festivals / fairs / markets / events	29		10.7
More placemaking / pride of place / neighbourhood activities and centres	14		5.2
Support multiculturalism and multicultural events	9		3.3
Renew Newcastle	9		3.3
Livesites	8		3.0
Support community groups and programs	8		3.0
Community gardens	4		1.5
Other- community events and programs	2		0.7
GROUPS			30.0
Support / facilities for the arts community	35		13.0
Support / facilities for the youth	12		4.4
Support / facilities for the aged	10		3.7
Support / facilities for / integration of refugees and new immigrants	9		3.3
Support / facilities for the people with disabilities	6		2.2
Support / facilities for the indigenous communities (recognise cultural heritage) and other cultures	5		1.9
Support / facilities for religious groups	1		0.4
Support / facilities for not for profit orgs	1		0.4
Other- groups	2		0.7
FACILITIES & ASSETS			10.4
Parks and sportsgrounds	9		3.3
Public swimming pools	5		1.9
Beaches & surrounds	4		1.5
Retain Tafe / Lobby for Tafe	3		1.1
Health facilities	3		1.1
Promote Museum / Art Gallery	2		0.7
Child care	2		0.7
OBJECTIVES			9.6
Comment regarding wording (eg vague, meaningless, motherhood statements etc)	16		5.9
Less emphasis on spiritual wellbeing - what does this mean?	5		1.9
Good goals	3		1.1
Other comments rewording	2		0.7
AESTHETICS / SAFETY			8.9
Make the city safer	11		4.1
Clean up city / City is a mess	6		2.2
Not as many bars / Address alcohol problems	5		1.9
Clean up public transport	2		0.7
OTHER			44.8
Not only Council's responsibility / Work with or leave to State or Federal Govt or other	15		5.6
Spend equally across the LGA/ treat all areas the same / treat all people the same	7		2.6
More accessible public transport	7		2.6
Paid parking is a deterrent / more parking needed	6		2.2
People should walk / cycle around local area	6		2.2
Support art gallery redevelopment	6		2.2
Already achieving this / Doing well in this regard	5		1.9
Consult with community / Listen to community	5		1.9
Development impacting the community / developments	5		1.9
Not in support of art gallery	2		0.7
Need to be a less self centred society / care more about others	2		0.7
Other	55		20.4

"A welcoming community that cares and looks after each other" -> you guys are the kings of empty wording. It's such a vague statement. When you talk about 'welcoming' are you talking about refugees? If so, have the balls to say it. Will you really look after refugees so that they don't get ripped off by heartless landlords? But no. You say 'looks after each other', so that sentence can mean pretty much anything. Or nothing. This is very annoying.

"Spiritual wellbeing". Does this mean you are just going to give more money to the bloody Christians? Oh maybe Muslims, too. I would love to see more community health initiatives for example, psychologists to assist people in distress, nurses to aide older people, school help to deal with difficult children, so that they have a chance to learn...

"Best-Beaches" in Australia, Museum and Cultural-centre etc. be well publicised.

*Spend collected rates equally in all areas, the inner area appear to (unreadable) to receive more

* Provide in each area - shelters/halls for older people and people with disability to enjoy

1. Create more jobs for the young
2. The State Member should get more funding to help
3. Promote the beach & surfing lifestyle
4. Promote public transport & expand arts, craft & trades to Newcastle

1. focus of effort on a regional and not LGA basis.

1. Please keep our City clean and tidy. This needs to be an absolute must for all residents as it is currently a disgrace.
2. We have every opportunity for a wonderful healthy and active lifestyle. Nature has blessed us with this beautiful environment. Good active health usually goes hand in hand with strong mental health and our spiritual wellbeing.
3. We are so blessed with the creative, culturally rich and vibrant offerings in this City. We have it all and it is very well promoted. Just keep on trying in as many ways as possible to reach more of the community.

A clean, efficient and effective public transport system encourages people to meet, to look around, and to enjoy their community, as well as visit other communities.

A clean city with no graffiti or deserted streets enhances inclusivity and encourages the idea of a caring community.

Improved amenity, clean and accessible toilets etc. A return to no timed parking at weekends (Sat 12 noon onwards), which denies some families from sharing the beauty and outdoor benefits of the foreshore.

A creative community will not be achieved by spending millions on an art gallery - there is a strong need to focus on grassroots community expression - programs that allow the various sectors of the community to express what they feel about their area and to undertake placemaking projects - Mayfield 2304 Soul, Guts., Spirit is a good eg as is the Throsby Creek cycle way public art and placemaking elements - its a long and slow process but much more worthwhile and sustyainable in the long run

A creative, culturally rich community will hopefully promote a healthy, welcoming community. I Find Newcastle to be very friendly, I moved here 3 years ago. Facilities such as Bathers Way are excellent as they are very well used and promote, health and culture. As these facilities get upgraded more art and sport events should follow. Build it and they will come!!!

A restoration of the community supportive ethos that Newcastle was once a source of pride and resilience.

A strong Arts community gives the city vibrancy. The cutting of TAFE courses should be lobbied against by the council.

It is the arts community that has brought life back to the mall not big business.

The east-end of Newcastle has a real local community feel - we don't need a Chinatown there.

We should assist all the different nationalities and cultures in Newcastle to share their food, dance, music and art.

A utopian city of Newcastle

Acknowledge the significant cultural heritage of Newcastle, the ongoing cultural development occurring within the city and actively work towards fostering further support for the arts and cultural activities
Actively welcome newcomers through arts and music projects
Again is this council's responsibility? HEALTH departments are much better suited and qualified to manage and develop healthy well being in the community.
Again support the cultural precinct with the redevelopment of the art gallery. Encourage community festivals like the Wallsend Fair. Maintain sporting grounds and encourage sporting groups. Both of the above help with the physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing of the community, as does many of the community volunteer groups, eg RSL sub branches.
Again this is waffle waffle waffle. I'm not happy at all with this survey. Who wrote it?
Again, these are wonderful words but very abstract.
All extremely good targets
All levels of government need to agree on the same strategy and everyone has to work for the same goal.
all lovely motherhood statements: I would like the council to take notice of large-scale community concerns like not cutting down the fig trees when so many people didn't want it (yes I do know that more will be planted - thank you).
All of these things were part of Newcastle when I first came here in 1969. The real problem is that we have become a greedy community with lots of Mc mansions and lots of expensive toys in yards which have to be paid for so the old values of helping your neighbour is too hard as everyone has a job which uses up their time. This will be a really difficult task for the council as you will find it hard to change the culture of needing to get more to keep up with the Joneses. I feel that again Council and public need to get together on this one but I feel it will be very difficult to get people involved.
all residents not just yuppies and fringe dwellers
All that I said in previous section. We need to keep our Child Care Centres. We need to also not go down the privatisation or contractor route. This is not encouraging a caring & inclusive community if we are sacking staff, privatisation always ends up with poorer service & greater costs to the community
All the above are vitally important BUT the community needs to be heard rather than TOLD what is going to happen. I personally am dismayed by the lack of greenery in our town. I am dismayed that aged and disabled cannot get close access to the beach. Make the parks beautiful and this can be done easily by including the public. Excluding community from decisions is not the way to develop a caring and inclusive community. The act of excluding community from decisions about THEIR town belies the desire for YOU to have it inclusive. the community are more insightful than just being fed nice words and the community is a caring and inclusive one if it was brought together by appropriate gatherings for all corners of the community.
An artistic hub which embarrasses all age groups and cultures would be fantastic. However NOT in the city because all day parking fees are a major deterrent . Especially to those in the artistic community and other cultures, who are on limited incomes. A true sporting hub at Lambton would be fantastic.
an openly abusive Lord Mayor does not help - tell him to tone it down; or walk
As before - give people a link to the environment, and a lot of these objectives will also fall out.
As before Art is a way forward in the renewal of our City. Look at the work Renew Newcastle has done. Marcus Westbury is a product of our Art System and a credit to it.
As mentioned, providing opportunity, including, acknowledgement of indigenous culture. Providing (well-organised, funded) youth venues, art spaces (why not allow local graffiti artists design the walls along the train line like Brisbane). Stop blaming youth for community problems such as violence etc, IT'S A COMMUNITY PROBLEM.
Avoid land use planning that results in segregated communities where the rich live in one area and the poor in another. Our city should provide for a mix of affordable and high end housing in the same suburbs to avoid a sense of elitism or creating ghettos

Be proactive and be the first council to move towards removing any form of religion from school curricula. There's plenty of time for religious nonsense when kids leave the learning environment. Encourage refugees and immigrants to join with us in what is good of our culture while at the same time introducing us to what is good of their's. I think a lot of this sort of thing is going on already and it is one of the things that makes me proud to be a Novocastrian. I'm not sure what you mean by spiritual well-being but if you're talking about religion then the sooner peoples of the world learned to stand on their own two feet without the crutch of religion the better off we would all be. Having suffered with depression for many years I support all that can be done for others that suffer but I do believe that we do have some wonderful specialists in this field in Newcastle.

Better affordable public transport, which is not a council concern or cost.

Less drunken behavior which again is a state policing concern.

bit less emphasis on the spiritual wellbeing would be suitable in a secular society

BUT DOES NOT MEAN I WANT AN EXPENSIVE NEW ART GALLERY

by valuing human identity over property development, impatient transportation interests, and a focus on providing a comfort zone in the CBD for middle class retirees. instead of transferring the educational campus of Uni of Newcastle to city, create student accommodation there (overseas students will bring much needed diversity).

Change the method of electing alderman to a more focused democratic system without political party interference a specific (unreadable) test would be required

Choirs - Newcastle has strong (unreadable) heritage. All ages Chess - large pieces in public squares. Light/Laser shows. Film nights in parks. 'That is not art' festivals, music festivals, film festivals, markets promoted nationally

Close a couple of libraries, update the rest into dynamic social and information hubs - they are excellent for young, elderly and other socially hard-to-include.

Community events, talks on heritage

Community food markets. Where different cultures are invited to have food stalls where people can gather and buy each others food. This is a good platform for social interactions of diverse/ new cultures. Music etc. done well, it could be a nice success.

Community gardens!!

Community programs, specific group activities eg sports, arts, aged

Continuation of celebration of diversity eg livesites

Continuation of the special events and festivals that the council organizes eg winter heat festival.

More advertising on the changes in the city centre and unique interesting shops that are springing up as part of the renew Newcastle project.

continue Livesites events

continue supporting Community groups who help Newcastle achieve this goal.

Continue supporting community-driven arts, heritage programs and projects

Continue to give empty shop in Hunter Street and King Street to artists (low rent), continue to lobby for relocation of some uni faculties into the city

Council could support events that are put on by local people using the model that City of Sydney uses where the community are encouraged to put on events. At every step of the way in planning an event council staff are there to provide advice and alternatives.

Council needs to have processes where it is easy for community groups to do things eg: event licencing, small / micro business meeting rules for home businesses. These 3 objectives are nice, but more that just council to do.

crack down on crime - tolerance taught in schools about difference and diversity. More religious festivals and cultural festivals.

Create atmosphere (how is the big question) for personal involvement - rewards of some kind

Create more vibrant venues and concerts

Re vitalise plays singing venues and social events

Cultural Stomp festival - reinstate

Cultural, educational and entertainment activities (preferably free of charge) should be held regularly, in open areas which are easily accessible to all. Band performances, school choirs and sporting activities, ethnic celebrations, working artists, dancers, etc, could all be part of the activities.

All activities should be well advertised in newspapers, websites, noticeboards, etc. At present there are so many activities that are heard of only after the event, so not as well attended as they could be, which is such a pity.

Culturally rich not important with Sydney close, unfortunate about the time it takes to get there. Cultural diversity is not a part of Newcastle's iniqueness!!... Health and wellbeing follow if the right infrastructure are put into place.

Diversity probably means making meeting places and ovals etc available to groups at a very low cost dont know where to begin.

Each of the Council wards should have centres (e.g. Senior citizens, libraries, halls that are identified as places for people to access information about what's available in the local communities. Sometimes this information is difficult to obtain for new residents.

e.g. In Stockton we started a small Ukelele group of 8. We approached all the local facilities we could think of and no one was able to offer our hobby group a venue. Eventually someone stumbled on the local Guides Hall where the Historical society had recently moved. After much negotiation we have a venue for Mondays and Thursdays at last for our now 18 players.

Each of these are motherhood statements. What is meant by a 'welcoming community', and how do you define 'caring'. Can it be measured? How?

Are physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing the responsibility of local government? Spiritual = religion ie churches. Mental = State hospital and community orgs.

Physical - well local govt provides parks and playgrounds!

Education and cultural exchange needed between long term residents of Newcastle and more recent arrivals. More community events would be welcome in areas like Mayfield, Jesomand

Embrace some of the Japanese ideas

Water features

Flowers Flowers Flowers

Yoga, balance classes outside

City Bikes (Adelaide idea)(free hire)

Encourage & foster the arts

Support new immigrants

Compassion & practical support for people with physical and mental disabilities

Programs that address drug and alcohol problems as medical issues

Support youth program's particularly disadvantaged youth

Safe but not paranoid communities

Encourage ethnic groups to assimilate or go back to their countries of origin or that of their ancestors

Encourage innovation and excellence of community involvement.

Encourage more diversity through cultural groups and creating sense of community. Many people of different cultures move to newcastle from sydney and after a couple of years move back due to the lack of sense of community and cultural activities.

Encourage more migrants and CALD groups to live in Newcastle. e.g offer reduced rents for restaurants and other diverse businesses to move ot newcastle

Create public spaces (including swimming pools) that all can afford so communities can connect.

Encourage multicultural food, theatre, sports, and cultural events. Start Australia's premier literary festival for translated literature. Burn McDonalds and KFC.

Encourage neighbourhood connections, eg local community events as simple as a picnic in a localpark, a street party to celebrate important events.

Get people to take an interest in their neighbours, particularly if they are elderly.

Encourage people to be community minded, eg if there is overgrown areas around them, have the Council make if possible for them to clean up without fearing retribution or charges of trespassing. Get people to take pride in their neighbourhood.

encouraging greater community participation. providing opportunities for families that are affordable. providing and supporting community programs.

the council in the past has move dramatically away from supporting community and has move to economic issues.

if the community feels part of what is happening then they will be on board with change

Ensure provision of affordable access to places providing physical activities, art/s appreciation, and support and care when needed - addressing all three above objectives

Everyone is responsible for fitting in to their community & making their individual contribution.

Facilitate access to existing community, council and government assets and organizations.

Promotion by council of cultural, social and sporting events.

Facilities for Adult and young peoples continued learning and activity eg U3A , council pools, walking and cycling tracks

Find other ways to support programs like Renew Newcastle and get away from relying on state funding.

For the area to have a vibrant cultural future it is necessary for the Council to develop more accessible performance venues that cater for the varying arts forms. The Civic Theatre while a wonderful venue is only suitable for large scale events; The Playhouse is limited in it's capacity for drama performances (in particular). There is NO venue suitable for 350-500 persons. This should be addressed.

For too long the approach to Sustainable Lifestyle by govs has failed. Our community deserves a Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and we will except nothing less. Healthy sustainable cities by promoting safe active transport culture (combine walk, cycling, bus, train with appropriate higher density infilling of cities to stop urban sprawl and car addiction). Cities focused on people, not on cars spewing out toxic exhaust emissions (asthma and cancer causing), creating danger, obesity (sedentary travel) and climate change. Safe, efficient, equitable, ethical, socially just transport for all (pedestrians, children, disabled, blind, wheelchair, cyclists, motorists, etc.), not discriminatory. Since the 90's car culture has stopped generations of kids that have lost their mobility of walking/cycling places. Curtin uni has done a study that show the infrastructure costs for a new suburb are \$684,000 per dwelling (Curtin_Sustainability_Paper_0209). Putting this money to infilling the city, will also make Newcastle a safe cycling tourist attraction, which will bring many visitors and to town.

The entire approach to road safety must be turned aroud to a strategy of Road Danger Reduction.

The current small changes proposed will see our Community get more obese. The Gov's have an obligation to create a safe city for people not cars. We must plan for a "Safe Active Travel 30 for 30" concept. Safe Active Travel 30 for 30 means by 2030 we should have 30km/hr local speed limits and trips : 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest. We must aim for high targets and for the long term because we have lost so much ground in the last few decades of urban sprawling car culture. So the local speed limit needs to be 40km/hr across the whole NCC area NOW! Then lobby RTA for 30km/hr for world's best safe practice in Europe. At the moment 40 and 50 zones and school zones are quite confusing so to make it simpler and safer, a 40 limit is much better. We must match funding for the targets so 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest means the money is split this way. Even though NCC has little say in state public transport, they need to fund active transport modes of combining walk/cycle with public transport. Otherwise spending money on the way travel share is, means more roads and more cars. Need heaps more pedestrian crossings across all main roads so even cyclists can walk their bike across a road, also gives peds/cylists priority. Block off more local roads to make cycling more convenient. Block off Hunter St to cars, let them go down King St. Every bike/pedestrian route must feel safe for 90% of 10 year olds to travel by themselves. Safe routes to schools must be a priority to get kids healthy and stop them costing our country \$billions of health costs later.

Need to stop driving most kids to school. Need to stop the car culture of mothers accidentally killing their own toddlers (like on 27th Sept 2011 in Australia) while backing their car out of their driveway. Whilever Governments and authorities continue to bow to the car lobby and let car culture thrive, more road death will occur when they could help Newcastle to be the safest, nicest, friendliest (no road rage, etc) city in Australia.

Remove all pictures of bikes causing road rage, crashes confusion on the roads NOW! Stop the wasteful money on narrow bike lanes (These rely on cars being parked touching the gutter and people checking before opening their door. But too many bigger SUVs, trucks and people not checking before opening doors mean this is not a safe option to entice the 30% of people . Sure it may entice 5% but this target is laughable, we need proper sustainable 30% target). They are not a success if we double cycling because of them. We need to get all people walking/cycling, even the ones who are very scared to walk/cycle because of the cars. Bikes and pedestrians should be separated, because similar conflict arises when numbers are large. We don't want safe cycleways clogged with walkers, and people find it more convenient to drive a car. Must make walk/cycle/public transport more quicker than cars for all short trips.

Increasing walk/cycle/public transport means reducing car trip for the same amount of trips. This is a fact . Lets not try and keep motorists happy with how they are going. Many motorists must be kicked out of their cars for most of their trips and only then will they realise the light on the other side, and the

Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle is now for them. The car culture and advertising is a hard thing to fight, but we must!

Cycle routes on their own don't create mode transfer from cars. All roads must be safe for walking and cycling and the use of private motor vehicles must be strongly discouraged. Planners must look to walking and cycling as the primary modes of transport for everyone. Public transport must be seen as the secondary modes, for longer distances. Cars must be seen as the last resort. All council policies must be audited for their transport implications. Everyone must have the choice not to own a motor vehicle.

With the increase in car dooring accidents as a result of cyclists riding too close to parked cars and in the drivers blind spot we should consider not supporting bicycle shoulder lane markings in parking lanes and rather place the bicycle symbols at the right of the edge line and encourage cyclists to utilise the parking shoulder lane when its safe to do so as a courtesy to other road users. There are a lot of crashes from motorists not seeing the cyclist until the last second and they clip the cyclist when passing them. This is due to motorists travelling too close to the car in front and the cyclist being squeezed out of sight. The 1st motorist sees the cyclist and squeezes past him without changing lanes. The motorist following the first car thinks all is OK (nothing is ahead to dodge) until a cyclist appears too close on the left. The engineering solution to the clipping a cyclist when squeezing past them is to either cause the 1st motorist to change lanes (which signals to the following car that something is ahead) or to have proper 1m clearance zones between cyclists and traffic lanes.

Dedicated Bicycle Lanes should be constructed in accordance with World's best standards (E.g. Dutch):

clearance to pass the open door of a parked car in the adjacent parking lane without leaving the bicycle lane. A 1 metre separation is desirable.

lane widths that are adequate to carry the anticipated bicycle traffic, that continue through intersections

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road with a posted speed limit above 70km/h to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane.

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane. This should be at least 1 metre, because "1m matters" (Amy Gillett campaign)

(Unfortunately the relevant sections of the RTA/RMS NSW Bicycle Guidelines, the AustRoads guidelines of 2012 (<https://www.onlinepublications.austroads.com.au/items/AP-G88-11>) do not meet appropriate safety standards for 13 year old children to feel safe in "marked bike lanes" that put them in positions of hitting car doors, or cars passing them on their right too close)

Many motorists will believe wherever the bike symbol is placed, that is the place where cyclists MUST ride their bike over the symbol painted on the road. It is confused as a bike lane. So all the problems associated with "Road Shoulder Lanes" below exist, even without edge lines. The bike symbols are very confusing, most motorists don't think it's a bike route marking, they think it's a bike placement marking

(where you should ride your bike). Bike route signs are not confusing. Bike symbols create confusion and road rage.

Bicycle symbols in shoulder lanes can even be counterproductive as they give cyclists the impression that it's a safe space to ride and motorists the impression that it's a bicycle lane and cyclists should not be in the traffic lane. And they can give an impression of safe passing distances (of motorists passing cyclists) well less than 1 metre.

For full references why we need a Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and a safe separated cycle network please see the fact sheets and research from <http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/> and the Australian Bicycle Council.

Action needed for Safe, ethical, equitable, socially just, non-discriminatory Happy, Healthy Sustainable active transport network

Get all special interest groups to serve the whole community for its betterment

Get community to decide on local solutions but work with experts on this in a mutually deliberative process which means that we can all learn from each other. The above involves behavioural change which is the most difficult policy change to achieve. We need to know from the experts what works and what doesn't and, once we understand this we can build locally relevant solutions.

Get rid of discrimination. Clean up Newcastle.

Give each suburb mentors to create community involvement and integration for refugees.

go for it, but the costs must be appropriate!

Grants for local organisations that work towards community inclusion. Support for religious and other organisations that already lead the way in providing a caring and inclusive community. Recognition for community volunteers/members of the community who make a difference in this area.

Support for refugees and asylum seekers in Newcastle.

Greater connectivity between organisations : so much energy and money in duplication of setting up services etc.

eg: perhaps a local government researched and supported website / service ...a 'one stop shop' for information and linking NGO's, private orgs and government organisations with caring & Inclusive Community as its aim.

This might assist with looking at ways of cutting the 'red tape', applying for grants ...etc.. often encountered when a good idea is floated or funds needed.

Greater initiatives required to generate urban villages. health communities at the street level - encourage street parties, elderly visited daily by locals etc.

Greater support for neighbourhood based (even to street/block level) volunteer groups that do the most simple things together; eg, basic street tree watering and general care. As an essential precursor, however, this involves giving them far greater choices over the present Council practice of directing what it plants.

Seeking residents views on activities/facilities they'd like to develop or assist to develop on a very localised basis; eg, a simple shelter to conduct exhibitions or stalls.

have an arts precinct in the city, encourage complementary medicine practitioners to come and work

Have an overriding ethical approach in the way you do business instead of being driven by whether you will be challenged or taken to court for the decisions you make that impact on people's life and quality of life. I often fail to see the fairness in some of council decisions and politics seems more important than people.

Why do you think so many people rated you poorly in your last survey?

Have suburb community days with BBQs and child friendly activities so communities can meet their neighbours etc

Having more council/community run programs, helping not for profit organisations.

Health professional need to be included as without health the others are not achievable

Highlight more of Renew Newcastle's work in the mainstream. Work with and incorporate ideas from city of Melbourne and city of Sydney's cultural environment

hold workshops for d*** faced drivers who cant accept cyclists using the roads. explain to them that the majority of cyclists have cars, pay rego etc. and that calling us lycra clad fags is going to get them no where nor is abusing us for taking a lane in dangerous situations

How does Council currently support this - does not appear to be a well understood objective based on the evidence available. You talk about roads and trees more than people.

How is this up to council? Just stick to the basics. Transport, Garbage, Dog park rules, etc.

Don't try to engineer an active community. It will just happen when you get the basics right...which you haven't.

I am not sure how we do it - but we need people to want to come in City for reasons other than just shopping - eating, entertainment and activities which tend to bring people together - something of "novelty" which will make people, and particularly younger people, want to return (come back)

I am not sure that any of this is the responsibility of council, especially if they need to increase rates by 7% each year for 5 years to pay for it. Library, galleries, roads etc yes but how does this fit in with that?

I am sorry but I think this is all becoming "pie in the sky". We now have a Lord Mayor who owns a great part of the derelict area of Hunter Street and has done nothing so far to clean up his properties but now will probably try to come out of this as a great hero who has taken the city forward.

I believe that all of these things exist in Newcastle. By ensuring that NCC staff and Councillors work together and set an example to the rest of the community on how to respect each. It is not good for young people to witness rudeness and disrespect which we often see in public places.

I loved the live sites and think that it could be expanded to events in the suburbs. Initiate child care forums out in the suburbs with nutritional and rearing advise put on television to encourage people to go along and learn how to care for their children, to look after their children. Have skills workshops for the unemployed and for the elderly in areas that they can easily access so that they are not disenfranchised. Retain Council run childcare centres. Have Council sponsored rehab centres. Start a Council run soup Kitchen Community safe house in the Glebe Road Housing Estate. We have a terrible drug problem in that Estate and if we don't take responsibility for the problem it will only get worse.

I notice that the Arts have not been mentioned in any of your main categories. Given that Newcastle has the highest proportion of artists per capita, this should be adjusted accordingly.

I support emphasis for inclusion for recent refugees. I'm not sure how to achieve this.

I think inclusive communities require people to have pride of place.
I believe developing projects that school kids can be involved in would help develop this. Eg 'giving' schools specific public areas to rejuvenate such as clean graffiti/paint/tidy up/weed/plant etc - if kids grow up with a sense of pride of contribution to the community, they will be more respectful, caring and inclusive.

I think it is important to respect the notion that communities can be small (as in a suburb or a precinct) rather than the whole of Newcastle community.

I think Newcastle already does this well. Part of the beauty of Newcastle is it embodies that great Australian identity of a "fair go for all".

I think Newcastle is a very inclusive city already :-)

I think Newcastle is, and has always been, a very caring and inclusive community. It's in our roots. Having come from a migrant family arriving in the early 1950's, that is my personal experience. Eg: Hamilton, Mayfield are multi-cultural centres. Look back at our records of giving at telethons (NBN should have records). Our level of involvement in charities.

As a novocastrian, I think we do Caring and Inclusiveness fairly well and better than many other places. Having said that. There's always room for improvement.

I think renew newcastle is doing a great job and should be supported

I think the spiritual wellbeing events in newcastle have been well advertised and well attended which is good.

I think the youth is overlooked. There are not many or easy options for the youth, to be engaged politically, socially, creatively. Give them real options to contribute and be engaged creatively as they are the future.

I think this all flows from a city which is easy to live in and get around.

I think this comes naturally when the city presents itself well and has a safe feel.

I think this is important, however I am unsure of the role and responsibility that council has to play in this. Some of the responsibility has to lay with us as a community!

I think we should put funding into art galleries, music (especially classical music) and culture generally. Try to build up the 'cultural precinct' around the Conservatorium, Civic park etc.

I was recently in Israel where the paramedics in the ambulances are 16 year olds who are experts at what they do, and the 'lolly pop' people at school crossings are Yr6 chn! They are given solid training, and volunteer because they are respected and valued for their contribution. As well they join the armed forces at 17, 2 years for girls, 3 for boys. The young people are respectful and courteous, they have a good opinion of themselves and what they can achieve even at their young age, and this sets them up with life skills and attitudes for good community relations now and into the future. They don't have the gross alcohol and social problems that sometimes beset our communities here in

Australia - give them training and responsibility at a sensible age, and they will rise to the occasion - it works!

I would appreciate the establishment of a public sports - swimming pool establishment at Honeysuckle land.

I would like to see some adult exercise equipment being included in parks and beach areas, such as pull up bars and ring equipment. It would encourage people to be more active and fit.

I'd love to know how to get more involved in volunteering - things like visiting at nursing homes. I'd also like to see more Tai Chi in parks and know how to get involved. I love that there are so many markets in Newcastle but I'd like to see a craft demonstration market. One where the Stitches and Bitches met to knit and attracted people and teh woodworkers met and did woodwork and explained to people what they were doing and the beaders and jewellery makers and so on.

If you have the first two the third one will follow

Improve tourist information- service at Maritime Museum is an embarassment compared to facility provided by Lake Macquarie and Hunter.

Improving pedestrian access to the foreshore and the Honeysuckle area from the CBD.

Incentives for culturally commercial start ups e.g Renew Newcastle

Increase Indigenous culture into events. The community needs to understand and be exposed to the beautiful side of the Indigenous culture because we do have Indigenous in our community and it will also increase the Indigenous confidence if they are more accepted by the rest of the community. At present I believe there is a lot of negativity and misunderstanding towards Indigenous. Perhaps a cultural week/day where different cultures can promote their dance/art/food for the rest of the city. We are becoming more a multi-cultural society all the time and need to embrace this. Understanding promotes respect.

Industry has got the weight of the balnce on health, violence of a night has given the town the reputation

vibrant communitiy is focused on only a few big items

- Art gallery

the post office

and the bathers way

blackbutt

More is needed toooo narrow a focus

Involve the community through practical opportunities to be a part of the solution

Is this too much to ask or expect - lift your game

Just get rid of all rednecks if only we could. It's all about understanding and empathy!

Keen the Hunter line opened all the way to Newcastle station giving people access to the foreshore, museum, art gallery, library, civic theatre, city hall, council admin building without parking problems

Keep all the parks in good order they are a great asset

Keep Live Sites alive!

Cultural festivals for school kids in years 10-12
Listen to our best community minded people & enact their ideas. Your workshops & forums are a good way of achieving good outcomes. Beware of & avoid self-interested organisations & corporates.
Listen to the Community instead of belittling them when they are trying to save the character and soul of the city.
Listen to the greater community. Don't just act on Councils ideas
Local councils supporting the volunteer sector
Local events that are no "clique" drive. Neighbourhood days/street parties (no alcohol)
lots of community gettogether
maintainence of public swimming pools /cycleways / sporting facilities . Improve conditions in Hunter Street and mall . Recent Italian film festival and linked events was a positive step .Livesites also is a good way of getting people out and about to socialise day / night .
make comunity centres easily accessible, economically and physically
Make our city safe
More areas for exercising dogs would be good. Particularly to walk the dogs on the beach. Horseshoe beach is sometimes very crowded. It would have been good if one could reinstate that walking the dog at burwood beach is allowed before 9 am.
More areas for kids to play
More community gardens.
More consultation with residents. More prewarning of proposed Council actions that will affect residents
More cultural activities
More cultural demonstrations/activity days
more cultural diversity celebrations
More cultural diversity would be great. I'm not sure how you encourage people from other cultures to brave the mono-cultural wilderness of Newcastle but there are probably incentives. The University has a strong role to play with its increased emphasis on internationalisation.
More culture festivals (like Beaumont St, Darby St, Civic Park, the beaches. Bring people together to celebrate and learn other cultures, try different foods, drinks, music, entertainment, in a safe, family oriented environment, which, for me, is the future of people in Newcastle. Honeysuckle areas not just pubs and clubs, but walkways, cycle areas and picnic areas.
More cycle paths and walking tracks. Just having beautiful, safe places to walk or cycle gets people moving without having to push them into exercise.
Retain green spaces. We have already lost waterside land in Honeysuckle which could have had more park area for leisure activities. It sometimes feels as if developers are more important than rate payers.
More exhibitions at the Art Gallery. Grants for Civic theatre.
More fairs and festivals
More free events. Music and family activites
More funding into sports fields & sport club facilities
More meaningless words
More meetings at libraries, different suburbs please & seating or church halls
More multicultural events such as the one that was held around Nobby's end, up until last year, and used to be held in Beaumont St.
more outdoor events
more public transport
More publication of special events eg music and dance events.
Most people work during the day. Encourage Ward organizations with some funding
Move ahead with the art gallery redevelopment and continue to fund the arts, live music and cultural activities in the city. Bring art onto the streets with sculptures and images that inspire people and increase appreciation for art and local talent. Regular outdoor music and theatre events
Multicultural markets in town.

Neighbourhood Centres to get to know each other and encourage communal activities = wellbeing, arts & crafts, philosophy etc
Newcastle has a proud history in this regard that Council should acknowledge and develop
Newcastle is already all of these things - just a few too many yobbos
Newcastle is in Australia and as such it should be portrayed as Australian with our way of culture front foremost and promoted not the minority.
Newcastle is just NOT Newcastle it is every suburb as a whole
Newcastle needs a nightlife that doesn't center around pub culture. The city could also engage with local artists, designers and place makers to think of creative ways to engage with the city, many of these people are lost each year to the capital cities because of lack of opportunities
no spiritual wellbeing sponsored by government thanks
Not sure how you provide that!
Not sure if this is a concern/cost of the council -sounds more federal.
Not sure what is meant by "spiritual wellbeing" in the above statement - I am unable to take the second statement seriously.
Not sure what role council can play in any of these. Mostly these are state and federal responsibilities and the council should not get involved in things it cannot control itself, otherwise the plan is doomed to fail from the start.
Of course, all good motherhood statements. The devil, as always, is in the detail.
Offer swimming pool entry with a gold coin donation. It will encourage children and adults to be active, lose weight and be more healthy. Encourage the Arts and promote music festivals for contemporary and classic music.
Once aagain all warm fuzzy feeling stuff, get real come up with solid ideas
One of the city's big pluses is in the arts. This can be assisted by establishing a Centre for the Arts. In Bangkok this has been done in the National gallery building. But such a centre could also be separate from our Gallery. The Centre could be home for the formal and informal arts organisations, and also commercial businesses, providing them with a shop space or a meeting space and storage. The Groups that might be included could be ceramic artists, potters, painters, drawers, photographers, Newcastle Film Society, art supplies, the cinematographers, quilters, fashion designers, jewellery designers,, music shops, a Jazz club. producers of goods by recycling, food designers, cake makers, sculptors, etc. The Centre would allow artists including portrait sketchers to work in public spaces in the Centre and sell their work. Musicians would also be welcome to perform and busk. It would also allow art and music teachers to use furniture in public areas to teach their students.
One thing leads to another, start with the basics: safety, transport, facilities - go on to use of these things: concerts, festivals, conferences, then build on this with cultural and alternate events, community events etc.
Over the years the Newcastle Conservatorium has been downgraded. The staff have been demoralised and many have left and good students don't want to study here. It could be a leading music education facility but its far from it. This needs to become a Newcastle City responsibility as its performance impinges on the cultural life of this city. Ask Richard Gill to be its Director and it would be one of the greatest investments that Newcastle could make and it would put newcastle on the cultural map.
Perhaps in some cases a community progress association would be of help.
Perhaps somehow bringing different cultures together in fun ways
Please refer to my previous comments. Welcoming communities are ones where people can get out of cars and mingle with one another safely. WE do need to manage alcohol and night venues in such a way that the streets are safe at night. Do these few things and the rest will follow.
Please see my previous ideas about creating community developments and responsible residency.
Please see previous comment - the opportunities presented by the redevelopment of our Art Gallery are within reach - support by the new NCC to underwrite the short fall in funding, just until the State Government is prevailed upon to contribute the promised share, is vital.

Point 1. Good luck with that in this fractured electronic age. Focus on how good the local arts scene is and make sure people buy the output.
Promote multiculturalism. Support foreigners in Newcastle, e.g. the plethora of international students. However, McCloy's idea of creating a China Town in Newcastle East is ludicrous. Cultural groups in distinct areas arise due to settlement history (e.g. Little Italy in Sydney), not because some businessman wants to turn a buck.
Promoting community activities better.
Promotion of Arts & Theatre companies to perform or exhibit within the Newcastle precinct. Support Neighbourhood Watch and promote / advertise healthy & physical activities that are available within the city, particularly for the elderly people.
Promotion of Christian values and events, as the loss of these values is a major contributor of anti-social behaviour and loss of community. For example, Council advertising of Luis Palau Cityfest event.
providing more support financially to community events. eg live sites and the winter illumination
Public art spaces?
Public libraries are vital to the community.
Reading all this, I think that I already have filled out a similar survey with Newcastle Voice...
Redevelop the art gallery
Renew Newcastle is an idea worth looking to maintain and expand as it offers low entry levels to creative people. These people attract positive attitudes, national and international attention and subsequent cultural change, population, tourism and investment.
RENEW NEWCASTLE, has a great thing going.
RED LANTERN MARKETS should be every week in the summer.
Same as for last answer...affordable pools/free entry. better parks. better transport.
see previous comment and support and encourage our youth and our educational institutions
See previous idea.
Seniors Week is a good opportunity to display the talents of retired people such as the Song shine Choir giving demos at the Museum.
Tai Chi could be held in a dedicated place such as the Tramyards (in case it rains).
People who came here as migrants have many fascinating stories to tell and often memorabilia could be displayed at the Museum. Think how many different nationalities were represented at the Steel Works.
Show by EXAMPLE. Stop in fighting, work together and diligently. Do not waste our money on drawn out ill-informed decisions. Show us that you truly represent us and you can make good progress. Get rid of hangers-on and be involved with DOERS that represent the majority.
Some of this can be encouraged by council but part of out of their hands.
A underground art culture is slowly growing and should be encouraged.
Something like a community online notice board could improve community communication: e.g. Newcastle City Ward webpage for each separate Ward in Newcastle. To be monitored on a weekly basis by the Newcastle liaison/community office. It could be summarised every month into archives and each month purged after 12 months in archives.
Something need to be done about cheaper parking to get to the museum and the Maritime museum if you want people to visit.
Stage community events/festivals throughout the city
Start up community activities at local parks.
Stop the NSW government from destroying our TAFE. Commission musical works for public occasions. Stop promoting moronic behaviours through poor decisions such as making people pay to park on a Sunday. Promote the arts and sciences together. And intelligent and thoughtful people that care about their city and its heritage.

Stop wrecking existing communities by inappropriate development. What sort of community do you expect to create with hundreds of dogboxes along Maitland Rd and Fern St, Islington. Higher density street level development with suitable parking is appropriate, but not what is proposed.

Support a multicultural community
Support community adult education
Consider how any development effects local communities and ensure adequate infrastructure
Ensure adequate controls on industries that pose a risk to community (eg pollutants from mining industry, coal seam gas)

Support and encourage our creative community - artists and performers.

Support groups already working in this area.
Help facilitate more community gardens particularly in poorer or more welfare-dependent areas (this is one example of an initiative shown to work). Engage with academics at the University to find out what studies have been done in other areas to meet these goals - we have start using the knowledge resource to help better the city (and region)!

support local arts organisations.
Promote community resilience and harmony
recognise that youth arts is the basis of all arts development in the city

Support of cultural venues, eg the Art Gallery, which would become the vibrant centre of the cultural precinct.
Improving parks and recreation areas with seating and shade for communal get-togethers.

Support the extension of the Art Gallery, it is a must. Suggest small lockers available at the ocean bathes, or surf beaches so that our money and car keys are safe.
More disability parking spaces available in the surg beach parking areas.
Again upgrade and increase the parking areas in community areas.

The above objectives are all very idealistic notions but it's the people that make up a community and Newcastle needs to do more to get rid of the effects of drunken & drug taking behaviour on the streets & public transport & in public spaces. A No Tolerance approach is needed. The above objectives will remain idealistic notions otherwise.

The city has always been a hub of night activity - keep it that way - just safer!

Make it trendier!!

The community needs to feel safe so they can be proud of the City. So safety procedures need to be applied and increased all over the City and suburbs.

The Council has a mandate to supply basic requirements under their legislation. The Council is not the sole arranger of social interaction.

The fairest rate system in Australia was the Ad-velorem system. This was wiped out to take money from the poor to give to the rich in newcastle. If you are serious about beind a welcoming community you would re-instate ad-velorem rates first and foremost so aqs you have a community that welcomes all not just the wealthy

The libraries are a good place to start. As a new person arrives n the area they should be the most informative site for finding out what is available, as they would be of interest to all age groups.

The museum and art gallery are very good.

The new Lord Mayors vision as per the weekends NH ensures the only vision is to promote his personal property development sites in Newcsatle.

The statistics aern't good. What is it now - over half the population is obese, mental disease is on the increase and A. society is now largely aethiest or unhealthy islamists.

The questions asked in this survey seem to be those of people out of touch with reality!

There has got to be good community housing for the drop-out pests/ mentally and socially challenged who nevertheless have to be kept out of the wind and sun and rain. Housing which is supervised because people like this will never be house-proud and cannot care well for themselves. A civilised society looks after the highest and the lowest. What about a speakers corner where the weird and the wonderful can spruik their ideas. Books in the libraries which reflect more of the languages spoken in the Hunter. Might need some prodding to get the vocabs and production of media. Indigenous languages are our own unique inheritance. Foster the arts.

There is a huge range of people who are missed out on so many decisions and personal safety is a thing of the past in decisions. Police are unable to assist due to the endorsed behaviour of anti-social behaviour.

There is a very strong culture in this city revolving around sport and spiritual wellbeing we have to work with what is here to extend that and make it part of our city as opposed to just a small business.

There is nothing stopping any of these things happening now, if people actually want them to. Maybe we lack the time, the interest or the commitment. If thats the case, a major social change is needed and thats probably outside the scope of NCC. Maybe its just a nice objective to have in the plan. and maybe its not achievable.

These are motherhood statements. I am also in favour of breast feeding.

These matters are not a Council domain. They are handled by existing community groups and institutions - charities etc

Things like the Darby Street Fair are great ways for people to wander with their family and see and try things out of their usual sphere. Maybe Beach Days at different beaches over the summer with fairs and activities. In Darwin they have the Deckchair Cinema which is brilliant in warm weather. Perhaps a semi-permanent (or bring your own deckchair) set-up in King Edward Park or other parks around the city

Think I covered this in previous topic however to be culturally rich and vibrant it's vital to to be inclusive and to support those who are different in any way.

Having events where others celebrate their culture already exist and having the general public able to contribute in any way to its success is necessary and important.

Disability games are another vitally important area and these appear to be healthily supported in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie etc. Having all denominations represented with appropriate places of worship etc. is also necessary if we are to totally include everyone.

This and some previous questions are no-brainers. Who could possibly believe that these objectives are not Extremely Important?

This I don't know, people need to be more alert to neighbours etc needs

This is all crap, written by someone who lives in a dream world. I say, get a life.

This should certainly not include public art galleries etc.

This will not happen until a stand is taken about newcastle city itself it is ugly , dangerous , depressing newcastle could have a vibrant family friendly area, get rid of train line open parks ,markets , ice creameries coffee shops etc, bull doze empty shops to get out squatters who pee in the streets , I have seen them. Get rid of the night clubs. Alcohol abuse of a night is bad & hooliganism ...go to the civic theatre to see a show and your taunted by drunks as you walk to the car. I will not go to the civic now after dark & I will not take my 12 yr old daughter into the town.

Fix newcastle

This works best at a neighbourhood level.

Some strategies:- retain local halls
facilitate community gardens and local markets
try to persuade the State Government that children should attend their local school. Families should be supported to help their children walk to their local school There are schemes in Australia and overseas where this works well.

Those seeking to develop Newcastle and gain profit from such developments should put back into the city, helping to provide child and aged facilities and general amenities for the benefit of the whole of Newcastle.

<p>To allow for an inclusive society we need to make our city accessible to EVERYONE. This goes back to ensuring an EASY & ACCESSABLE public transport system for those within our region as well as visitors. There are too many areas in our city which are not safe & accessible to disabled people, the aged, as well as people with the added accessories of a pram/bike/or even a surfboard. How good would it be if we had a safe hub where visitors could leave such items to then explore our city.</p>
<p>Renew Newcastle is brilliant. Lets expand and keep that arty feel in the area within an area frequented by uni students and local residents.</p>
<p>To much diversity can cause confusion between groups common goals common standards common dreams are more important than diversity</p>
<p>To take an example, Newcastle City farmers market, now thats a thriving environment with great community spirit. Encourage these events around Newcastle</p>
<p>Too many "feel good "statements in your survey treat everyone as equal</p>
<p>Try and encourage new Australians to make friends outside of their tight-knit communities. Focus on marketing Newcastle as an 'international' or Cosmopolitan community and break down the typecasting (ie "Hamilton = Italian or Greek"). Get International acceptance and awareness into schools as well as sports environments. Only by teaching the children that we are all equal and that there are no boundaries will it become ingrained in our culture. There are still too many people out there who don't really care about our newest Australians and their traditions and values.</p>
<p>Unfortunately we dont live in a community!!! We live in an individualistic society - each to its own. What a stupid plan.</p>
<p>Visible support for refugee communities through cultural days and community diversity experiences. Islington Public School is doing great work in this area and has 40% of students from overseas. revitalization of Islington could be enriched and enhanced by the increasing cultural diversity in this suburb. Recent African drumming workshop at Islington Park playground opening is a good example. Would be great to have cultural/ family fun days in the park on an ongoing basis.</p>
<p>Walking and riding can make people more connected to each other.</p>
<p>we all live here and we arent all anglo saxan Caucasian its time our self denying racism be outed and addressed at a local level as well as nationally. We need to work on our Civic pride and get people to respect the place they live in and themselves</p>
<p>We have really enjoyed Live Sites activities such as Winter Heat, and previously Red Lantern Markets, and would plead that Council continues to support such initiatives, which really encourage people to get out and engender a sense of community.</p>
<p>We must dispell the idea that some people have that Newcastle and Lake macquarie are sepperate identities. We are one area called Newcastle. How many city areas are there in the sydney envelope. We are newcastle from swansea, west wallsend to berro and any place that wants to belong, be proud.</p>
<p>We must make facilities affordable for our community. for example swimming pools in outer suburbs. At present this cost is too high for a family to go for a swim often. Costs need to be dropped - no more than \$2 for a child under 10 and \$3 over that. This would balance Merewether and The Ocean Baths being free (yes, I'm sure the costs of running them are less and inner city residents pay higher rates).</p>
<p>We need people from all walks of life & age groups to work towards tolerance & caring for eachother & not just worry about oneself all the time.</p>
<p>We need to embrace technology and trends to be inclusive of all people. We need a street art program and apps which inform visitors and residents about Newcastle.</p>
<p>We need to look at all age groups and stage events that can be aimed at various age groups and activated across the sectors.</p>
<p>we should be welcoming of all people and whatever ethnicity. However, not at the expense of the environment. minimise further development if it encroaches on green spaces or has negative imppoact on environment. Utilise existing infrastructure- inner city vacancies.</p>

<p>Well promoted events (so everyone knows they are happening!) to promote cultural awareness and educate the community about the lives of migrants and refugees who come to live in this city. E.g. Open-air food nights on Beaumont and Darby Streets - block streets to cars so cafes and restaurants can put tables out on the street for dining and include food stalls offering Sudanese and other cultural fare as well as GOOD live music - indigenous to these other cultures, NOT Daryl Braithwaite..). Or, open air food and film/music nights in the parks (Livesites with a cultural flavour).</p>
<p>Well this category feels like the most aspirational one. I see these items are probably wishful thinking and yet really important to achieve to any extent. I would like to be involved in issues around this.</p>
<p>What a load of crap mission statements. You need some more specific goals than "create a culturally rich and vibrant community". You can do better. For example, get the damn uni into the city so that we have some overseas students who will then drive the appearance of ethnic restaurants. Now that's culture.</p>
<p>Where there are developments in progress use signs to inform the public as to what is going on / when completion is due etc</p> <p>Celebrate the various nationalities who live in and near the city with street art / displays etc</p> <p>Investigate how other university towns work/dont work. Use this knowledge and the views of the university staff and students as to what they expect of their town / what they expect to contribute. The existence of the university will change the nature of the city quite a lot.</p>
<p>While these are important objectives I do not believe it is the role of the council to provide these, other than major events, although it can help facilitate it by working with the community to determine the local needs.</p> <p>Major cultural events are also important though to bring together the community at large and help with tourism.</p>
<p>Why was creativity put in with caring, healthy, physical, mental spiritual wellbeing questions? Creativity is connected to this but why does the survey lump creative arts and culture in with vague terms like well-being. The arts belongs in a separate survey section - creative industries are an industry just like mining, law and health. It is this type of wishy washy category that continues to lump creative industries on the fringe of a city.</p>
<p>With open and honest local government.</p>
<p>With regard to culture and creativity, see my previous comments re the Art Gallery and Museum. All communities should care for one another. The health of the community is heavily dependent on funding at the state and federal level thus necessitating the cultivation of local levers to unlock it.</p>
<p>Work with Council to spread the word</p>
<p>Work with mental health advocacy groups to reduce the stigma of mental illness.</p> <p>Partner with charities and NGO's to assist those within our community who are struggling.</p> <p>Fund and support programs that enhance creative participation within the community, not just the CBD but the whole Newcastle community.</p>
<p>would like to see rigpa(buddhist) have greater relationship with newcastle city</p>
<p>Yes, all of these things are important but there is a big gulf between what is said in the plan and what actually seems to be happening</p>
<p>You go to these events in the city and have to pay for parking, so generally I can't be bothered because of this. The inner city looks a disgrace and it is though we don't care.</p>
<p>You have to give more air time to the people who accomplish at a high level outside of sports. Enough about the Nc Knights. Never been to a Knights game, probably never will. Nc has scientists and artists who've made big impacts in the wider world... but, somehow, not here. Odd. Very odd. See previous answer as well.</p>

LIVEABLE AND DISTINCTIVE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

LIVEABLE AND DISTINCTIVE BUILT ENVIRONMENT: Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards ensuring Newcastle is an attractive city that is built around people and reflects our sense of identity.

	Base (those answering) n= 257	n=	%
DEVELOPMENT RELATED			43.2
Eco design and options / Green options, efficiency		22	8.6
More trees, green spaces / Preserve open spaces (inc to harbour)		18	7.0
Development controls e.g. height, floor space etc		15	5.8
Improved or attractive architecture or design		13	5.1
Need more commercial and retail in CBD / Facilitate business		12	4.7
No more / less high density living or high rises		11	4.3
Diversity in housing / Mixed use housing		11	4.3
Higher density living		9	3.5
Other development		17	6.6
HERITAGE			16.3
Clean up / tenant / preserve heritage or old buildings		28	10.9
New developments to be more sympathetic to the old / Mix old and new		11	4.3
Knock down old buildings		3	1.2
OBJECTIVES			12.1
Comments re 'identity' statement		16	6.2
Comment regarding wording (eg queries re definitions, motherhood statements, meaningless etc)		14	5.4
Other wording		1	0.4
OTHER			51.4
Public transport		30	11.7
Not only Council's responsibility / Work with or leave to State or Federal Govt		9	3.5
Affordable housing		9	3.5
Parking		6	2.3
Community shops / high streets		5	1.9
Walking / cycling provisions		5	1.9
Survey comments		3	1.2
Council needs a can-do attitude / Current process hinders		3	1.2
Quality housing		3	1.2
Other		59	23.0

"A built environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity" What identity is that, exactly? In Mayfiled are you going to build things so we look more bogon? For crying outloud people, have some respect for the people doing this surveys and stop writing blah blah blah statements. It is insulting.

1. Clean up old buildings & drop rents to encorage other businesses & mixed races
2. Focus on marine related businesses on water & shores like boat, ski's, surfboard, board sailing & hang gliding

1. the built environment can not at the same time maintain yet seek best practise in innovation. There has to be flexibility across this realm
2. Focus the effort - every village does not have to be mixed use with integrated transport - how and who pays?
3. Allow new identities and fresh ideas to emerge - Honeysuckle has shown how this can be done without compromising tradition.

A built environment that takes account of what treasures are already here so buildings that match the old heritage buildings - it can be done e.g the extensions to Tyrrell house at the top of town, the extensions to Nobbys surf club and the extensions to Cooks Hill fire station.

Can the Council have any say in stopping ugly architecture like the Tax office and some of the high rise facing Newcastle Beach? Even high-rise can have appealing architecture please look at the recent high rise buildings in Darwin which were designed to fit in with the local environment.

I support a mix of new housing in the city - from luxury to student, from single to family.

In Brisbane there is an entertainment precinct where people who move in cannot complain about the noise. I think we need that for an area of newcastle where a mix of night life venues can provide entertainment

I think we should take for granted that transport will be integrated and best practice sustainable buildings built or converted

A city without trees is a heat sink as well as an ugly place to live; tree lined streets keep our urban spaces cool and a pleasure to visit, making it a more 'liveable' place.

Except for anything built in the 1990s, as much as possible preserve buildings from past eras, these reflect the history of the city and are INTERESTING.

Put restrictions on size of new homes and overuse of concrete in vast concrete driveways for new home builders.

A pity the Council has allowed properties to decay in particular the Town Hall, Fred Ash building and the like. How serious can the council be about iconic buildings?

A village atmosphere and look could be set up in Newcastle city , dating back to the origins of Newcastle . Horse and buggy ridess , history tours , something like Morpeth .

activate recycling of stormwater

Add buildings for housing appartments which are not higher than 5 (five) stories

Aesthetically pleasing buildings that 'fit in' with the local streetscape

Greenspace central to mixed-use villages

Local retail to service local residential developments - within 800m walk(this would assist with fewer parking spaces required)

Affordable appartments with livable spaces, supported by good cycling, walking and public transport facilities

<p>Again all the above is important but: HOusing doesn't need to be high-rise in the city, blocking views of community and visitors. 'An environment that enhances our self of identity" needs to be better explained since this could really mean so many undesirable things. We need a city that visitors enjoy. Currently we are starting to look like another Qld. We need to be different and looking like QLD is not different. come on you guys.....make the place different, or quaint, or interesting but don't make it like every other coastal town because they are a dime a dozen. Why come to Newcastle when its cheaper to go to QLD. I think we need to use less cement and less available grog venues but more cosmopolitan diverse establishments. Quirky is what we need to be an innovative and interesting place to visit.</p>
<p>Again it is more important to protect the assets that we have that give Newcastle its character than to build new assets that a generic and boring. it is easier to live with a slight inconvenience than with homogeneity.</p>
<p>Again, there is no point "saving" (ie not using) water unless there is something of added value for the effort eg better parks and gardens, well watered street trees, residents being able to water their own well established trees.</p>
<p>All of the above and previous are a no brainer for a happy community. I do feel involving and having the community feel some responsibility in their community and environment is necessary. The present controversy surrounding the removal of the rail line between Wickham and Newcastle shows us that people have differnt ideas on what is convenient and make them happy and this is good to see. I can see both sides and agree with both reasons. But ultimately the removal of this infastructure should be for one reason only and that is that to do so would be of the greater good of the people, the city and public transport convenience of visitors and tourists as well. Our identity is as a port city with natural assets on the coast. I have mentioned to visiting overseas people the dilemma with the rail line and they have all said it should stay. Light rail is the only way to remedy this I believe. Connect the inner suburbs at least by way of tram system if the rail must be cut. Newcastle deserves this much.We have the population, a revival of public tranport can be made if it is made more convenient. Build it and the people will come. Connectedness is the key. We are a unique town, this is our identity. So please think this through before removing connection. Rail and tram is the future, it is safe, convenient and reflects our identity I visualise a tram system that connects city with the beach suburbs the eat streets, the university, the hospital.</p>
<p>All decisions Must not only rely on their impact and usefulness for the now but also what the decision will mean for us in the future . We must have forward thinking so our hard earned council funds are not spent willy nilly and twice over to fix a future concern.</p>
<p>All future buildings should be designed to be as efficient as possible regarding natural heating and cooling. Emphasis should be placed on gardens which really suit the local climate and not consist of mostly exotic plants that require large amounts of water. Future housing should be open to the roads, while still allowing privity between neighbours, and not be little 'dog boxes' as some public housing appears.</p>
<p>All good but where are these amazing town planners.</p>
<p>All levels of government need to agree on the same stragegy and everyone has to work for the same goal.</p>
<p>All new building applications should be made to include enough solar panels to provide for the energy needs of the building. This way It would reduce the need for more power stations.</p>
<p>All new commercial / residential building should be encouraged to install solar power & hotwater systems; watertanks and recylcing of waste water. Where possible this should be made mandatory as part of the development application. Not like State & Federal political parties, the Newcastle City council should be proactive in encouraging the above, including retrofitting of existing commercial / residential bulidings, particularly during any renovations of same.</p>
<p>All new constructions (commercial and residential) should include solar energy and water saving facilities. Pensioners who own their own houses should be assisted more to install solar power.</p>
<p>All of this will put the price of housing well beyond the affordability of the average person living in Newcastle. We need less red and green tape, not more!</p>
<p>alot of funds need to be put into revitalising Newcastle city maybe making it a restaurant and cafe 'haven' rather than for shopping. Maybe the whole of hunter street mall where only trams go down it</p>
<p>Are all of these issues Councils responsibility????</p>

<p>As a pensioner, consideration is needed for affordable living; water rates seem far too high compared to Sydney rates. I am Newcastle born, educated here, tertiary studies at Newcastle Uni, we worked hard, my parents worked hard and now I don't feel a part of Newcastle. I worked in the sixties at Newcastle YWCA was a (unreadable) councillor, played a large part in organising matarra, back then we felt a part of Newcastle, now we are isolated</p>
<p>As far as I am concerned "A built environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity" is meaningless jargon.</p> <p>Why assume "current and future community needs" require "Greater diversity of quality housing"? Surely the diversity and quality of current housing is adequate, we just need more of them.</p> <p>And who needs "best practice"? If you achieve 80% of 'best practice' with 50% of the expenditure, bonus. Note: climate change is inevitable, so stop pretending we can fight it. Efficiency is good as it saves in the long run but you can take it too far in the name of reducing impact on the climate.</p>
<p>Ask for funding from state and federal governments</p>
<p>At present the idea of urban villages is being undermined by the White paper, bad corridor plans .</p> <p>They sense of urban village is a mother hood statement and the practise by planners is not carried out as planning instruments have gone for density and smaller floor space ratios</p> <p>Bus and train services; inefficient and filthy</p>
<p>Bed sit walk ups don't help; and the new Planning laws spoken about will not help either. Council needs to engage more with these changes. Not one person from Council attended the recent planning workshop at Redfern on the Planning Green Paper</p>
<p>Best practice building and design should be at the forefront of any new developments. Aesthetics should be included in development decisions.</p>
<p>Better planning and involvement of communities in that planning</p> <p>The City council needs to sell its good plans better to the community</p>
<p>better quality ARCHITECTURE - enough of cheap and nasty dependancy upon air conditioning etc</p>
<p>Brighten it up</p>
<p>build market place villages with medium density apartments. no cars. trams-railway only. monorail even better. no more dystopian sub-urbia</p>
<p>build more purpose-built rental properties for long-term rental market (not just for lower income people)</p>
<p>build smarter community housing in environmentally sustainable areas where public housing does not destroy our heritage but supplies the great need in our city.</p>
<p>our total focus on public transport is the link to better network and happier more connected communities</p>
<p>By building a wharf to accomodate our cruise ships</p>
<p>Can the council encourage home builders to erect houses better designed to our weather so they require less energy inputs for residents.</p>
<p>Can new buildings erected in the city centre be designed externally to bear characteristics of older iconic buildings and create a more homogenised effect.</p>
<p>Careful consideration of architecture, DA 's.</p>
<p>Careful, considerate planning needed.</p>
<p>CDB / Hunter St Mall development that does NOT look like yet another Charlestown/Glendale shopping centre - we need to support business and development that identifies/enhances the "sense of identity" of the historic CBD area - vibrant cafes, restaurants, bookshops, art, unique clothing and quality markets</p>
<p>Clean up the city and get some great and groovy developments we would move in there if you fixed up your own buildings lead by example</p>
<p>community housing is a must</p>
<p>Compact Hunter St- a shopping st is gone Cut it into sections and specialise the sections</p>

<p>Consistant planning and development by local government in conjunction with local businesses and community groups.</p>
<p>construct housing and accomodation that goes beyond the current emphasis on very expensive apartments and houses. the city is becoming segregated between the affluent and low income. these groups should be encouraged to share urban environments and transport facilities. continue to respect the height limit on buildings defined by Christ Church cathedral. select building designs that show personality and invitation rather than self-importance and reflective surfaces.</p>
<p>Consultation with outside experts/ could waste water be recycled for parks and gardens?</p>
<p>Council - simplify DA processes; get some actual professional staff into the area. It's embarrassing for architects and builders to talk to the Newcastle DA crowd, compared with others nearby!</p>
<p>Council MUST NOT become involved in dictating 'standards' where those standards are an impost upon non-user ratepayers; eg, providing 'quality' within non-public facilities where such level is above the generally accepted standard. 'Best practice' is fine, however, where that essentially means 'best available quality', thus, 'highest cost', and is well above both the 'required standard' and 'generally acceptable', then the end result will be a futher widening between the</p>
<p>haves' and the 'have-nots'. This is contrary to any sense of bringing communities together.</p>
<p>Get rid of the rubbish and outright unacceptable by all means, but don't replace it by luxury and un-attainabiity (for the majority).</p>
<p>Council needs to work with developers in encourage investment. Staff eed to find ways to approve and support development rather having a negative, preventative approach. At the end of the day, the market will decide what is needed and what should be built, bot council. no one will build a project that the market doesnt want.</p>
<p>Landmark buildings should be encouraged.</p>
<p>Council should concern itself with the needs of the population (the many), rather than the greed of the (few)business community.</p>
<p>Council should focus on removing any barriers it puts up to let business and private interests drive this within a broad planning framework. Council sets the vision but should not get involved in thinking it can replace the role of commercial interests.</p>
<p>design and develop self-caring communities. As per my previous suggestions.</p>
<p>develop Hunter St Newcastle as a 'mixed-use urban village' or a series of them</p>
<p>Do not allow overcrowding older suburbs with backyard being sold off and far to many high density townhouses within a short distance of each other.</p>
<p>do not have any derelict buildings in newcastle.</p> <p>the old jolly roger site is a disgrace.</p> <p>the old building that has been demolished opposite the new KFC building is an example of what to do.. unfortunately SOMETHING is holding up the redevelopment of that site.</p> <p>the old post office is an example of a beautiful building being left and neglected.. fix it up , rent it out!!</p>
<p>Do not over develop uban density beyond the capacity of the roads. Do not count on 'yet to be developed' public transport projections to validate urban infill/ medium density/high density housing. This will only add to syndromes like 'road rage' and peak hour 'gridlock' as seen in the major cities.</p>
<p>Does not realy fit Newcastle</p> <p>Newcastle City & surrounds would need to be rebuilt & extended to provide increase in population & everyday "domestic" shopping</p>
<p>Don't close it off like driving across civic gates and view blocked by a motel closing off one of our wonders (The Harbour)</p>
<p>don't cut the rail line</p>

<p>Don't have much knowledge of this.</p>
<p>Do suggest you get rid of housing commission in prime locations such as Junction, Bar Beach, Newcastle, Merewether though.</p>
<p>Don't let Newcastle's heritage be completely destroyed.</p>
<p>Double the efforts to get rid of the graffiti, encourage owners to use anti graffiti surfaces to deter attacks.</p>
<p>Without a 'centre' Newcastle finds it difficult to have a sense of identity. Consider trying to think in terms of having a 'centre' and incorporate in future building plans.</p>
<p>Encourage active re-use of heritage buildings. Community engagement/information on progress in this area or barriers pedestrian access and signage between areas and CBD/Harbour/Foreshore. Ensure good design and planning of future buildings.</p>
<p>Encourage adaptive re-use of heritage buildings, not making conditions of development (eg accessibility) prohibitive, therefore endangering the building's viability.</p>
<p>Support Renew Newcastle and initiatives that give Newcastle a point of difference from every other city.</p>
<p>Encourage domestic Water tanks.</p>
<p>Change the Council cars to Prius's including the Lord Mayors, actually Lexus has produced a hi bred car. Not only are they energy efficient they save time as you only need to fill them every +950kms.</p>
<p>STORE STORM WATER TO WATER OUR PARKS AND GARDENS</p>
<p>Encourage mainstreet shopping precincts in suburban areas and reduce approvals for "big box" retail centres. Stop subdividing residential blocks and keep backyards for children, trees and wildlife. Create development boundaries and turn investment back into the city so as to maintain high quality residential and retail in close proximity to services and resources - also reducing inner city shop vacancies</p>
<p>Encourage or allow more inner city buildings to become housing, not knocking down and building big just re designing what is there. We don't need any more shops but affordable and pleasant housing would be welcome. Adapting buildings for housing would be great. Families, single people, couples, uni students and so on all living affordably in the city.</p>
<p>Encourage owners to maintain their business shop fronts with lower rates, ie, a beautification motivation! If not, impose high rates so as to discourage the disintegration of the face of Newcastle. Business owners in general are usually motivated by money, so make it worth their while to maintain their premises, and detrimental to neglect their premises.</p>
<p>Encouraging planting trees in new housing areas, installing solar panels on all public buildings</p>
<p>Ensure all development has open public space with green belts trees etc</p>
<p>essential planning and infrastructure investment actioned.</p>
<p>For new buildings yes, and where updates are due.</p>
<p>For too long the approach to Sustainable Lifestyle by gov's has failed. Our community deserves a Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and we will except nothing less. Healthy sustainable cities by promoting safe active transport culture (combine walk, cycling, bus, train with appropriate higher density infilling of cities to stop urban sprawl and car addiction). Cities focused on people, not on cars spewing out toxic exhaust emissions (asthma and cancer causing), creating danger, obesity (sedentary travel) and climate change. Safe, efficient, equitable, ethical, socially just transport for all (pedestrians, children, disabled, blind, wheelchair, cyclists, motorists, etc.), not discriminatory. Since the 90's car culture has stopped generations of kids that have lost their mobility of walking/cycling places. Curtin uni has done a study that show the infrastructure costs for a new suburb are \$684,000 per dwelling (Curtin_Sustainability_Paper_0209). Putting this money to infilling the city, will also make Newcastle a safe cycling tourist attraction, which will bring many visitors and to town.</p>
<p>The entire approach to road safety must be turned around to a strategy of Road Danger Reduction.</p>
<p>The current small changes proposed will see our Community get more obese. The Gov's have an obligation to create a safe city for people not cars. We must plan for a "Safe Active Travel 30 for 30" concept. Safe Active Travel 30 for 30 means by 2030 we should have 30km/hr local speed limits and trips : 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest. We must aim for high targets</p>

and for the long term because we have lost so much ground in the last few decades of urban sprawling car culture. So the local speed limit needs to be 40km/hr across the whole NCC area NOW! Then lobby RTA for 30km/hr for world's best safe practice in Europe. At the moment 40 and 50 zones and school zones are quite confusing so to make it simpler and safer, a 40 limit is much better. We must match funding for the targets so 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest means the money is split this way. Even though NCC has little say in state public transport, they need to fund active transport modes of combining walk/cycle with public transport. Otherwise spending money on the way travel share is, means more roads and more cars. Need heaps more pedestrian crossings across all main roads so even cyclists can walk their bike across a road, also gives peds/cylists priority. Block off more local roads to make cycling more convenient. Block off Hunter St to cars, let them go down King St. Every bike/pedestrian route must feel safe for 90% of 10 year olds to travel by themselves. Safe routes to schools must be a priority to get kids healthy and stop them costing our country \$billions of health costs later.

Need to stop driving most kids to school. Need to stop the car culture of mothers accidentally killing their own toddlers (like on 27th Sept 2011 in Australia) while backing their car out of their driveway. Whilever Governments and authorities continue to bow to the car lobby and let car culture thrive, more road death will occur when they could help Newcastle to be the safest, nicest, friendliest (no road rage, etc) city in Australia.

Remove all pictures of bikes causing road rage, crashes confusion on the roads NOW! Stop the wasteful money on narrow bike lanes (These rely on cars being parked touching the gutter and people checking before opening their door. But too many bigger SUVs, trucks and people not checking before opening doors mean this is not a safe option to entice the 30% of people . Sure it may entice 5% but this target is laughable, we need proper sustainable 30% target). They are not a success if we double cycling because of them. We need to get all people walking/cycling, even the ones who are very scared to walk/cycle because of the cars. Bikes and pedestrians should be separated, because similar conflict arises when numbers are large. We don't want safe cycleways clogged with walkers, and people find it more convenient to drive a car. Must make walk/cycle/public transport more quicker than cars for all short trips.

Increasing walk/cycle/public transport means reducing car trip for the same amount of trips. This is a fact . Lets not try and keep motorists happy with how they are going. Many motorists must be kicked out of their cars for most of their trips and only then will they realise the light on the other side, and the

Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle is now for them. The car culture and advertising is a hard thing to fight, but we must!

Cycle routes on their own don't create mode transfer from cars. All roads must be safe for walking and cycling and the use of private motor vehicles must be strongly discouraged. Planners must look to walking and cycling as the primary modes of transport for everyone. Public transport must be seen as the secondary modes, for longer distances. Cars must be seen as the last resort. All council policies must be audited for their transport implications. Everyone must have the choice not to own a motor vehicle.

With the increase in car dooring accidents as a result of cyclists riding too close to parked cars and in the drivers blind spot we should consider not supporting bicycle shoulder lane markings in parking lanes and rather place the bicycle symbols at the right of the edge line and encourage cyclists to utilise the parking shoulder lane when its safe to do so as a courtesy to other road users. There are a lot of crashes from motorists not seeing the cyclist until the last second and they clip the cyclist when passing them. This is due to motorists travelling too close to the car in front and the cyclist being squeezed out of sight. The 1st motorist sees the cyclist and squeezes past him without changing lanes. The motorist following the first car thinks all is OK (nothing is ahead to dodge) until a cyclist appears too close on the left. The engineering solution to the clipping a cyclist when squeezing past them is to either cause the 1st motorist to change lanes (which signals to the following car that something is ahead) or to have proper 1m clearance zones between cyclists and traffic lanes.

Dedicated Bicycle Lanes should be constructed in accordance with World's best standards (E.g. Dutch):

clearance to pass the open door of a parked car in the adjacent parking lane without leaving the bicycle lane. A 1 metre separation is desirable.

lane widths that are adequate to carry the anticipated bicycle traffic, that continue through intersections a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road with a posted speed limit above 70km/h to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane.

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane. This should be at least 1 metre, because “1m matters” (Amy Gillett campaign)

(Unfortunately the relevant sections of the RTA/RMS NSW Bicycle Guidelines, the AustRoads guidelines of 2012 (<https://www.onlinepublications.austroads.com.au/items/AP-G88-11>) do not meet appropriate safety standards for 13 year old children to feel safe in “marked bike lanes” that put them in positions of hitting car doors, or cars passing them on their right too close)

Many motorists will believe wherever the bike symbol is placed, that is the place where cyclists MUST ride their bike over the symbol painted on the road. It is confused as a bike lane. So all the problems associated with “Road Shoulder Lanes” below exist, even without edge lines. The bike symbols are very confusing, most motorists don’t think it’s a bike route marking, they think it’s a bike placement marking (where you should ride your bike). Bike route signs are not confusing. Bike symbols create confusion and road rage.

Bicycle symbols in shoulder lanes can even be counterproductive as they give cyclists the impression that it’s a safe space to ride and motorists the impression that it’s a bicycle lane and cyclists should not be in the traffic lane. And they can give an impression of safe passing distances (of motorists passing cyclists) well less than 1 metre.

For full references why we need a Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and a safe separated cycle network please see the fact sheets and research from <http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/> and the Australian Bicycle Council.

Action needed for Safe, ethical, equitable, socially just, non-discriminatory Happy, Healthy Sustainable active transport network

Generally cap development heights to a scale that creates good urban character eg for inner urban areas max 4 stories with up to 2 set back above, or height equals street width.

Allow some higher rise development in small pockets where population density is relevant for making areas viable and doesn’t adversely affect the streetscape and identity of an area eg. Highrise at the eastern end of Hunter has made restaurants & other businesses viable. Newcastle West is on the cusp of being viable at present.

Higher densities in peninsular geography like east Newcastle will make public transport more necessary and viable or gridlock will be an issue for personal car travel. Large buses as the prime transport option will only exacerbate grid lock.

Mixed use development including lots of residential in the inner city for a night time population, activated ground floors with retail etc, mixing affordable housing throughout other development to avoid ghettos and enclaves.

Flexible housing that can accommodate changing and cyclic demographic profiles eg. Housing that can be converted to and from small units to larger family houses; prefab, temp and portable housing types that make redevelopment viable.

Maintain public open space in urban areas that will support growing residential densities in the future. Maintain public open space or access along all waterways (coast, river, harbour, and creeks).

Replicate Dutch models of housing with small communities looking onto small central open spaces that are connected to low speed local well-designed shared streets that provide residential access only (not through ways) and contribute to the open space & sustainable transport quota.

Special attention to the form of development in high profile locations eg. Foreshore, ridge lines, major transport corridors.
Get rid of all so called heritage buildings & maintain real heritage ones eg. Town Hall, Post Office, Old Police Station
Get rid of the rail line
Great goals. Now, who's going to compromise...?
Harnessing storm water run off
Have no idea what you mean by sense of identity - we don't have one other than newie bogans.
Greater diversity and quality usually means building a 10 story apartment block next to some poor suckers lovely house and ruining their amenity.
Have to leave this to the respective experts in the relevant areas of work etc.
High density housing on small size blocks of land is socially unviable as leads to antisocial behaviour & intolerable noise pollution
Housing diversity will require creative planning permissions.
NB re built environment- this is a motherhood statement. Does council know what it means? I don't
Housing has become a status symbol instead of needs-based. Council should encourage the construction of minimal homes (able to be extended as need arises) by lower fees & express processing. More constructive advice prior to DA would assist owner-builders to enter low-end housing. I believe Council can do more to reduce homelessness By supporting cheaper housing, either for rental or new owners.
Housing in inner city Newcastle is unnecessary and should be minimised. It is the current inner city residents that are causing so many problems for the re-development of inner city Newcastle.
Housing is a state issue
Housing that reflects the landscape and history of the area.
How can we change what is existing, we can't manage parking at the water front for visitors to enjoy our vista what about sensible parking at our beaches!!
I am not sure what you mean by many of the above statements.If by urban villages you mean many units built close together like the Union St proposal than I think it is a poor concept, but if you are talking about low rise (2-3 stories) ina cluster around a train station it could work.
I have no idea exactly what you mean by greater diversity of quality housing for current and future needs. What do you define as quality housing? I doubt our definitions would be the same.
I do believe that to entice people into the boundaries of Newcastle, there must be some rezoning of suburbs to allow for more medium density housing. I also believe that for this to take place extensive 'red tape' and delays have to be addressed to collaborate with interested developers. I have spoken with people working & living around the John Hunter Hospital that constantly have commented on rezoning needs to be instituted to allow for more medium density and aged care facilities. (this is one example of a suburb underutilized for its potential)
I do not know what you mean by "Mixed-use urban villages supported by integrated transport networks", or by "Greater diversity of quality housing for current and future community needs".
I don't know what the mixed use urban village really means. The largest barrier people face in terms of energy efficient everything is cost. economies of scale can be increased to reduce costs - ie bulk buying of water tanks, solar systems. Greater requirements for new buildings to be energy efficient, including discouraging the use of energy guzzling - eg air conditioners through passive solar design. Council can lead the way by looking at Council buildings, vehicles etc to buy energy efficient systems.
I don't think urban village is happening. May need to creat a structure to facilitate this in our suburbia. eg street organisations for ever 200 houses. Then these groups would be supported with info to do stuff like, visits for the elderly or disabled, community get togethers in the park, day care provided locally, etc

<p>I have travelled the world those cities that are just high rise boxes I leave very quickly. We have a unique city don't destroy it with high rise & no train line.</p>
<p>Mixed use housing is great, just be careful we don't make the boarding houses slums. It was so disappointing to see what the council did to Islington when the community & developer where moving thru mediation well.</p>
<p>All council owned property needs to be energy & water efficient. It would be great for more encouragement for businesses to become more efficient</p>
<p>I hope our sence of identity s not coal loaders..</p>
<p>I like to see better designed buildings, the last 10 years had seen some horrible slab constructions that are already dated and uninspiring. There is a lot a lot of bad and confusing public art projects and the same artists used over and over again</p>
<p>I think any design for the future must keep in mind the unique beauty of Newcastle. Keep the terraces and old Victorian facades. I love the increase of apartments in town and the fact that they have been down without destroying the East end or the hill and in sympathy with the old buildings. Light rail is the perfect option for any new development.</p>
<p>I think it is now too late to rebuild a shopping or entertainment city. I consider the council should buy back many of the dilapidated shops,demolish them for open areas and make others available for attractive inner city living provided adequate parking is maintained.DO NOT wait till present owners to do something.</p>
<p>Item 4 Only adds to future increases in rates etc to offset the the savings.</p>
<p>I think that Newcastle's identity needs to change and the we need to embrace the change if we want to have great place to live. We have headed down the path of shutting pubs and clubs causing the growing population to convene into a smaller number of venues, causing more violence. As a young single professional I would like to see more bars opened otherwise people like myself will move away.</p>
<p>I would like to see Hunter Street developed into village like shopping similar to The Junction but on a larger scale. A large market that sold fresh produce, fish, meat, bread, cheese, vegetables etc., flowers, healthy food, perhaps with a cafe or two would be a drawcard for people as far as Lake Macquarie. The market in Melbourne is fabulous. I think people would like to shop in other places besides Woolworths and Coles.</p>
<p>If I ever get survey like this again I will sign out of Newcastle Voice. I did not sign up for this. Of course Newcastle residents want this stuff. Why ask the obvious</p>
<p>If there is a beautiful piece of land with a nice view, it should be made accessible to all citizens, rather than being turned into residential apartments, where few will enjoy the view, and residents will complain about high pedestrian activity and noise.</p>
<p>In brisbane most of their apartments and public spaces are designed for people to enjoy, and they do enjoy them.</p>
<p>I'd like to see the standards of architecture lifted as well, with more distinctive and creative looking buildings in the city. The mere presence of these spaces and structures will create a more creative and distinctive atmosphere.</p>
<p>If you are coming into the area there is nothing to tell you about the areas that are available to see or do. Maybe an information centre located at Wallsend would work</p>
<p>If you look at the present practice of small individual yards for each dwelling this could be improved out of sight by having the rear of all dwellings open to a communal garden which could house 1 good size swimming pool instead of 15 useless ones, a sports field and veggi plots and everyone would com together! Wow!</p>
<p>Important that future residential developments such as apartment blocks be spaced further apart amidst lawns and gardens. "Cramped" developments such as along foreshore west of Crowne Plaza (real disaster) must be avoided at all costs.</p>
<p>Improve life for people living here now. How about a men's shed in each Ward?</p>

IN an age when personal transport is cheap and easy I don't know how you can get people to focus locally. WE can go anywhere we want anytime and while-ever that remains economically feasible for us all, it wont change.

In terms of our environmental future we need to embrace the train network and push for it's expansion. If NSW ever builds a "line" north to Brisbane - Newcastle will only be a branch line of course ... but with our great psst of rail why are we not replacing buses with rail links for the western and northern areas of the Hunter and fighting for it. I support the cycle ways completely.... but the Hunter is a large area(larger than many European countries) and needs a transport future that's viable into the future. Light rail is just as expensive to build, and buses not a long term option

This would make the villages identifiable and focuses for a diversity of housing, that consider future energy needs.

Inadequate car parking - at railway stations eg Adamstown - around urban shopping centres - improvements in transport (possibly smaller buses) for low times to encourage people to use PT

Integrated transport systems are critical for social development. The Council is not the SOLE partner in social amity.

Is this for real!!!

It has to be understood that a community is as much defined by it's open spaces as it's built environment. Some of the greatest and most live-able cities in the world have magnificent open spaces in the heart of their cities and towns.

It is important to enhance the existing built environment, rather than detract from it. Currently the Newcastle cbd is reliant on residential developments; council needs to do more to attract commercial and retail developments back to the city, in particular the mall

It is nice to have a sense of identify, and style for new development that values our existing bulit heritage.

I think these objectives could be a little better linked to how we preserve our environemnt (and interact with it)... and our connections to public places and services (again, coming back to the public transport and support for walking and cycling)...

It may well be that by 2030 people won't desire to move about or financial and energy and resource constraints will mean that people won't be able to move about.

As for so called quality housing the quality trend is definately down.

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Population gains will wipe out any benefits from the last item

It would be sad for Newcastle if developers were allowed to make all the units the same. We have a world class University in Newcastle; surely a patron/ group could donate a prize for original housing architecture given to a young architect/group?

I've answered 'Don't know' to most of these questions because the devil will be in the detail. I certainly don't want to see ever higher rise buildings allow because developers cry "its not cost effective to build smaller buildings". You can find sensitive development in cities all over the world, particularly European cities, which blend heritage with the new.

Keep height of buildings in city to existing heights, discourage the building of MacMansions in the suburbs, especially the older suburbs where it often ruins the look of existing neighbourhoods

Keep heritage buildings where possible. Maintain a railway link to the centre of town to at least Civic Station - in a trench or underground. It is important that buildings address the street, interesting precincts develop and that the city remains slow paced by keeping road traffic to a minimum.

Keep the developers off the rail-line. We do not need another Honeysuckle. High rise apartment blocks are ugly - just visit Kingsford in Sydney.

Developers that respect the heritage and facade of a building should be encoaraged, not ones that just want to knock up a tower.

<p>Keep the fantastic skyline. It's wonderful to see all older architecture amongst the newer ones.</p> <p>It would be great to see some truly innovative modern architecture. Build it and they will come - look at MOANA in Hobart.</p> <p>Design a programme that Uni of Newcastle Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Design and Fine Art Students can become involved in to target particular areas to come up with concept plans and ideas in consultation with the community.</p> <p>Uni of NSW had a programme called creative village that did the above and it was amazing to be part of.</p>
<p>Keep the heritage areas around the city. We don't want the whole city to go the way of Merewether - lots of new ugly house. Hamilton South is perfect!</p>
<p>Keep the housing mix appropriate for the areas.</p>
<p>Maintain the heritage/character/scale of the communities. Encourage community shops within all residential areas.</p>
<p>Keep the rail line.</p>
<p>Keep the trains. Remove the parking meters</p>
<p>Keeping the train going right into the city centre. If the train line is removed, less people will have access to all the fantastic places being established in the city. Replace buses going into Newcastle with light rail.</p>
<p>Knocking over old buildings and erecting bland concrete and glass ones on tiered podiums - like on Honeysuckle Drive is NOT the way to go forward. We need variety in our buildings and we need lots of shop fronts. If you want an environment like the Sydney CBD after 6pm then keep on knocking down the oldies and erecting the faceless towers and you'll get a people hostile environment. My previous comments regarding transport networks apply here. And of course we need energy efficient infrastructure: that's why we need to keep the rail and tame the car.</p>
<p>Lack of local control of the built environment will ensure the above aims are met.</p>
<p>Developers are not concerned for the bigger picture and are motivated by maximising profit at the expense of community facilities and amenity</p>
<p>Let's learn from the way Merewether has been destroyed - just because you have money shouldn't mean you can build what you want - as I have been told by council planners. Zoning should be looked at to protect villages such as Merewether's Llywellyn St so that we don't have more fights like the Aldi experience. Local shops for the local people like we now have. Floor to land ratio doesn't seem to apply in Newcastle and it should.</p>
<p>look at the city as an opportunity for more affordable housing</p>
<p>look to the rocks area, buildings with heritage design, water tanks, big windows, not cbd towers, narrow alleys,</p>
<p>Love Newcastle's old buildings so please keep and promote them</p>
<p>Maintaining green space. Good lowcost housing.</p>
<p>maintaining the heritage and beauty of past architecture is important. Creating outdoor places where people can sit in gardens and parks is important.</p>
<p>Make it greener and stop letting developers crowd out the harbour. It should be mandatory for unused properties to be renovated, sold, leased or demolished to make more green space or vacant space.</p>
<p>Make sure that the foreshore area is not built out like the west end of the harbour, visitors to town would not know that the harbour is there, all you see are buildings</p>
<p>Make sure there are residential components in ALL urban developments. Review planning laws so that all options are on the table ... get away from the 'Mc Mansion idea' Low income housing integrated into all developments...particularly important in any city ... need the lower paid workforce for city/business to function. Particularly important in a regional 'university city' and popular destination for backpackers. Look at more sustainable development...eg reusing shipping containers, smaller individual sleeping spaces with communal areas, allowing housing in what has been industrial premises... eg caravans set up</p>

<p>in warehousing...built in flexibility.</p>
<p>For this to happen need a mix of ideas but the expertise to make it happen as with Renew Newcastle makes sure there is open space in developments.</p>
<p>make sure places of historic value are enhanced by development</p>
<p>dont cut down any more lovely old trees for the sake of the built environment!</p>
<p>Making people confident that they have an effective say in what is happening is vital. People who are thinkers (not just politicians) need to have their voices heard (eg via Newcastle Voice)and there has to be real discussion where all parties listen to one another as well as putting forward their ideas.</p>
<p>mandatory for new buildings (especially commercial ones and mcmansions/gated suburbs) to incorporate significant energy efficient design. be proactive and not allow ugly buildings to be built = eg. proposed new law courts in newcastle cbd = really characterless and forgettable.</p>
<p>Many of the 'greater diversity of quality housing' plans contradict greatly with a built environment that maintains and enhances sense of identity.</p>
<p>More things that really reflect the true Newcastle</p>
<p>more trees</p>
<p>Move housing commission from prime real estate opposite the beach and use the funding from selling these locations to support better quality accommodation integrated into the community.</p>
<p>Focus efforts towards making the city about quality accomodation, not another Westfield type shopping centre. Once lots of people live in the city it will attract quality retailers to make another Hamilton/Darby St/ New Lambton type village location</p>
<p>My suburb has many rental properties, housing young single persons who don't value community contact. Lots of navel gazing</p>
<p>NCC should be able to refuse or request modification to "over development" that are not respectful of the sense of identity (which is hard won)</p>
<p>developers and new developments need to respect the residents and the identities of the communities they are coming into</p>
<p>Need sustainable development of suburbs and the inner city and beachside regions.</p>
<p>Need to be catering for our retiring baby boomer population more. They are looking for independent living accomodation close to shops and services. Not necessarily in the CBD.</p>
<p>Need to make sure there aren't cost imposts on home builders that discourage them.</p>
<p>Needs to be taken on case by case merit. Broad ideas that are good but we don't want gated communities. More affordable housing a priority. Lets address social issues and work to be inclusive as part of being green. Affording a house to live in or rent has to be a priority</p>
<p>Newcastle city still needs a supermarket to feed the growing number of units, thus discouraging further use of cars to regional shopping centres</p>
<p>Newcastle has a great look and feel. Care should be taken to maintain this at all costs.</p>
<p>I would be interested to know if we had or need any urban villages. Newcastle works well with a small number of central hubs. Over time this may become more important as the city grows.</p>
<p>Newcastle has the potential to become a University City. This will bring interesting and competitive sport and academic interests.</p>
<p>Upgrade the CBD area, boutique shops, i.e. food, fashion, etc, which will entice tourists, especially those cruise liners.</p>
<p>Keep it sophisticated, attractive.</p>
<p>Keep away from Bit of this and That. Control the deveopment design.</p>

Newcastle is a city not a country town. Yes develop distinct suburbs but if you want to live in an urban village move out into the Hunter Valley. Housing is very much dictated by the market but clear guidelines re heights etc are essential for future development. Best practice in terms of energy efficiency etc is a must.

A central transport hub linking major shopping centres, city centre, major sports facilities, university and the airport are a must and must be planned for the future even if not possible in the immediate future. By clearing planning for this and setting aside land corridors it is much more likely to attract funding in the future.

Newcastle is great already except for the city centre which would benefit from more people perhaps by having more housing options and safe-feel shopping centres? Public transport to the city centre might be improved by more bus services and by KEEPING THE TRAIN LINE!!! :-)

Newcastle is not a series of small villagesw. the term village was first used by Mrereweather residents to stop development in their suburb. In the past few years they have banned a shop that sold fresh fruit and meat, a kindergarten and a medical health centre beimng built in their suburb. All these facilities are being provided to them by other nearby suburbs, The village concept is being used to stop development in Newcastle

Newcastle is not urban enough, higher densities are required.

Newcastle people don't want what Sydney has. We like the fact that we are a town and we still say hi in the streets. We can keep growing and attracting people to Newcastle but we need to hold onto our self and not turn into Sydney and lose everything.

No function centre in King Edward Park

NO!!!!!!! TO HIGH DENSITY HOUSING ESPECIALY BOARDING HOUSES AND COMPACT UNITS OVER RSL CAR PARKS.

not getting rid of the rail line

Not sure I trust a developer as a Lord Mayor AT ALL!! Plant no more FIGS! Duh!

Not sure what you are intending

Not to sure our current environment has a strong sense of identity.
With have see the old steel harbour move into a new age working port.
It would be great to see more creativity allowed with teh designs of buildings to really highly a new and old mix for the city, unlike anywhere else in Australia (point of difference).

Once again, if you keep committing offences like the Bimet Lodge redevelopment, you cannot hope to achieve ANY of these things.

One thing visitors comment about when visiting the city is how gorgeous our "old" buildings are. Lets keep and maintain those. So many visitors are shocked to see the gorgeous Post Office building is such a disastrous state. Let's take pride in our history and our built environment of old - building don't get built like this anymore. Perhaps Council need to lobby State and Federal government for funding to maintain our heritage?

Open up new links between Hunter Street and the Harbour, Redevelop Hunter Street by reducing car lanes, widening foot paths and creating off street cycle lanes.

Parking and access, public transport trams etc

people still want cars to get out we talk about integrated transport system but the Rail link is still at risk talk of ending line at wickham what has wickham got to offer The Store Marketown within walking distance I wouldn't really go into the city if that all on offer again free parking for visitors shoppers & residents

Perhaps a surplus of apartment blocks.. Why are over height and inappropriate developments, such as the Bimet Lodge site, approved by Council? Whose needs are you aiming to meet? Meaningless phrases without context

Perhaps we need to have some controls on population density in particular suburbs?? Increasing and high local population densities lead to more conflicts and crime. People need some space.

Planning for our city's development needs to look well into the future and take in to account long-term needs rather than shorter term profits (clearly an aim of the Strategic Plan). It would be nice to see better use and re-use of the rain which falls on rooves and streets, increased use of our sunshine to contribute to our energy needs and optimised building design to minimise energy needs.

<p>Point 1. Refer back to my musings on what constitutes and attractive or aesthetic building. If 9 people out of 10 think a building is ugly then chances are it is ugly regardless of what you as an individual might think and remember it can't be hidden in an art gallery for those who appreciate its finer points to view. I don't want my lounge room walls covered in art works I don't like no more do I want my city streets uglified by buildings that have no democratic right to be built.</p>
<p>Point 2. I like it. I suppose you're talking about areas like Hamilton. Sounds good to me.</p>
<p>Point 3. It takes little more effort or money to build an attractive house as it does to build an ugly one. I'm all for diversity but it has to be sympathetic.</p>
<p>Preservation of our natural resources should be highly important to all.</p>
<p>Pressure property owners to renovate building. Retain building fronts</p>
<p>Processes that are supported by council to smooth the way for these things to be achieved is needed. Often council is a blocker, rather than looking for better solutions to building challenges. State issues of planning and transport are hard to comment on.</p>
<p>Promote community participation in their local area on how to improve their built environment. More emphasis to be placed on the social impacts of proposed developments. Advocate for improved public transport in the outer suburbs.</p>
<p>Promote high streets in areas such as mayfield, Georgetown, islington, Hamilton & waratah. Maintain important services such as libraries and pools and parks. Not interested in a super aquatic centre at lambton pool - too hard to travel to without a car.</p>
<p>Promote Wind/Solar/Wave technology. Promote "fresh water storage".</p>
<p>Protection of built heritage and leadership by council towards its own heritage structures.</p>
<p>Punish landholders who let their buildings go to ruin, become a health hazard and an eyesore.</p>
<p>E.g. The Jolly Roger (from the King Street side) and the buildings opposite the Greater Union Cinemas.</p>
<p>There should be processes in place for potential compulsory acquisition of buildings that are not properly maintained. Or processes for compelling the owners to demolish these buildings.</p>
<p>There should never be another Merewether Surf House fiasco.</p>
<p>Q 2 I feel is misleading and confusing Q 3 Greater diversity of quality housing is not clearly explained and could be misleading to the answer. Please explain. Q 4 must be cost effective - as there are excessive cost already imposed on new buildings</p>
<p>Quality Housing !!! I sincerely hope that this does not mean "three (3) story dog boxes that breeds vermin".</p>
<p>Quality is the word.</p>
<p>Question two i not sure what is it means as, i feel it can be seen a few ways.</p>
<p>Question three, i hope that in the future that when a apartment block etc are planned/built that the other factors in the area are thought of as i don't feel that is happening at the moment.</p>
<p>Redesigning old buildings and factories to provide community housing needs</p>
<p>Restore our HERITAGE BUILDINGS not knock them down we've lost too many already. What about our GPO? disgusting when my visitors see it, we use City Rd now Hunter St disgusting, beggars in Beaumont St, police people sitting on chairs can't get through footpath some days have to ask to more. My daughter was punched in back because she wouldn't give young man money.</p>
<p>Retaining iconic landmarks, control over how many apartments (designed for high socio-economic persons) are built.</p>
<p>same same.</p>
<p>Same type of non specific mumbo jumbo</p>
<p>see all previous comments. to facilitate real community, people need a reason to live in a region other than just employment opportunities otherwise the fly in/fly out model would be the national norm.</p>
<p>See next section</p>

See previous answer. I would prefer the Council to spend money on libraries and other existing facilities rather than fuff on about building an new environment that enhances our sense of identity. Fix what we already have before you go planning and buildig new stuff.
Sense of identity is directly connected to our knowledge of our history.
Sense of identity? Sense of parochialism more like it.
Sorry - can't do any more - I find this an exercise in motherhood statements!!!! what a waste of resources
Sort out the city council elected members to get on with the job at hand and let us see some action for our money
Sounds as though you have not yet seen Newcastle's identity.
All three bedroom houses should go. Look at accommodation for the growing single population... Many coffee shops with outdoor seating and convenient stores for the basics.
State government regulations cover this item
stop approving projects like boarding houses in ingle dwelling streets. Reject KE Park eyesore
Stop building enormous buildings that prevent public access to the water front. DFon't build anymore buildings along the habourside of the Honey Suckle - Clean it up and develop family friendly spaces instead of buildings that create dark wind tunnels like the Crown Hotel development
Develop the mall in to boutique cafes and retails shops with a trendy village atmosphere and maintan reasonable transport option that doesn't force more cars into the City
stop building small urban ghettos on top of one another
Stop knocking down our heritage buildings.
Stop letting developers do as they wish - especially in Newcastle's CBD. MAKE them provide parking. It's killing our city - and council furthering the awful issue through exorbitant charges just makes it all that must worse.
Stop selling off water front land to build cheap boxes
Stop wasting money on chopping down trees after length deliberations and costs!! Trees can be pruned
The balance of architect/town planner/citizen developers is out of wack. Developers only interested in maximum overuse overvuild of site eg. Bimet's 'Eclipse' an example with (unreadable) something obscuring something else
The city needs to be opened up much more. We need to get away from the central hubs being Westfield at Kotora & GPT at Charlestown etc. The community needs much more diversity with niche/boutique options that are unique & lifestyle related.
The current trend of developing cheap remote residential suburbs is apalling. It not only isolates parents & their children but also enshrines car usage as their only viable means of transport. Subsequently clogging our road network. Unfortunately, this trend is driven largely by our corrupt & inept State Government. Local government has mainly an overseeing role over this process, but unfortunately has to try & pick-up the pieces and bare a lot of the blame.
The existing heritage buildings, particularly in the CBD enhance Newcastle's sense of identity, sadly, many of these are not being cared for. I would prefer that Council, instead of looking towards creating a new built environment, turn their attention to the existing built environment, and then go from there.
The first objective means what - just a bureau-speak feel good?
The main railway line between Sydney & Broadmeadow requires a new track for freight. This would make trains quicker between Central & Newcastle
the NCC insist in all future DA's for residential developments have a high proportion of recharging points in their parking spaces. Also the NCC allow 2 hour free parking for hybrid vehicles in the CBD & the banning of street parking in the CBD for private vehicles over 2,000kgs GVM.
The old post office is a unique icon. Use it again as a public place--court house could have been put here rather than spending \$100 million dollars and breaking up the legal services and community into what will effectively be two parts, as all services cannot be housed in the small area of the new court house.

The rail line - whilst it relates to the State government, we should have a clear position on the issue.

My opinion is - maintain the rail line into Newcastle station but remove the heavy overhead infrastructure and replace with a light rail system. Create more locations for crossings over the rail line such as at Bellevue St, Steel St, Worth Pl, end of Darby St, Perkins and Newcomen Streets.

The variety of housing is available, whether people can afford it is another matter.

House lots are too large - 300m² is adequate, you need density to create community.

There are too many DA,s passed which do nothing for the community apart from benefit developers and private people who wish to redesign houses completely out of character with the area. If one wants a 2 story house then go further out and buy a bigger plot of land, don't try and put one up in mainly single storied areas. This does not make for harmony in a community. Get something done about buildings owned by the council which are still empty and derelict.

There is a serious issue that needs to be settled. There are some commercial interests who see progress for Newcastle as high rise and "development" such as in places like Chatswood and Charlestown. But most Novocastrians love Newcastle because it isn't like those places. They want to see Newcastle progress in a way that preserves the friendly atmosphere and human scale. They like the fact that the streets aren't as crowded as other places and it isn't so hard to find a car park. They Aren't keen to have A Charlestown Square. They prefer street shopping. They fear that the progress that developers envisage will destroy what they like about Newcastle and make it crowded, impersonal, like places like Chatswood and Parramatta.

There is an objection to the placement of inappropriately concentrated low income housing projects which are socially and aesthetically out of context with surrounding dwellings.

At the very least it should not be possible to replace one workers cottage having heritage values with a two storey monstrosity designed to contain EIGHT separate living units built from the cheapest possible modern materials assembled in a hideous design which destroys the ambience of the surrounding residences (example Henry Street, Tighes Hill)

There is heaps of research that supports the reality that the housing is the indicator of social and emotional health. A city of people with good social and emotional health is full of people with something to contribute not just trying to get by. Lets work on getting good quality low income housing needs met. And good quality public buildings to look at and use.

There needs to be a balance between meeting the demand for single detached housing and the provision of infrastructure. Need to ensure that areas envisaged for higher density are well serviced and walkable.

There needs to be a total re-think of so much. I would prefer to sit and explain all that needs to be considered in this area

There should be more insulation grants and solar panel schemes in inner city. These have helped reduce energy use and need for more powerplants. .

These are simply common sense question. I have not got the time to be wasting here

These elements appear (to a non-professional,) to be largely within the ambit of council approval processes. I support a council with these aims.

This and some previous questions are no-brainers. Who could possibly believe that these objectives are not Extremely Important?

This city does not need high density housing. The UK realised this 20 years.

Once again LISTEN and act on the peoples direction, not that of beurocrats. Dont be dictated to by developers.

This is a 'no brainer' to me.

This is also a difficult task Council orders that there are requirements for housing and this adds more cost to buying property and helps the abandonment of the caring city, so I think this goes against the previous object as being a hinderance to it happening

<p>To achieve all these things it will be important to demonstrate what the advantages are. This is contrary to the current Aussie quarter acre block dream so you have to be able to demonstrate why the alternative is so good. Make demonstration project. Make sure you talk about the financial savings that the above would provide (lower bills, lower rates). Get Peter Newman (Melbourne) and other experts to talk publicly about new possibilities and then let the community decide how they want to do things. Invest in a process in one suburb, learn from that, then apply new knowledge to next suburb.</p>
<p>Too often in Newcastle plain, cheap to build buildings with no aesthetic value are built, to the detriment of the city scape. A good example of this is the proposed new legal precinct, the plans for which resemble a prefabricated cheap apartment block. This is to be a key public building replacing a historic sandstone building of beautiful design (old court house). Not only does the council have the responsibility to make sure buildings are of a certain technical standard, they have to be of an aesthetic standard that we as Novocastrians can be proud of.</p>
<p>Transport needs a complete overhaul if we want Newcastle to be taken seriously. If we had a good system of transport for inner city workers, then a cultural shift will occur.</p>
<p>Unfortunately the built environment comes down to \$\$\$'s. I would like to see the removal of ugly '60 high density dept of housing blocks and replace them with medium density housing that shows some modicum of respect for the people who have no option but to live there. (I know this is a State Govt responsibility) but I just wanted to say it.</p>
<p>Bring back the local "corner" shop. At 55yrs of age I dislike massive shopping centres and can't see myself (nor others in my age group) liking them any more as I get older. Give me local (within 2kms) access to goods and services.</p>
<p>urban eco-villages;</p>
<p>Urban planning needs to encourage people to live near to their place of work. This reduces the pressure on roads & transport systems</p>
<p>Use our natural assets and existing heritage to rejuvenate our city then introduce appropriate educational, living or business to sustain it</p>
<p>Water Tanks on all big roof major shopping centres and buildings, Tell them what to do with their smart meters, and understand we are going backwards so fast we will never catch up. Too many visionaries and not enough practical, commonsense people making decisions.</p>
<p>We could perhaps confer with other small towns (cities) in Aust for ideas regarding interesting and cultural actions to make Newcastle more attractive - Gosford I suggest has done much in this area eg. the Japanese Teahouse and beautiful garden (+ art exhibitions)</p>
<p>We have to build smarter for this century - think forward - think far</p>
<p>We have to try new ideas in design</p>
<p>We need all of the above. It is up to the community to ensure that when and if all these services are made available that they appreciate and not abuse them. There is sadly so much vandalism of public transport and buildings in this City, one could just sit down and cry. However, we must all never be afraid to speak up or remind those we see not caring for our City of their responsibilities, e.g; if there is rubbish thrown anywhere but in a bin, pick it up and put it in the bin, report any vandalism or anti-social behaviour to the appropriate body/ies.</p>
<p>We need to be led by the people who have the opportunity to find out how these things can be done and then bring people and ideas together. Writing down these ideas is just the beginning- action is what is necessary</p>
<p>We need to utilise our potential for huge residential development in our east end. forget about height limits, lets move our city into the now era and beyond.</p>
<p>We probably need to embrace more density in the city, including more apartment and townhouse style living.</p>
<p>what do you mean by identity? strange question. I don't believe there is a sense of any unique identity in Newcastle.</p>

What does 'greater diversity of quality housing' even mean? Sounds like bureaucrat speak for nothing to me.

Ensuring that the historical centre of town (e.g. along Hunter Street) is not over-developed will do much to help maintain a sense of identity in Newcastle. ReNew Newcastle has been a highly successful program to promote a local cultural identity, well-done for supporting it.

Preventing the erection of super-shopping centres, like at Kotara or Charlestown, will also help. Places like that are ubiquitous and have no sense of identity - they are designed to give the same experience whether in Perth, Darwin or Hobart, and as such take away identity from a town.

What is a 'mixed-use urban village'?!?!?

What is our identity. I found it hard to answer when I haven't been given what our identity is supposed to be. What do you mean by greater diversity of housing? Is this housing commission areas or are we telling people what they can and cannot build.

What is our identity?

We need diversity of housing but not at the loss of an integrated transport system nor the loss of our natural environment. Keep what green spaces we have. We've lost enough old buildings be SUSTAINABLE. Don't knock down, improve & enhance what we have.

Use the CSIRO in our own backyard. Plan for the installation of solar power on every street light.

What is our sense of identity? Who controls that? Merewether people's identity is very different from New Lambton Heights. Work to ensure we tolerate lots of identities in Newcastle, including those of immigrants to here.

When ideas about greater diversity of quality housing for current and future community needs arises, our experience seems to be of cramming too many residences into a small area or onto the wrong street etc. it seems to me that while the theory is fine, more often than not in actuality it can be just plain awful. I am not suggesting that developers should not make a profit, but the community seems to be the ones that end up having to live with inappropriate development.

As for a built environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity, what does this mean? If it means our links to our cultural heritage such as our aboriginal heritage, convict past, and heavy industry, then, yes! Other than this, I don't see how our sense of identity can be enhanced - generic restaurants up and down the foreshore, every nook and cranny (remember the pushing of a restaurant on Shepherd's Hill and at Nobby's) is not promoting/ maintaining a sense of identity.

where are the villages, where are the connections, where is the transport? New north-south train route west of Wallsend, develop local train use and integration.

Whilst I agree with the idea of diversity of housing and recognise there will be more medium and high density living - I favour a restriction on the height of buildings.

And I think new apartment building should have to have things like bike racks as part of the planning approval

Work with Council to spread the word

Yes, yes, this might happen 200 years from now. What about now???

SMART AND INNOVATIVE CITY

SMART AND INNOVATIVE CITY: Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards enhancing Newcastle's reputation as a leader in smart innovations with a healthy, diverse and resilient economy.

	Base (those answering) n= 249	n=	%
DEVELOPMENT			25.2
Clean up the city / revitalise the CBD		14	5.6
Subsidise rent in city building / Renew Newcastle		9	3.6
Fix or address derelict buildings		8	3.2
Can the city handle more people or do we want more people?		7	2.8
Mixed use development, housing and business		6	2.4
Easier DA process / Fast track development		6	2.4
Quality, good design etc		5	2.0
Other development comments		8	3.2
TRANSPORT			20.4
Public transport		39	15.6
Parking		7	2.8
Walking / cycling		3	1.2
Other transport comments		2	0.8
COLLABORATION			14.8
Support or work with organisations like CSIRO, HMRI, other local organisations		14	5.6
Bring University into town / better links to University		8	3.2
Collaborate with University		8	3.2
Encourage/support employers in Newcastle / Improve employment opportunities		6	2.4
Other collaboration comments		1	0.4
OBJECTIVES			11.6
Comment regarding wording (eg queries re definitions, vague, motherhood statements etc)		15	6.0
Comment on 'green' objective		12	4.8
Other wording comments		2	0.8
OTHER			58.4
Not only Council's responsibility / Work with or leave to State or Federal Govt		18	7.2
Support / encourage / award ideas and innovations		12	4.8
Green efficiencies, programs etc		12	4.8
Tourism / Promote tourism		10	4.0
Upgrade art gallery / Support the arts		9	3.6
Need to move away from being a coal or industrial city / Need a plan B		8	3.2
Survey comment		5	2
Don't pander to minorities		4	1.6
Newcastle is a coal or industrial city		4	1.6
Other		64	25.6

"A culture that supports and encourages innovation and creativity at all levels"- Does Council know what this means? 'at all levels'- what is that?

Coal is not making us healthy and smart

"A vibrant diverse and resilient green economy built on educational excellence and research". Another blanket statement. This is great fun. Do I want Newcastle to be the perfect city. Oh hell yeah! With what budget, though? How am I supposed to write anything seriously if you only write completely vague things? Who has designed this and what sort of responses are you people expecting?

"A vibrant diverse and resilient green economy built on educational excellence and research." - good luck!

Coal is Newcastle's life blood - like it or not. Can you name another 'coal city' that has gone green in 18 years? And maintained jobs, growth, etc.

"A thriving city that attracts people to live, work, invest and visit." - isn't this a contradiction? Won't this (more people) ruin the environment, life-style, etc?

1. everyone is competing in the green economy smart space - lofty ideals with uncertain outcomes.
2. Build on the smart cities initiatives but not at the risk of everything else. Maintain regional diversity!
3. the thriving city is the hard part; reduce the size of the CBD (why is it the size of Sydney); truncate the rail line; simplify approvals process; focus the effort in chunks and don't try to do everything at once (honeysuckle is 20 years old!)

1. Forget the 'green' a bit to get things done (good example is the Laman St Trees)
2. Get businesses to give employees public transport passes to cut down car use

1. Solar power has to be the key long term as increasing power costs are hitting everyone hard.
2. Educational excellence/research must come via the University and encouraging entrepreneurial businesses into the area.
3. All thriving cities that I have seen draw visitors to good shopping areas. Newcastle is totally devoid of a good shopping area and probably couldn't be justified with Charlestown/Kotara etc not too far.

A "green" economy usually means govt/council subsidies..htis must NOT become our highest priority.The other points far more important.

A diversity of skills and talents rather than focus narrowly on certain developments and businesses.

A good start would be dropping the vague, positively worded questions questions. It sounds like you hired a motivational speaker to write these survey questions.

"A culture that supports and encourages innovation and creativity at all levels". I strongly agree with that. Of course I do. NO I DON'T WANT A CULTURE THAT SUPPORTS CREATIVITY & INNOVATION!!! No one will write that. That is a s**t survey question.

And where is this "Vibrant, diverse & resilliant green economy" even going to come from? Thanks for the feel good but non-info heavy questions. Obviously you think your constituents are feeble minded.

A light rail system throughout the city and suburbs would encourage people to visit and shop in our city. Too many parking meters and not enough public transport are what's killing our city.

A thriving city attract innovation and creativity. Good public infrastructure attracts people and investment.

A thriving city attracts visitors and visitors bring money

again integrated planning and implementation with utilities
community initiatives that encourage green initiatives

<p>Again motherhood statements but worth aiming for.</p> <p>The state government cut in funding to arts students will affect the council's aim to have a created newcastle. I think the council should complain about that.</p> <p>I am happy with the expansion of our wonderful Newcastle art gallery.</p> <p>The idea of supporting innovation in sustainable energy is worth following through.</p> <p>I think that the Council should continue to give the great support it has to Renew Newcastle and ensure that it returns to supporting TINA</p> <p>To have a thriving city - I think that a lot more work needs to be done on providing a mix of accommodation in the city.</p> <p>We need to boost our Toursim efforts. We need a dedicated tourist office - not volunteers at the Maritime Centre having to take on the job. Kiosks are not enough. Also the Hunter Tourism website provides very little information about inner city Newcastle.</p> <p>We need to mainstream Newcastle into all State and Federal departments that make decisions that affect Newcastle e.g. the shameful planned relocation of 420 health workers from the city to Charlestown, when we are desperately trying to re-energize the inner city. I hope that the Council has complained to the state government about that.</p> <p>For a smart city we need to retain the rail-line but as I have suggested earlier electric trains could stop at Wickham.</p>
<p>Again too much to put down here prefer to sit and demonstrate how it all should work together.</p>
<p>Again try new things - be different!</p>
<p>Again, you have to have the people behind the ideas.</p>
<p>again.. we cannot have a thriving city that attracts people when the main street is full of urban decay and every time someone puts forward a development proposal they are denied or bogged down with endless obstacles and red tape.</p>
<p>Agree with all above objectives</p>
<p>Agree with all above, just don't show the visitors Hunter St.</p>
<p>Aim for being the most live able city in Australia and reform will flow</p>
<p>All important but not Council's key functions.</p>
<p>All levels of government need to agree on the same strategy and everyone has to work for the same goal.</p>
<p>Allow more mistakes and 'little bets' particularly at Government level. Value Innovation in an accountancy method. I.E innovation should be valued as an Intangible Asset.</p>
<p>Apart from a thriving city that attracts people to live, work, invest and visit, so much of the other to points seem to be well outside the remit of councils. Indeed, the questions really show how important an efficient and effective transport system is to encourage these points.</p>
<p>As mentioned creativity with artifice of buildings with strict restrictions lifted to allow this which will attract more people and put newcastle on the map!!</p>
<p>As stated previously "DO NOT play politics" Perhaps, "Increase 'contractors to undertake projects' including office staff". Employ a consultant to locate areas where Councils is inefficient then change.</p>
<p>Attract more businesses to the city. Make the city an attractive place to visit for all all people.</p>
<p>attracting people to live here is all well and good....so long as it doesnt have a negative impact on the people already living here.....eg--has anyone actually worked out if newcastle can actually handle any more people (Eg traffic, rental properties, jobs etc)???</p>
<p>Be supportive of and leaders in energy efficient technologies such as Solar power and electric vehicles.</p>
<p>Must facilitate a reduction in the number of motor vehicles coming into the city by supporting commuting by pushbike and motorbike, as in other asian countries.</p>
<p>Best get on with it!</p>

Bring back kerbside bulk waste collection and encourage recycling of materials
Bring parts of the uni into town.
Open up accomodation above office blocks etc in city.
Build the art gallery
But none of these are under the control of the city
But not if invest means sell to overseas interests
By concentrating on the first 2 aspects of the 2030 vision, there would be flow-on effects in which a smart and innovative city would emerge.
by making a city that people are genuinely happy to live in and share with each other.
cant be obtained whilst the city is dead with no chance of recovery whilst council attitude is the way it is
GET RID OF PARKING METERS
Bring back trams not busses
Change the Council, drive around the city and see the men not working on projects. The inner city bypass, the house wreck at Sandgate, the Adamstown rail crossing, the roads in general.
clean and green is the way all councils have to go.
Clean up the city
Cleaning up the city, and removing the rail corridor, enhancing green lanes for cycle/walking and public transport to wineries, Nelson Bay, picnic area's etc, would enable us to promote Newcastle in a better tourism light, and attract cruise ships, and travelers by plane.
Commonsense please, first, think it through - is this right for our people
Council challenges traditional notions of core essential activities and budget models that reinforce the status quo. Eg. Are the real costs of mowing factored into park maintenance models or just accepted status quos? Are traditional storm water models the best way to go in the long term? How perfect do our roads really need to be? Can some road money be invested in alternative transport modes that reduce reliance on expensive roads and parking?
Keep abreast of modern trends in social networking, free wifi & charging stations, on-line retailing, electric vehicles, etc and how that might influence urban form.
Encourage good green technology with tangible outcomes but not feel-good greenwash of low value.
Alternative power generation and storage (wind, solar, electric vehicles, etc). Council investing in and encouraging investment in small scale efficient community grids as an efficient alternative to large scale and personal power generation.
Council needs to ensure this can happen without the bureaucracy and red tape (and do this in a timely manner, without prolonged delays); it needs to actively encourage and support innovation and change, along with considering local opinions and promote local investment.
create mor jobs
Create resilient economies by supporting small buisness and creating niche markets and local supply chains. Support local manufacturers and promote shop local campaigns. Encourage skills training and build capacity in the community by supporting collaborative partnerships.
CSIRO research centre, the uni in town, tax-breaks or cheap land for specific industries to bring them here. Do something at the old BHP site. A boutique container terminal or car unloading facility all connected to NSW (particularly northern and western NSW) by a suitable rail network. Encourage clean business, coal is great, its paid the bills for many years but won't last forever
Cultural tourism must be embraced by our civic fathers. Industry no longer does it for Newcastle. (Profits all went to Melbourne anyway) The Arts, Health and Education are now our biggest employers.
Decision makeing in the City seems to get bogged down on all the feel good stuff of minority groups
Develop hunter street so it looks like a vibrant city not a third world country Get ride of the train line and open up the city to the harbour in 2013

<p>Do not equate "green" to "essential". It is not. The Layman St Figs Fiasco - brought about by pandering to the Save Our Figs propaganda is just one example. Further, 'green at all costs' is a failed philosophy. All possibilities must be considered on their merits - and under no circumstances should all eggs be invested in a single philosophy (basket).</p>
<p>A fully green city will invariably mean one in which costs are far higher than most alternatives. This will not 'attract' people - to live, work, invest or visit.</p>
<p>Dont destroy the public transport system. If you want to appear smart dont back making travell from country areas and Sydney to Newcastle in one go impossible</p>
<p>Don't really know - just would like us to encourage, welcome, support and praise the individuals, groups or organisations in these areas.</p>
<p>don't want polluting industry, or tall apartment buildings</p>
<p>Drag Newcastle city into the 21st Century and make developers actually develop their assests in the city or sell them to someone who will. The state of the Hunter St mall IS APPALLING.</p>
<p>Einstein couldn't answer this one</p>
<p>Embrace the digital and creative economy. Support programs like Digital Newcastle, Start House, The NEWi Awards, Hunter DiGiT and next years Design, Interactive Media and Green-tech (DiG) Festival and Conference.</p>
<p>Encourage innovation by giving out prizes and grants for ideas by community members.</p>
<p>Encourage people to come and live here,with better transport, affordable council, water and electricity supplies.The University is and will continue to be the main catalyst for the improvement of Newcastle</p>
<p>Encourage small businesses by limmiting the size of Multi Nationals and Monopolies.</p>
<p>Encourage use of empty shops in Hunter St</p>
<p>Encouragement of the training and intellectual cohorts of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley.</p>
<p>Ensure infrastructure to match growing population. Parking at popular venues is already insufficient.</p>
<p>Ensure needs of the Community are put before Developers</p>
<p>Face up to the fact that the CBDE should be residential with commercial component supporting this fast rail to sydney would benefit point 3.</p>
<p>Fight for Tafe and against the education cuts. Everything starts from there across all sectors.</p>
<p>Find ways to offer low entry levels for creative ideas to flourish. Spaces should be available as they are necessary for ideas to be tested, industries to be born, collectives to form and for community strength to be built.</p>
<p>Fine rich property owners who would rather have an empty decaying building than lower their rental expectations.</p>
<p>Fix Hunter Street, you want people back to live and invest then fix Hunter Street.</p>
<p>Fix the old PO and the crappy sites, get rid of the rail and put in lite rail and bring the masses back then we will have culture and growth then the conversation about resilience and diversity will automatically happen.</p>
<p>Fix the derelict buildings issue and encourage the University to fast track their increased presence in the CBD.</p>
<p>For Newcastle to go forward it needs to be a smart and innovative city that people want to live in. The only way to go forward is to have good mix of diversity.</p>
<p>For too long the approach to Sustainable Lifestyle by govs has failed. Our community deserves a Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and we will except nothing less. Healthy sustainable cities by promoting safe active transport culture (combine walk, cycling, bus, train with appropriate higher density infilling of cities to stop urban sprawl and car addiction). Cities focused on people, not on cars spewing out toxic exhaust emissions (asthma and cancer causing), creating danger, obesity (sedentary travel) and climate change. Safe, efficient, equitable, ethical, socially just transport for all (pedestrians, children, disabled, blind, wheelchair, cyclists, motorists, etc.), not discriminatory. Since the 90's car culture has stopped generations of kids that have lost their mobility of walking/cycling places. Curtin uni has done a study that show the infrastructure costs for a new suburb are \$684,000 per dwelling (Curtin_Sustainability_Paper_0209). Putting this money to infilling the city, will also make Newcastle a safe cycling tourist attraction, which will bring many visitors and to town.</p>

The entire approach to road safety must be turned around to a strategy of Road Danger Reduction.

The current small changes proposed will see our Community get more obese. The Gov's have an obligation to create a safe city for people not cars. We must plan for a "Safe Active Travel 30 for 30" concept. Safe Active Travel 30 for 30 means by 2030 we should have 30km/hr local speed limits and trips : 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest. We must aim for high targets and for the long term because we have lost so much ground in the last few decades of urban sprawling car culture. So the local speed limit needs to be 40km/hr across the whole NCC area NOW! Then lobby RTA for 30km/hr for world's best safe practice in Europe. At the moment 40 and 50 zones and school zones are quite confusing so to make it simpler and safer, a 40 limit is much better. We must match funding for the targets so 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest means the money is split this way. Even though NCC has little say in state public transport, they need to fund active transport modes of combining walk/cycle with public transport. Otherwise spending money on the way travel share is, means more roads and more cars. Need heaps more pedestrian crossings across all main roads so even cyclists can walk their bike across a road, also gives peds/cyclists priority. Block off more local roads to make cycling more convenient. Block off Hunter St to cars, let them go down King St. Every bike/pedestrian route must feel safe for 90% of 10 year olds to travel by themselves. Safe routes to schools must be a priority to get kids healthy and stop them costing our country \$billions of health costs later.

Need to stop driving most kids to school. Need to stop the car culture of mothers accidentally killing their own toddlers (like on 27th Sept 2011 in Australia) while backing their car out of their driveway. Whichever Governments and authorities continue to bow to the car lobby and let car culture thrive, more road death will occur when they could help Newcastle to be the safest, nicest, friendliest (no road rage, etc) city in Australia.

Remove all pictures of bikes causing road rage, crashes confusion on the roads NOW! Stop the wasteful money on narrow bike lanes (These rely on cars being parked touching the gutter and people checking before opening their door. But too many bigger SUVs, trucks and people not checking before opening doors mean this is not a safe option to entice the 30% of people . Sure it may entice 5% but this target is laughable, we need proper sustainable 30% target). They are not a success if we double cycling because of them. We need to get all people walking/cycling, even the ones who are very scared to walk/cycle because of the cars. Bikes and pedestrians should be separated, because similar conflict arises when numbers are large. We don't want safe cycleways clogged with walkers, and people find it more convenient to drive a car. Must make walk/cycle/public transport more quicker than cars for all short trips.

Increasing walk/cycle/public transport means reducing car trip for the same amount of trips. This is a fact . Lets not try and keep motorists happy with how they are going. Many motorists must be kicked out of their cars for most of their trips and only then will they realise the light on the other side, and the

Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle is now for them. The car culture and advertising is a hard thing to fight, but we must!

Cycle routes on their own don't create mode transfer from cars. All roads must be safe for walking and cycling and the use of private motor vehicles must be strongly discouraged. Planners must look to walking and cycling as the primary modes of transport for everyone. Public transport must be seen as the secondary modes, for longer distances. Cars must be seen as the last resort. All council policies must be audited for their transport implications. Everyone must have the choice not to own a motor vehicle.

With the increase in car dooring accidents as a result of cyclists riding too close to parked cars and in the drivers blind spot we should consider not supporting bicycle shoulder lane markings in parking lanes and rather place the bicycle symbols at the right of the edge line and encourage cyclists to utilise the parking shoulder lane when its safe to do so as a courtesy to other road users. There are a lot of crashes from motorists not seeing the cyclist until the last second and they clip the cyclist when passing them. This is due to motorists travelling too close to the car in front and the cyclist being squeezed out of sight. The 1st motorist sees the cyclist and squeezes past him without changing lanes. The motorist following the first car thinks all is OK (nothing is ahead to dodge) until a cyclist appears too close on the left. The engineering solution to the clipping a cyclist when squeezing past them is to either cause the 1st motorist

to change lanes (which signals to the following car that something is ahead) or to have proper 1m clearance zones between cyclists and traffic lanes.

Dedicated Bicycle Lanes should be constructed in accordance with World's best standards (E.g. Dutch):

clearance to pass the open door of a parked car in the adjacent parking lane without leaving the bicycle lane. A 1 metre separation is desirable.

lane widths that are adequate to carry the anticipated bicycle traffic, that continue through intersections

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road with a posted speed limit above 70km/h to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane.

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane. This should be at least 1 metre, because "1m matters" (Amy Gillett campaign)

(Unfortunately the relevant sections of the RTA/RMS NSW Bicycle Guidelines, the AustRoads guidelines of 2012 (<https://www.onlinepublications.austroads.com.au/items/AP-G88-11>) do not meet appropriate safety standards for 13 year old children to feel safe in "marked bike lanes" that put them in positions of hitting car doors, or cars passing them on their right too close)

Many motorists will believe wherever the bike symbol is placed, that is the place where cyclists MUST ride their bike over the symbol painted on the road. It is confused as a bike lane. So all the problems associated with "Road Shoulder Lanes" below exist, even without edge lines. The bike symbols are very confusing, most motorists don't think it's a bike route marking, they think it's a bike placement marking (where you should ride your bike). Bike route signs are not confusing. Bike symbols create confusion and road rage.

Bicycle symbols in shoulder lanes can even be counterproductive as they give cyclists the impression that it's a safe space to ride and motorists the impression that it's a bicycle lane and cyclists should not be in the traffic lane. And they can give an impression of safe passing distances (of motorists passing cyclists) well less than 1 metre.

For full references why we need a Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and a safe separated cycle network please see the fact sheets and research from <http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/> and the Australian Bicycle Council.

Action needed for Safe, ethical, equitable, socially just, non-discriminatory Happy, Healthy Sustainable active transport network

Get people back into the city and away from places like Kotara and Charlestown. These two areas lack character and are not well planned. The centre of Newcastle has the potential to be world class. By removing the train would be an unnecessary expense to the taxpayers. Establish community gardens, sculpture parks, themed evenings on Hunter Street. Create mixed-use zoning. Retail on street level, artist spaces in the middle and residential at the top.

get rid of the rail

get the creatives in and the rest will follow. consider offering subsidies (?rent ?housing ?grants) to attract the creative professions to base themselves here and the vibrant environment created as a result will attract business down the line.

Get the transport issues sorted and the other objectives will follow.

Get university involved instead of costly consultants for one, we have a free info there. Hold more meetings, contests (costing) little!? as prizes to winners

Give them a reason to come, and they will come. Currently the city is a mix of the very nice and the very not-so-nice. The CBD is a big bag of nothing and disappointment - the handful of decent shops, cafes, etc are drowned out by the deadness of the area and the "cheap" and "dirty" feel of some areas of the city. Open up something at the derelict bowling club site at King Edward Park, for goodness sake - this is one of the best spots in the city and it has been shut down for years.

Green city initiatives seem to have wained a bit?
Have people in charge of council decisions who have actually listened to those of us who have a great love for our city for what it HAS BEEN and can be again.!!!!!!!!!
How can we foster innovation when the job of the council is to stop people from doing what they want? eg Ridiculous planning codes and zoning. All the smart people live in Melbourne.
How sad that TAFE is effectively being dismantled by the Stat Govt. TAFe and the University are huge contributors on these levels. More joint projects connecting the research areas of the Uni to assist Council in innovation.
I believe the University are to have departments built in Newcastle. This should bring something positive into the city. The library service should be improved and updated, Newcastle is way behind Maitland culturally and using beautiful buildings restorative of post office and cathedral (unreadable)
I believe this is best left to our elected representatives and their administrative/research groups at local, state and federal level. If there are too many focus groups or special interest groups they will just get in the way (as most do now). All our representatives are available if any of us want to make an approach and we seem to have the best blend of political viewpoints that we've had in a long time so no-one needs to feel left out.
I commend the Climate Cam and the programmes that pursue climate action among small businesses.
I have nothing more that I can add to this question, as what I have said in the others.
Good design, resilient green economy, etc...
Achieve a thriving city that attracts people to live work invest and visit.
I hope the city does not grow too big and start having big city problems. What smart innovations has Newcastle been leader?
I know growth is mostly a good thing, but one of the best things about our community is its size, ease to get around, and plenty of availability of resources to the community. The region could be made too attractive, and then some of the reasons the region is so great could be no longer available.
I live the optimism of a green economy but I think you're kidding yourselves - this is a town based on coal ;)
There's already a strong basis for a city that attracts people to live and work here - there's just a distinct lack of white collar jobs. Just ask all the uni student who study here and then want to stay but don't because there aren't enough job opportunities.
I strongly support the City campus concept in this regard.
I take it the definition of "City" is the total Newcastle LGA
I hope thriving does not mean massive coal loaders.
I think it is extremely important to encourage Newcastle uni to develop campuses in the city
I think newcastle council has to work together instead of separately.
I thought education was state and federal government responsibility so I wonder how realistic it is to suggest the council will create an environment of educational excellence.
I wouldn't want Newcastle to lose its regional uniqueness and just become another large city that people want to get out of to escape.
if all our local railway stations had lift access so that mothers with prams, disabled people and the elderly could comfortably catch the train you would find a lot more people coming into town. I can't make it up the stairs at Kotara station but if I could I would never take my car into town so would ease the parking problems. As soon as Cardiff station lift is installed I will be driving there and taking a train to town.

I'm always confused when discussing the city. At some of the forums, some people think this includes Darby St.... A city in most people's minds has a identifiable CBD with cinemas and restaurants . This is not true of Newcastle The mall has not been the centre of Newcastle's business or entertainment for many years. There is one Cinema - located a the ? end of the mall area in Scott Street, and the Civic which is blocks away, and a few pubs. Without entertainment in the evenings, why would people come into the "city" regularly. Most business can be transacted elsewhere with free parking, and more safety. When Newcastle lost it's hospital and specialists it lost one of its main business attractions that people came into the city for. A new reason/service has to be found to encourage folks in.

Important that achievements in local research, innovation and development be widely publicized and promoted to encourage and attract others in these fields to our region to enhance Newcastle's reputation as one of Australia's leading centres.

Improving CBD with new projects like the new Newcastle project in the David Jones building.

In order to optimise the tourism potential the inner city needs a complete makeover. Landlords should not be able to retain derelict buildings without maintaining them and keeping their street appeal. The inner city & Hunter Street are a horrendous embarrassment and should be the top priority. This is what visitors see when they come to this city and they are shocked at the disrepair and lack of action by the council.

Inner living city developments should be encouraged at every opportunity, but hieght & density issues should monitored carefully. Sidewalk restaurants and outdoor cafes catering for all cultures should be promoted and supported.

Involvement of the community in what's happening in the city by way of our technological advancements in this field and how Newcastle is involved. By embracing green technology and implementing such whenever possible, show by example and being proud of these advancements.

Involve the community in new green technology and to be a part of this, encourage this and people with this knowledge. Make the city a place that people want to visit, encourage the cultural diversity of Newcastle by way of cultural innovation as well.

Is this really council's role? Seems like council is stepping outside its boundaries here.

It is difficult for people to obtain reasonably paid jobs in the arts in Newcastle - at present they have to be based in Sydney or Melbourne. If Newcastle could encourage employers of creatives (eg film and television production, theatre, music industry, graphic design) to see our city as a viable location for employees, it might go a long way to encouraging innovation and creativity throughout the community

It is time to recognise and support the local talent and actively engage those people in creating end executing a brave vision.

It is time to abandon political directions and make things happen for the benefit of the future generations.

It is tremendously important that we gear our economy towards high end products like tertiary education, technology and innovative research. Australia will never be able to meet the low cost demands of low end manufacturing, as other countries with weaker economies and lower minimum wages can produce low end products much cheaper. Our future is to take the advice from successful countries like Sweden where high minimum wages and high company taxes means the manufacture of high end products has taken over. Due to our higher overheads, we can never produce steel as cheaply as China, for instance, however with research and innovation, we could be successfully producing expensive high end products. We need to work smarter, not just harder and cheaper.

It would be good to see some decent architecture instead of the (new) 1960's inspired buildings that are around the beaches for example.

Put the train line underground and build apartments above it.

its to late for the city to be developed

Keep aware of the market, what it requires and in which part of it do we already have some expertise that can be translated to further opportunities. Rather than trying to reshape the market to meet some lofty ideals or politically correct culture.

keep jobs going and promote new jobs to keep people here

KEEP THE RAIL LINE Flowers in the mall and more gardeners.

Art competitions music competitions

Keep the rail line to Newcastle and build more units & flats
keep the rail people do use it to get to work
Let us look at education to start. I know of schools within the city boundary that are absolutely models for education. I do know though that we have a system for training teachers which leaves a great deal to be desired. I'm not sure just what a local council can do in these areas but at least it can make its voice heard. Any university that seems to have a policy of not failing student teachers regardless of ability is really doing none of our kids and grandkids any favours. For our children to grown up to be innovators and creative then they need teachers who also have these qualities. Often ignorant people amongst us confuse creativity and art. Sure one needs the other but they are not the same.
Lets get real here what real employment is there to offer in the city
Livesites initiatives are brilliant. The recent "Classics on the Boardwalk" was amazing. There could always be more activities.
Lobby government, particularly state government, to stop ripping the heart out of education.
local currency circulation engine
Look at Hobart!They rock!
lots of GREEN space
Lots of motherhood statements here, of course everyone ideally wants them but what in detail are you talking about and how can council deliver them when it already has financial constraints.
Maintain heavy rail to the Civic precinct to enhance access to the emerging and expanding university campus, the emerging law precinct.
Additionally, promote this aspect for access to Honeysuckle, harbour-side, museum, civic etc.
Make it look better would be a good start
Make more use of BHP land by establishment of new GREEN ATMOSPHERE innovative production, encourage CSIRO here
Manipulate the drinking culture by promoting small bars aimed a persons who drink responsibly.
Reduce the rules and regulations that target/disadvantage responsible drinkers including curfews, restrictions and so forth. Allow alcohol to be consumed on Darby St, we are an embarrasment to tourists as far as night culture and associated restriction
Marketing and PR!
Maybe we need to be looking at the European options, where shopping is on the lower ground levels of buildings, and people live above. There is nothing in town at the moment that would entice me to shop there, apart from Spotlight. An Ikea or Costco would bring people into the city.
Melbourne has a real buzz about it. We have beauty but not the buzz.
More colaboration with the University, a source of amazing minds and initiative.
More promotion of our CSIRO activities as well as our HMRI activities. This needs to happen more in the general public zone. I am constantly amazed by locals who don't even know these institutions are within our region.
Our region is blessed with numerous individuals and services that provide services to "disabled" people. This needs to be supported by council in either financial means or celebratory events to say thank you. We've moved on from the institutions of Stockton & Morriset. But there has never been any acknowledgement or extra resources given to ensure these people can actually live and enjoy the benefits of 'general society'. Supporting the special olympics is a start.
more public transport get rid of the private motorist
More quality office space in CBD either getting rid of old buildings with little historical value or reusing them. better links between the uni and community eg through offering short courses to the community and more engagement by uni staff in public commentary. Much improved tourist information centre. Support young people with innovative ideas about businesses
More reasonably priced education
More shops that cater for all types of people and their budgets

More waffle. A 'green economy' [if you care to define it] can be built on any number of things. Why encourage innovation? support it yes. What does 'at all levels' mean?

Newcastle does not need more people, there are plenty and they can't find housing or work. But attracting visitors is important for tourism and they bring money.

My vision for Newcastle is to encourage more people to live in the east end of the city. Many styles and levels of housing interspersed with cafes and convenience stores. Other commercial interests to move to civic and west end. The Mall is a sad and sometimes scary place. Newcastle East needs more people to give it more life. Its geography makes it unsuitable to be a commercial hub.

Nationally rather than local:

1. Free education to individual ability
2. Focus on science in education
3. "Free" trade agreements bounded by basic wage levels

Nc City Council has to stop framing the question of funding community assets by pitting one asset against another. I've lived here for 16 years, and the number of times I've seen Blackbutt or the community swimming pools pitted against the Nc Regional Art Gallery is ridiculous - and stupid. They are totally different entities, with entirely different possible outcomes. No one is going to come to Nc because Mayfield's got a good public swimming pool - even if it's free. Art lovers will flock to Nc for the art gallery if it is expanded and is capable of attracting international shows, like Brisbane just has done with the Prado exhibition. Millions and million of dollars in tourist money in accomodation, food, and other recreational businesses for MONTHS. You can't be small minded about these things, and you can't be cheap, either. Someone has to stand up to Sydney and get the money the Hunter is due for businesses to expand and succeed here.

NCC has not been renowned for its openness to creative ideas in some areas (personal, long term & recent experience)and it has been good to see some of that changing and hope it continues to spread...so whenever the council officers are prepared to be open to creative ideas (not: repeating the same behaviour and expecting adifferent result) that is good but please don't burn people who are trying new things and ways.

Newcastle already has some great institutions encouraging a vibrant future including CSIRO Energy Centre, the University of Newcastle, HMRI and the HVRF. We are also known for our creativity and innovation. Anything Council can do to encourage these institutions and foster creativity is a good idea.

Newcastle already seems to be seen as a good educational city with the university and CSIRO, the Hunter Business Centre supporting new innovative business concepts, and is seen by may people in cities such as Sydney to have beautiful beaches and a laid-back vibe. I think all these objectives are already being met.

Newcastle has changed itself from a dirty, smelly industrial city, by no other means than by the dirty, smelly industry that chose to depart. If that same industry had chosen to stay, our city would still be the same undesirable city it once was.

Newcastle has not been innovative in its modern architecture, Honeysuckle is a great example architecturally OF NOT WHAT TO DO

Newcastle needs to overcome the perception that still exists in the wider community that it is an Industrial town, dirty and ugly. Newcastle needs to move away on its reliance on Coal Industry and develop our natural resources through tourism

Newcastle's currently empty CBD has the potential to attract new tech related businesses. With the combination of Renew Newcastle creative spaces and tech savvy people, and lots of unused office space, it creates a recipe for interesting and creative startups. No other Australian city has these elements so naturally present.

No 3, We are not doing too well in the city centre, even with increased residential buildings.

No answer. This is a silly surveyy!!!

no bars, nightclubs, musical venues = no life. Exactly what the place is now

no industries on kooragang is.. its a blemish on our city

Not sure on this. I am supposed to be a green so not sure

Not sure what a "Smart City" is. Consider using different wording which fits the goals better.

Not sure what the first one means
Objective one appears to just include the now obligatory "green economy", which is a pipe dream until fundamental issues such as alternative reliable base line power etc are addressed. Lets keep it real and practical.
Once again we need to be careful in treating this with some caution as it seems good but is not constructive for some other objectives so we need these to have some balance. The word Diverse is mentioned several times in the objectives and this needs to have more description so that everyone knows what it means
Our Council representatives need to stand strong and ensure that state and federal governments don't "tell" us what we should do. Fight for our TAFE, railway line, make use of the old post office, ensure the unique character of Newcastle.
Our economy needs to move away from King Coal but move into more diverse & Green jobs.
People will be less inclined to invest if we continue to have dysfunctional councils and a decaying city centre
People will only want to live and work in Newcastle if there is a connected transport network inclusive of trains to the city centre, Newcastle Station. Where will people park their cars if the train is removed? Buses already congest the roads of Newcastle, this will only increase if the train is removed.
Please refer to previous statement on newcastle,
Is there a committee working to improve ncle city does it include residents.
Possibly local experts need to be used for research where available so that local knowledge will be considered - eg Using Nick Greiner's advice is rather out there as he is very much a big city person and we will never be a city like Sydney (nor do we want to be) and Sydney desires(aims and objectives) do not equate with Newcastle ones. We need planning that will allow companies to achieve this (employment and courses) but it has to fit with community wishes otherwise all will be a 'bomber'. Things like losing TAFE Courses in Fine Arts that have previously attracted so many excellent graduates who've added to the cultural fibre of our community do not support the councils ideal as stated so I guess we need Council to bring pressure to bear on our State Govt.to retain or re-instate these.
Promote an intelligent populace. Education is the key. No more divisive politics such as the Laman Street fiasco. Support our beautiful places. Stop worshipping money.
Promoting local entrepreneurial groups and networks will help here. Providing better links from town to the uni will help make uni more accessible and hence more attractive to all.
Provide incubator hubs for smart projects. Recognise local specialists and support them (eg the active commercial wind farm sector and alternative fuels sector. Not very costly to provide a space for these activities to feed off each other. Use specialists to drive community support.
Public transport and facilities in a number of suburbs must be a focus to attract people to Newcastle. Also the availability of work is another important factor.
Publicity and awards
Quite a few would like to close the Art Gallery and Libraries and provide less funding for schools at all levels
red tape & public option should not have such a significance in inner city. High density residential and commercial should be passed by council more easily.
Renew Newcastle and the Newcastle Art Gallery are shining examples of what can be achieved.
Renovate old downtown buildings which are distinctive; keep services downtown. People don't come to Newcastle to live, work in and visit congested noisy unattractive malls.
Retain rail into city - make most of what we have create crossings or under/over pass by pressing State Government for funding
Retain the train line for university & future tourist tram/light rail, but remove fences, level the ground & incorporate the green cycle/pedestrian corridor. Keep beaches & inland pools free & accessible funded by timed parking. Liaise with Lake Maquarie for interconnection of attractions & transport.

<p>Revitalise Hunter Street and close down the rail into Newcastle. Provide other transport, maybe even an underground tunnel at the end of the line if the rail link is so important.</p>
<p>Rid ourselves of a politically minded council politics cause much friction in the development of our city and many projects are hampered because a bigger picture is not seen. Surfhouse is a great example of people hindering change and development now we have an example of what can be achieved with investment people always resist change and development and this causes our city to stagnate. It is time to revamp the bowling club at the top of Watt street but once again "dogooders" have too strong a voice and delays cost money and developers move on and we are again left with an unusable eyesore in our city centre. Embrace change and development old and new can be effectively combined to move our city forward into the next century</p>
<p>Should never been allowed to build on the foreshore. It hides our lovely harbour</p>
<p>Smartening up Hunter St would be a great start. It should/could be catering for a wide variety of needs. It's a central place and accessible for those of us who rely on public transport to get around.</p>
<p>So.... how is Council supporting this objective? I hear about Tourism awards but not much else.</p>
<p>State/Federal grants required</p>
<p>Streamline DAs for new and improved buildings. Award different ideas and encourage change. Cut back on the over- legislation that exists at the moment.</p>
<p>Support and encourage any actions that could help Newcastle to be a leader in development and use of alternative energy. CSIRO, Uni of Newcastle.</p>
<p>support and encourage city research other than that which is sponsored by and favours the mining industries</p>
<p>Support initiatives that foster creative thinking. Develop the old Post Office into a hub of activity and technology initiatives.</p>
<p>Support programs that promote understanding and acceptance of difference so that all people feel included and welcome.</p>
<p>Support the Newcastle University CBD Campus initiative in all ways possible. More students in the CBD will substantially help revitalisation. New low cost city rental accomodation in the form of Amsterdam style quadrangle buildings would be both practical & aesthetic for student accomodation.</p>
<p>Supporting small businesses in setting up new small venues (such as Terrace Bar) to attract people into the city. Minimising open spaces (Hunter St) where it is unsafe for people to walk after dark. Encourage businesses by making DA's easier and providing grants.</p>
<p>The City Council must drive this aspect, be a Council that is open to fresh ideas</p>
<p>The city needs to support and promote cultural and arts events such as The Shootout Film Festival and This Is Not Art; these types of events put a city on the map because they're UNIQUE.</p>
<p>The continual emphasis on "green" values is a tired old wank that actually prevents genuine progress towards these goals - even eco-friendly ones. That is because the "green" debate is so unsophisticated and ill-informed. The extremists must desert the arena so that real innovation and creativity is allowed to flourish.</p>
<p>The current time limits and lock out periods are helping to reduce alcohol fueled violence and thus make the city more attractive to all people.</p>
<p>The first 2 of these clearly require a partnership involving the council, the university and others (e.g.CSIRO). Achieving the first 2 will very much serve the third.</p>
<p>The first two options i don't think should be the responsibility of local council alone. Maybe council should implement but the drive and funding should come from higher but often the motivation has to come initially from below. Thriving city is something that Newcastle had once but no more. Live Sites and Renew Newcastle, red lantern markets, are doing amazing things to revitalise the city. Newcastle CBD needs to offer opportunities and events that the suburbs cannot. Having people living in a city automatically helps to invigorating a city. We need to encourage small business in the CBD, visitors (both local and non), and more residents wanting the inner city experience (these are usually not cashed up retirees).</p>
<p>The future of central Newcastle lies in becoming an arts and heritage precinct. Museum, art galleries and artist studios need to be encouraged. This will lead to tourism and innovation</p>

<p>The people who come up with this sort of stuff, should be replaced forwith with workers who do/make/repair/restore things</p>
<p>The quality of buildings and civic spaces plays a significant role in the development of a vibrant, innovative and cultural enriching city.</p>
<p>The Renew Newcastle project has the right idea. Don't allow shops to be closed and empty. NCC should let artisans/ artists/ small businesses/ craftspeople/ rent shops for a small rent in town to encourage visitors and locals looking for an pleasurable event. Birkenhead Point has lots of "Seconds" outlets where people can buy manchester/ crockery/ etc at reduced rates and there could be buses from the Hub (wherever that is going to be (Broadmeadow?) for shopping trips like they had in Sydney a while ago, taking shoppers to all the interesting shops along Hunter street (or at least the Mall).</p>
<p>The smart grid centre down at Honeysuckle is a good start, stronger ties with the CSIRO and showcasing research from Newcastle university in environment and renewable energy is key. Newcastle should develop a strategy for providing a smart an innovative city which attracts weekend tourists from Sydney and from further afield.</p>
<p>The state of Hunter St is pathetic, too much alcohol too much violence</p>
<p>The university gives us this opportunity - it would be wonderful to have the uni closer in to the city.</p>
<p>The university of Newcastle needs to be better engaged with the community. Very little of the research and innovations are known to the general community</p>
<p>There are numerous run-down properties in the city that can be refurbished as rental accommodation. No more Land releases until the city is lived in! The practice of remote land development with poor transport services has to end someday.</p>
<p>There is no point attracting many people to live, work and visit Newcastle unless there are more public transport options and the roads can cater for the current amount of traffic. The growth of Newcastle has been poorly planned in the past with the result that the traffic problem has been growing steadily worse.</p>
<p>These are all givens. Refer my previous comments.</p>
<p>These grand visions are all very well, but you need to get the basics right. People are attracted to cities that are easy to get around, green, non polluted...</p>
<p>These questions are somewhat confusing - a green economy doesn't necessarily need to be built only on educational excellence and research. I encourage and support the Council to developing cultures and incentives to realise these goals but NCC needs to take a far more active approach to this than current practice. The disparate nature of state government focus and coordination to regional areas and adjacent local government parochialism needs to be managed</p>
<p>These things are so vague. Impossible to elaborate on these issues since they are not clearly explained. You suggest a green economy yet since the trees have gone from laman street it has flooded, over heats, plants die because of lack of shade etc etc etc. A green economy take people who actually thinks green. Building a cement city does not mean green economy.</p>
<p>These will not occur if local control over development is reduced or overridden.</p>
<p>Theses objectives are vague and misleading.</p>
<p>Think of initiating specific festivals applicable to the region</p>
<p>This and some previous questions are no-brainers.Who could possibly believe that these objectives are not Extremely Important?</p>
<p>This is a contentious issue as the city has previously been mis-managed and has lost a number of reputable developers offering to 'put Newcastle back on the map'. To have a thriving city, that is inviting to newcomers means to change its reputation in the wider community as one that involves far too much 'red tape', fees/costs, and slow approval time ... if approved at all.</p>
<p>This is a flow on from providing infrastruture to support a good lifestyle.</p>
<p>This is difficult. I have been running a Creative and Innovate program for 18 months. People want everything for nothing - this is a common Newcastle mentality - we don't pay our own - but will pay big \$\$\$ to get outsiders in...</p>

This is one of the highest priorities for Newcastle as we are one of the most vulnerable cities in Australia to peak coal, peak oil and climate change combined. If fossil fuel industries are unsuccessful (and they will be in time) we need a concrete plan which ensures that our regional economy is diverse, based on reality (accounts for environmental externalities which are currently ignored), is fair and distributes risks and benefits equitably. The green economy is our ticket to long term well-being. Once again, regional and city wide solutions but don't forget local diversity.

This is very important, coal will be the lifeblood for the foreseeable future but it's crucial that all our eggs aren't in one basket and we encourage people and businesses to get involved in different educational and technological areas

This should be about supporting business of all types to increase the diversity in the economy. This should not be about green economy.

this survey gets 10/10 for fluff and waffle speak English

This survey with all the ideas and contributions should assist in answering the above questions.

I have only put "very important" for the first question/statement above. This is because I have watched the results of previous issues the city has faced and been aware of the huge amount of repetitive consultations, research and reports often imposed by over-zealous 'Greens'. The resultant waste of monies, time and advice by highly educated experts has led to nothing actually being resolved or done in some instances. Again, less 'political correctness' more listening to what the various experts advise, what the majority of the public want for the betterment of the City, should result in a common sense approach and successful outcomes for all.

To clean up all the old empty buildings in Newcastle

Too much emphasis should not be placed on interests of business. As shown the revitalise Ncle has encouraged interesting shos in Hunter st. This is often now quoted in the media

Tourist visitors a low priority for me.

train tunnel under the harbour to airport would help this, for getting creating a 21st century city linked to the world. Airport to city in a couple of minutes

transport access,return the trams to newcastle

Unfortunately Newcastle CBD is not thriving and is definitely not attractive. I attend the Mall about a month ago and it was the first time in years. Nothing has changed it is still dead.

Until a revised and more EFFICIENT transport system is devised to encourage people and business back into the CBD the centre of Newcastle is going to remain a wasteland.

Use of alternatve energy sources eg wind and solar

Value waht we have. do not pander to short term/views developers/entrprenaurial interests. What we develop should be long lasting and generational.

We already have a thriving city that attracts people to live work invest and visit.
Build a city for the people based on connections and being inclusive and welcoming to all .
Massive property investment and trying to emulate other cities with glass manageries is not the goal we should be setting.

We certainly do not have or ever will, a thriving city centre. You want a green city, then plant some trees other then fig and gum trees. You can't even make your mind up about the railway line so what chance do we have about any thing else.

We don't need more people in newcastle.

We have a great culture of art in Newcastle and we should encourage more of this and create great tourist attractions through art works , sculptures etc.

we need jobs to attract people to come here

We need more parking at the university and perhaps a bus that can pick people up and drop in car park zones.

We need to be specific as to the types of people that we attract. We don't need more people for the sake of more people. That's not sustainable and is not sensible. We need clever, innovative and sophisticated thinkers who are motivated by the greater good rather than greed.

we need to keep railway to enable people to come to cbd. changing from train to a bus or light rail is not easy to manage for may people

<p>We need to seek investment into green research - maybe working in conjunction with technology & science departments at Newcastle University & local high schools where innovative ideas may be developed & fostered.</p>
<p>Well planned and executed marketing programme. Stopping the selfish in-fighting within Council as it is damaging such a wonderful city's reputation in undertaking investment, infrastructure development, community and tourism enhancement projects (a cruise terminal for one) and light industry development and production plants.</p>
<p>What are smart innovations - shipping coal? The business as usual economy will overwhelm under resourced innovations promoted by politically corrupt NSW govt</p>
<p>When GREEN is mentioned I look for the the cave that I seem to have escaped from. Please tell me I'm wrong and that cave is not our city.</p>
<p>Where there is mixed use in urban villages it brings- Outlaw motor cyle gangs, drug dealers and brothels not approved. This is innovation in crime in inner city newcastle and it is planned thru zoning. Mixed use does not create thriving city lifestyle people leave after about 4 years of buying into the village of mixed use. so the live work invest is not working in the mixed use urban village as the bad element is thriving. yes. educational excellence but the resources are now spent on education thru the internet not on bricks.</p>
<p>Whilst all of the above are commendable it seems unachievable if we rely on Council and Counsellors to carry them through and if Council is not capable (as proven to date) who would be willing to make the investment necessary with Council committment?</p>
<p>Why didn't you ask the reverse question about non-green economy. This is a biased and stupid question and questions like these have no part to play in a survey like this.</p>
<p>With the Coal industry people from other states look on Newcastle as a dirty unhealthy place, despite the fantastic beaches. Newcastle leadership is so negative and political. If we are innovative stop building housing estaes like Fletcher, Cameron Park. Buses are noisy, smelly, unsafe, uncomfortable to travel on so not very innovative and healthy. A China Town in the East end of Newcastle is "NOT" the answer.....boring. I'd go to Sydney if I want China Town. Landcom, GPT, all those "development groups/companies" just keep reinventing the same designs and ideas from one town to another all over Australia BORING!!!!!!</p>
<p>Work to retain mass transport train services</p>
<p>Work with Council to spread the word</p>
<p>You need the Infrastructure if you want to increase the population. There are not enough good public schools, primary and secondary. it would be easy to turn this city around, less talk and more action is needed.</p>
<p>Your questions are not appropriate or relevant - or maybe you would get real answers if you asked layman questions. Your questions appear from fairy land. Ask simple questions.</p>
<p>youth for the vitality/technology, not boozing middleaged for income and precinct living older for culture, maturity</p>

OPEN AND COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

OPEN AND COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP: Tell us your ideas on how we can work together towards ensuring Newcastle has a strong local democracy with an actively engaged community and effective partnerships.

	Base (those answering) n= 295	n=	%
DECISION MAKING			40.8
Should be no politics in decision making / Act in Newcastle's best interest / No personal agendas		29	10.9
Decisive leadership / Good leadership		23	8.7
Transparency / Openess etc		23	8.7
Councillors to work together / no infighting		19	7.2
Just get on with it / Follow through on plans		14	5.3
Other decision making comments		3	1.1
CONSULTATION & METHODS			30.6
Listen to people / results of consultations		15	5.7
Return ward / community forums		13	4.9
Newcastle Voice and or surveys		13	4.9
Consult (generic) / Speak to people		13	4.9
Don't overconsult / Too much consultation		11	4.2
Newcastle Voice surveys etc a waste of time		6	2.3
Genuine consultation		5	1.9
Speak to more people / referendum style consultation		5	1.9
Other consultation		9	3.4
OBJECTIVES			12.9
Comments regarding "The City of Newcastle: local government organisation of excellence"		15	5.3
Comment regarding wording (eg motherhood statements, vague etc)		10	3.4
Good goals / Good in theory		5	1.9
Other objective comments		6	2.3
OTHER			58.9
Sack / streamline / improve Council Administration		17	6.4
Reference to Laman Street		16	6.0
Development related		14	5.3
Comments re Councillors (specific)		12	4.5
Communication / Inform		10	3.8
None of this has happened in the past / not currently happening		10	3.8
Better access to Councillors / Council meetings		7	2.6
Need 'can do attitude / Don't be anti / Get rid of nay-sayers		7	2.6
Lobby / advocate / work with / interact with other levels of government		7	2.6
Long term plans needs to be reviewed		4	1.5
Amalgamate Councils		2	0.8
Other		49	18.5
Satisfied		1	0.4

<p>"A local government organisation of excellence" Oh how I love this phrase. You guys must have the greatest times coming up with this bulls**t terminology. It's laughable</p>
<p>"A local government organisation of excellence" pppfftt, not yet</p>
<p>"Smart Trust" by Stephen MR Covey, be given to all councillors; Likewise a copy of page summary of Permaculture Principles of Design, from "Permaculture Principles & Pathways beyond sustainability" by David Holmgren</p>
<p>"The City of Newcastle: A local government organisation of excellence"- A fine goal. Not sure the new mayor can assist with delivery. 'Government' might need explaining to him.</p>
<p>I have the impression that ratepayers don't think there is any forum for them. How about a good complaints department?</p>
<p>1. vote responsibly. 2. consult with elected reps; communication is a two-way process. 3. dont be anti-everything; development and progress is inevitable.</p>
<p>1. Maybe geeting the Council to show some leadership in this area. We constantly hear they can't agree on much at all which doesn't bode well for the city. Encourage councillors to get out more to their electorate, not to appear just when they want a vote. 2. A good way to get plenty of ideas and public participation. I attended the Blackbutt workshops and they seem to generate good support/involvement.</p>
<p>1. Visionary and decisive leadership - the collaborative model has not and will not work! 2. Walk the talk!! 3. Get the vision right and engage the community at the strategic level - stop the bickering at the detailed and implementation levels. 4. Cut the red tape and don't over consult – get on with it!</p>
<p>A council that is more informative to the people (it is one thing doing something, but letting people know is a big step that we miss quite often). Regular maintenance of city resources, instead of leaving it all to the last minute, then wanting to slug people extra in rates to cover, as well as realistic plans to move the city forward.</p>
<p>I don't want to hear about another forum to discuss something that has been discussed 20 times before, which ends up costing more in discussion and reports than to actually do something. That is one reason people are so cynical (me included) of the Newcastle Council. I hope the present council can change that perception. I think it will be easier to do than people expect, as any progress will be seen as a monumental thing.</p>
<p>A local Government providing services that are expected should be a given. The fact that it is listed as an option above is superfluous. Without an effective and efficient council the others things mentioned in this survey cannot be achieved.</p>
<p>A plan put in place that cannot be altered by developers</p>
<p>Access to council meetings, deliberations. Access to council representatives. Opportunity to have a level of input (such as via Newcastle Voice/)</p>
<p>Act on community recommendations.</p>
<p>Active citizen engagement should not be a ruse to shift council responsibilities onto ratepayers.</p>
<p>Or, Again and again, when people want to be a part of the decision making process, eg the fig debacle, council does not want their input. It seems to me that active citizen engagement must first align with the interests/goals of council officers before it is deemed to be legitimate citizen engagement.</p>
<p>Not sure what an 'organisation of excellence' really is? Let's instead, just go for adequate services eg road repairs in a timely manner, how long does it take to repair a road or car park. I find it quite amusing that the time and amount of workers it takes to repair a road near the beach - for eg the re-design and build of the car park at Merewether Beach by council as opposed to the stabilisation of the cliff face at Bar Beach by private contractor. Amazing difference in the amount of time.</p>

active citizen engagement should not equate to minority residents groups opposing every decision regarding the future development of the city and council backing them over common sense and what the majority of the rate payers support.

Active citizen involvement is the key

Active integration between community groups and all levels of government.

Actively encourage the formation of suburb based community liaison groups - devoid of political and similar affiliations - and ensure that these have the opportunity to discuss issues with (meet with, in their suburb, at least annually) the top 3 levels of council management, with at least one of their Ward councillors also present.

After the debacle of the last several years and the cynicism that has developed in the community, these objectives are of paramount importance and it is critical that collaboration, transparency and accountability are demonstrated by those who make decisions for our city.

This will build trust and faith in decisions that are made, thus engendering support

After the fig fiasco it is hard to believe that the community voices will be taken into account. Also how much notice has been taken of previous surveys and workshops on the city?

How can you prove that community consultations will be acted on?

Again, ALL of these are givens. It's the execution - and the genuine effort of their execution - that's important. Like all of the items in this survey, they're just words and bull dust without honesty and openness.

All Council meetings should be open to the public with the exception of personnel and contract specifics.

All councillors, including the Mayor, need to abide by the highest standards of professional leadership. If not, cynicism by the public, of their elected leaders and representatives, will make all the efforts of council hollow.

All matters are the leadership factors for newcastle.

How is the NSW "white paper" considered here

How is the Newcastle "port plan" considered

how is "ARTC" considered here when there is no more rail for the expansion of freight into the port and it is on truck after truck

a 2030 plan must integrate these cumulative factors, as leaders of these drive newcastle.

All of this programme needs to have the words flexible some where in it A plan set in stone and none amendable can have problems in long term plans as our world is changing at a rate that has never occurred before.

All planning approvals should remain with the Council

Also, ask that the following amendments in the Environment

The following amendments to the Planning and Assessment Bill 2012 be scrapped:

Amendment (1) to be inserted after Section 74B of the EPA

Amendment (2) referring to Section 74C

Amendment (3) referring to Section 74C

Amendment (5) to be inserted after Section 79Cm

All sounds great, but in the past we have NOT had long-term planning - just short-sighted bickering and vote catching;

LONG TERM VISION is what this city needs - and Leadership to take us there

All this is not possible with trying to please every self interest minority group.

Although active citizen engagement is important, don't get paralysed listening to every minority group. Leadership decisions must be made (you can't please everybody)

Make a decision then work with it!! Don't keep prevaricating

Amagamate Councils such as Newcastle, Lake MacQuarie and Maitland, and increase importance of "local government" in those areas.
An organisation of excellence comes with a cost, the cost required to achieve this is not always effective
An organisation of Excellence???????
Who measures this?
Awards mean nothing.
I don't want to hear from a Minister how great NCC is.
I will know they NCC are doing a good job when ordinary people in the suburbs and streets stop talking about Council. Only then we will know things are going ok in our town.
ASK THE UNIVERSITY I'm tired retired 75 yrs
At last we have a Lord Mayor who is thinking not poncing around.
Attempt to balance the perceived interests of developers with the interest of the citizens. This balance is presently lacking.
Ban political party influence in council. To many good ideas die because of political interference.
Be doer's not sayers
Be honest with the people don't abuse residents and their idiosyncrasy
Before this can be done what is being done to entice people into the city even concerts held in the park foreshore residents who pay rates to maintain parks are charged to attend functions that really they have already paid in rates & levies
Bring efficiency to council operations. Think beyond the next election.
Bring more people into the centre of Newcastle to live
But let's face it Newcastle City Council only pays lip service to community consultation. And for this survey you couldn't have picked a better collection of motherhood statements with a committee. Well, maybe it was a committee.
By having a Council which has the interests of the people at heart. We look to our Council and Councillors who are in the position of getting things done to gauge the needs of the community and work toward that end - not do things to suit their own personal agendas
By provision of facilities where they are needed. There are no public toilets close to the shopping centre in Stockton. The paraplegic toilet near the wharf is usually locked and not accessible
Citizen engagement in decision making should be not limited to the vocal minority. I hope a lesson was learnt with the Laman Street Tree situation!
Citizen engagement is definitely part of decision-making, however it should not override the professional judgement of consultants and council planners just because it is not popular. These people are trained and qualified to make these decisions - they don't have to please every one. It's all about the best outcome for the community as a whole - including people investing into the city. Changes are inevitable in a growing city.
citizen engagement should involve reinstatement of community forums rather than just well-crafted, controlled and managed public voice.
Citizens should concentrate on ensuring their elected representatives are capable of leading the council in the direction they require and letting council get on with doing things. Often citizen engagement degenerates into pandering to noisy minorities and wasting time and money
Cliches and pomp. Don't insult us
Collaboration is ideal but sometimes someone has to make the hard decision. Ensure that the wobbly management avoidance of the last council is not repeated

Collaborative leadership is all well and good until there is gridlock. If an agreement cannot be reached between all parties the council and its staff need to be strong enough to make decisions (and stick to them) if they are for the greater good.

The fig tree consultative process was unnecessary - if a potential safety risk is identified it should be mitigated. Once a decision is made on good grounds (e.g. the figs) it should be carried out. Any Mayor who flips on such decisions as Tate did should immediately be removed from office.

Collaborative Leadership is an ambiguous term and should be re-thought.

Communication; open transparency

Communities should be represented by people who live in the community and not by political party representatives. Local government means local and should not be forced to follow policies of state and federal governments

Community consultation is vital

Community engagement is important to guide the general direction for decision making and particularly for understanding community issues; but should not be the primary means for making decisions - afterall we have democratic council elections and our councilors are meant to make decisions on our behalf.

Community Forums reintroduced. And RECOGNISED as a voice.

Community groups recognised as a voice and SUPPORTED.

Community representation on Strategic Advisory Committees should be increased.

'Considered decision-making based on... leadership' is twaddle. Of course decision-making should always be collaborative and accountable, but we live in a democracy, and local-government decisions should not be based on leadership, but on concensus of council, addressing the needs and wants of the community.

I also fail to understand what "The City of Newcastle: A local government organisation of excellence" is meant to signify, except as some sort of publicity dig. This isn't a goal, it's a sound-bite.

Continue to consult the local residents in a genuine and not tokenistic manner.
Closed council workshops should not be undertaken unless it meets the strict terms of confidentiality under the local government act.
Unlike some circumstances that have happened over recent years.

Continue to encourage active citizen engagement in local planning & decisions

Continue to seek input from citizens on major developments

Council administration shows leadership with management models that support and build staff engagement, enthusiasm, and cooperation through genuine actions not just words. The internal atmosphere & good staff morale is reflected in staff's dealings with the public.

Council has had a poor history of sound decision-making. Poor outcomes for community consultation in some instances.

Council must remember this city is not that big nor can it afford grandiose planning etc. The current ratepayers with their their limited means find it difficult now to pay for present costs.

Council needs many more open meetings to gather rate payers views across the spectrum of the survey.

Council to publish a draft long term plan for commentary by the public along with projected costings and how funding will be raised (borrowings, investments, rate levies etc)

The history of The City Of Newcastle is not one of excellence except during periods of administration. So many counsellors appear to carry personal agendas built around self importance or power - perhaps elected members of council should publish manifestos or platforms prior to elections. Perhaps rate payers could have to power to impeach Council for incompetence - this might hold them accountable

Council needs to be more responsible and stop allowing iconic city buildings to fall into disaray (like the old postoffice).

ACCOUNTABLE - I hope so!

council should go out and approach key community groups that are representative of their area of interest. And actively involve them in projects.

Council to work for Newcastle not political parties just a dream?
Decision making needs to be based on what is best for the city not what is popular.
Decisions made quicker and more efficiently on important matters by Council
Decisions need to be made, plans need to be activated, and results should start happening! The new council is in place - get going!
Democracy struggled through the fig fiasco: perhaps a rejuvenated Laman Street could be a starting point for future partnerships.
Elected Councillors should work with community through Newcastle Voice rather than blithely assuming they have 'a mandate'.
DO NOT do politics just do what is best for the city we all live and work in. Newcastle must be the priority.
Do not know. The current Council has to show that it can handle these ideas.
do not repeat honeysuckle
Don't employ narcissistic people and encourage people currently working for council with this personality trait to leave. Many of the current problems would be solved. Employ people who are passionate to improve the society they live in and keen to help the public.
Don't have another issue like the figs.
DON'T PANDER TO SMALL LOUD MINORITIES !!! Its our Newcastle and it shouldn't grind to an embarrassing halt over their tiny single issue. Look at the fiasco of the figs. They were dangerous (so we were told) and had to go. Most people, no matter how much they thought the figs enriched the library/gallery area, understood that.
Don't think conservatively. Don't enter into power struggles. Study what goes on overseas. Scrutinise local developers closely.
Don't think you can do much more than Voice already does
educate our city to the importance of public office, to ensure quality candidates are willing to represent our city in the future. restrict the influence of tabloid media in local government and reject the growing influence of tabloid forums
Encourage decent candidates to run for council - people with the best interests of the city, rather than self-interest, at heart. Having a developer whose subsidiary companies have been prosecuted for threatened species offences as Lord Mayor is an absolute farce if this city is serious about sustainable planning and conserving the natural environment.
engaging the public, actively seeking input and participation is essential. Do not view resident disinterest or inactivity as a right to OK developers personal agendas.
Ensure that community consultation does not just hear the most vocal voices, but actively seeks views from those who may experience barriers to participation.
Ensure that the plans take the community feedback into account. Most of us feel these survey are used only to make us feel that you are listening to us. It is extremely frustrating when we are asked our views about the street we live in and then council totally ignores what we say and does what suits them anyway.
Ensuring that the voters have a deeper knowledge of the candidates for election - their values, motives and hidden agendas. Perhaps developers should be vetoed because of conflict of interest
essential that decisions are made based upon research and information. Decisions based on prejudice and whim are counter productive
Find better ways to communicate with the public. There are a lot of different processes/plans including those of state government which is difficult for people to understand and be able to see what is or is not being achieved. Lot of discussion assumes prior knowledge including commentary by councillors and mayor. Want genuine and meaningful community participation that involves provision of useable information.
First 3 points sound like bureaucratic gobbledegook. Really not sure what they mean.
Point 4. Are you making the point that that is what Newcastle is or are you asking is that what it should be. Of course it should be but whether it ever will be is anybody's guess.

Firstly, Councillors work together! Community consultation is important (lacking eg tree - \$2m). Local Councillor more involved in local area. Firm leadership (cannot please everybody)

Fix the problems the Council have that is been so abhorrent over the years, streamline the processes, be transparent, then accountability and collective decision making will be a willing participant.

For many years, NONE of the above objectives have been successfully met - it is time this changed!!

for too long newcastle has been held back by very vocal heritage groups. whilst i encourage caring for our city, it should not be held to ransom by an extremely small minority!

long term planning should mean looking at NOT approving any more industries on kooragang is. please look at the ACCUMULATIVE EFFECTS of industries, they should not be viewed in isolation!

For too long the approach to Sustainable Lifestyle by gov's has failed. Our community deserves a Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and we will except nothing less. Healthy sustainable cities by promoting safe active transport culture (combine walk, cycling, bus, train with appropriate higher density infilling of cities to stop urban sprawl and car addiction). Cities focused on people, not on cars spewing out toxic exhaust emissions (asthma and cancer causing), creating danger, obesity (sedentary travel) and climate change. Safe, efficient, equitable, ethical, socially just transport for all (pedestrians, children, disabled, blind, wheelchair, cyclists, motorists, etc.), not discriminatory. Since the 90's car culture has stopped generations of kids that have lost their mobility of walking/cycling places. Curtin uni has done a study that show the infrastructure costs for a new suburb are \$684,000 per dwelling (Curtin_Sustainability_Paper_0209). Putting this money to infilling the city, will also make Newcastle a safe cycling tourist attraction, which will bring many visitors and to town.

The entire approach to road safety must be turned around to a strategy of Road Danger Reduction.

The current small changes proposed will see our Community get more obese. The Gov's have an obligation to create a safe city for people not cars. We must plan for a "Safe Active Travel 30 for 30" concept. Safe Active Travel 30 for 30 means by 2030 we should have 30km/hr local speed limits and trips : 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest. We must aim for high targets and for the long term because we have lost so much ground in the last few decades of urban sprawling car culture. So the local speed limit needs to be 40km/hr across the whole NCC area NOW! Then lobby RTA for 30km/hr for world's best safe practice in Europe. At the moment 40 and 50 zones and school zones are quite confusing so to make it simpler and safer, a 40 limit is much better. We must match funding for the targets so 30% public transport, 30% active transport (walk, cycle) and 40% the rest means the money is split this way. Even though NCC has little say in state public transport, they need to fund active transport modes of combining walk/cycle with public transport. Otherwise spending money on the way travel share is, means more roads and more cars. Need heaps more pedestrian crossings across all main roads so even cyclists can walk their bike across a road, also gives peds/cylists priority. Block off more local roads to make cycling more convenient. Block off Hunter St to cars, let them go down King St. Every bike/pedestrian route must feel safe for 90% of 10 year olds to travel by themselves. Safe routes to schools must be a priority to get kids healthy and stop them costing our country \$billions of health costs later.

Need to stop driving most kids to school. Need to stop the car culture of mothers accidentally killing their own toddlers (like on 27th Sept 2011 in Australia) while backing their car out of their driveway. Whilever Governments and authorities continue to bow to the car lobby and let car culture thrive, more road death will occur when they could help Newcastle to be the safest, nicest, friendliest (no road rage, etc) city in Australia.

Remove all pictures of bikes causing road rage, crashes confusion on the roads NOW! Stop the wasteful money on narrow bike lanes (These rely on cars being parked touching the gutter and people checking before opening their door. But too many bigger SUVs, trucks and people not checking before opening doors mean this is not a safe option to entice the 30% of people . Sure it may entice 5% but this target is laughable, we need proper sustainable 30% target). They are not a success if we double cycling because of them. We need to get all people walking/cycling, even the ones who are very scared to walk/cycle because of the cars. Bikes and pedestrians should be separated, because similar conflict arises when numbers are large. We don't want safe cycleways clogged with walkers, and people find it more convenient to drive a car. Must make walk/cycle/public transport more quicker than cars for all short trips.

Increasing walk/cycle/public transport means reducing car trip for the same amount of trips. This is a fact . Lets not try and keep motorists happy with how they are going. Many motorists must be kicked out of their cars for most of their trips and only then will they realise the light on the other side, and the

Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle is now for them. The car culture and advertising is a hard thing to fight, but we must!

Cycle routes on their own don't create mode transfer from cars. All roads must be safe for walking and cycling and the use of private motor vehicles must be strongly discouraged. Planners must look to walking and cycling as the primary modes of transport for everyone. Public transport must be seen as the secondary modes, for longer distances. Cars must be seen as the last resort. All council policies must be audited for their transport implications. Everyone must have the choice not to own a motor vehicle.

With the increase in car dooring accidents as a result of cyclists riding too close to parked cars and in the drivers blind spot we should consider not supporting bicycle shoulder lane markings in parking lanes and rather place the bicycle symbols at the right of the edge line and encourage cyclists to utilise the parking shoulder lane when its safe to do so as a courtesy to other road users. There are a lot of crashes from motorists not seeing the cyclist until the last second and they clip the cyclist when passing them. This is due to motorists travelling too close to the car in front and the cyclist being squeezed out of sight. The 1st motorist sees the cyclist and squeezes past him without changing lanes. The motorist following the first car thinks all is OK (nothing is ahead to dodge) until a cyclist appears too close on the left. The engineering solution to the clipping a cyclist when squeezing past them is to either cause the 1st motorist to change lanes (which signals to the following car that something is ahead) or to have proper 1m clearance zones between cyclists and traffic lanes.

Dedicated Bicycle Lanes should be constructed in accordance with World's best standards (E.g. Dutch):

clearance to pass the open door of a parked car in the adjacent parking lane without leaving the bicycle lane. A 1 metre separation is desirable.

lane widths that are adequate to carry the anticipated bicycle traffic, that continue through intersections

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road with a posted speed limit above 70km/h to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane.

a safety separation strip between the cycle lanes and traffic lanes on any road to provide a buffer between moving traffic and the cycle lane. This should be at least 1 metre, because "1m matters" (Amy Gillett campaign)

(Unfortunately the relevant sections of the RTA/RMS NSW Bicycle Guidelines, the AustRoads guidelines of 2012 (<https://www.onlinepublications.austroads.com.au/items/AP-G88-11>) do not meet appropriate safety standards for 13 year old children to feel safe in "marked bike lanes" that put them in positions of hitting car doors, or cars passing them on their right too close)

Many motorists will believe wherever the bike symbol is placed, that is the place where cyclists MUST ride their bike over the symbol painted on the road. It is confused as a bike lane. So all the problems associated with "Road Shoulder Lanes" below exist, even without edge lines. The bike symbols are very confusing, most motorists don't think it's a bike route marking, they think it's a bike placement marking (where you should ride your bike). Bike route signs are not confusing. Bike symbols create confusion and road rage.

Bicycle symbols in shoulder lanes can even be counterproductive as they give cyclists the impression that it's a safe space to ride and motorists the impression that it's a bicycle lane and cyclists should not be in the traffic lane. And they can give an impression of safe passing distances (of motorists passing cyclists) well less than 1 metre.

For full references why we need a Happy and Healthy Sustainable Lifestyle and a safe separated cycle

<p>network please see the fact sheets and research from http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/ and the Australian Bicycle Council.</p>
<p>Action needed for Safe, ethical, equitable, socially just, non-discriminatory Happy, Healthy Sustainable active transport network</p>
<p>Forget the region its not our roll as only number two city.</p>
<p>The last queastion is unanswerable.</p>
<p>General Manager and Mayor to disclose all personal interests in council matters.</p>
<p>No development for the sake of development. Priority approvals to developments that will benefit the whole community and the average citizen of Newcastle, not wealthy businessmen who are only interested in making money.</p>
<p>Get rid of jeff mcclroy for starters - too patriarchal and arrogant and has his own agenda and will ride roughshod over anyone.</p>
<p>Council need to talk to people BEFORE they make a decision and THEN 'consult'</p>
<p>Get rid of rail line into Newcastle family entertainment to bring people into city. Fill empty buildings</p>
<p>Get the Councillors working together not against one another</p>
<p>get your act together</p>
<p>Getting the new Mayor to listen to the public voic and their views</p>
<p>Give more weight to representations of residents who might be in some way affected by a proposed development. Get rid of the 'cookie cutter' approach and listen to the people whose major investment is going to be affected,</p>
<p>good communication using social media.</p>
<p>give opportunities to comment on ideas/plans/etc in an easy way (like this!)</p>
<p>collaboration with other councils/state/fed govt.</p>
<p>good luck</p>
<p>Good luck</p>
<p>Greater community participation and engagement when it comes to major development projects and development applications. Full and open disclosure of all major infrastructure, building, and engineering projects to the public.</p>
<p>Have the Council work together - not squabble about everything. They need to put aside political agendas to work for the good of Newcastle - which is surely why they were elected!</p>
<p>Hold community forums in all areas of the city on a regular basis. The outer suburbs need to be consulted as often as possible</p>
<p>The city is much more that Hunter St & Honeysuckle</p>
<p>Honest leadership. Development to sustain good design, and not the quick dollar.</p>
<p>Maybe it is time for Newcastle City to listen to young and inovative thinker. Its time for the entrenched councillor to move on....and out.</p>
<p>Accept change, as Newcastle City moves on, it could and will be the great and liveable ity of the future. The jewell in Australia's crown.</p>
<p>Hope our new Mayor can drag the Council into 2013 as a functional and efficient organisation</p>
<p>hopefully a new council will be better, the old one was appalling in its attitude and the way it communicated with the community.</p>
<p>Hopefully Council learned something from the debacle that was Laman Street. Even if it's just a minority voicing their concerns, they have every right to an opinion. That incident surely could have been handled better. Transparency within local government is of the utmost importance, only then can people have trust in their elected leaders.</p>

<p>how about a unified council to start with</p>
<p>I am not sure this council is capable of any of these things. Stupid ideas like having a right turn into Laman street at the expense of parking outside the childcare centre that already does not have enough parking and doing works at the beach in summer show this. Get rid of a layer of senior staff in the Council and you will avoid having to increase rates so much and punishing rate payers for an inefficient council. The face to face people in council do a great job and should not lose their jobs because of too many over paid managers. Council needs to focus on its core activities and do those well (and regain the respect and trust of the people) before it aspires to do anything else. Only then will it be an organisation of excellence.</p>
<p>I believe that all these selections are of extreme importance. That does not mean I believe it is currently happening.</p> <p>With developers pushing to remove the rail line, what community consultation has happened apart from some developers pushing their views.</p> <p>An open and transparent council needs to engage with the community before making rash statements that have not been openly discussed with the community. Community consultation needs to be actively engaged on issues concerning all of the community.</p>
<p>I don't know about this council, but the previous one had no interest in any sort of contact with us citizens. Newcastle Voice was ignored. Protesters in Laman Street were arrested at the request of councillors. Councillors advocated fining citizens for making their views known the only way they could: by interrupting the offending work. Mind you, with Newcastle's leading property developer as our mayor I still see little hope of Council doing anything but lining property developers' pockets.</p>
<p>I have given the third point a moderate rating as within my time of 22 years living in Newcastle one of the common phrases has been that the power of the many (community) is the hands of only a few (and widely known as self serving).</p>
<p>I heard there is a big new shopping centre going in on Mayfield main street. Residents were not informed, letterboxed or asked for their opinion. We will now have THREE SUPERMARKETS and a comprehensive suite of EMPLOYMENT SERVICES. This is crap planning and no use to the residents of Mayfield. We need diversity in the shops not more of the same.</p> <p>RE: saving the suburban pools. I encourage Council to work WITH the save the pool people - not against them. Provide them with the information they're after to assist in business case development.</p>
<p>I just want a leader to take the reins and lead for a change. We've had too much collaborative leadership. We've had too much consultation and community participation. Just get on and do it, or get out of the private sector's way and let them do it.</p> <p>And on the "A local government organisation of excellence", this can only be achieved with a massive turn-over of staff and spilling and filling every senior and middle management position to ensure the duds are weeded out. We turf the bad councillors out every four years, but have no opportunity ever to get rid of underperforming staff. [COUNCIL STAFF MEMBER] and [COUNCIL STAFF MEMBER] - I am looking at you!</p>
<p>I love that the people of Newcastle now get to work closely with council and offer their ideas and opinions on what we would like our city to be.</p>
<p>I read in the paper that there is a \$20 Million loss projected by the Lord Mayor - is this because the planners have not done their job if they have just found this out. Why the urgency now to address this? This should have been known many years ago that this would happen. Also in the paper it is said that there are too many staff - quality not quantity is the best thing.</p>
<p>I think all sounds good on paper but too many cooks spoil the broth. You need people with vision like Walter Burley Griffin who can improve things for Newcastle. Fixing up the ailing cityscape, improving public transport while retaining Newcastle's character would be a start.</p>
<p>I think community involvement is needed but only to a point, surveys like this is a great way to get feedback considerably quick and all residents have the option. Though I do think the council has to make the end decision and run with it. Our councillors are voted in and paid to make decisions and get things happening, not look for next elections votes.</p>

<p>I think that Newcastle Voice is a very good initiative and enjoy having a say through the surveys.</p>
<p>Sometimes I would like to send suggestions at random but dont know where?</p>
<p>I think the community is sometimes engaged to much, the opinions of professionals in their fields are over-run by the opinions of a few and so many great decisions are squashed by the noisy few, I support the current decision making process NCC has and I think their community engagement is at an appropriate level and sometimes it's the community groups who need to leave it up to the pros</p>
<p>I think the political cycle can be very destructive in terms of creating and maintaining sustainable long-term plans. Councillor interests and inexperience create a disruptive influence every four years. Council needs to review its activities and functions, and its ability to generate revenue to ensure its community plan is sustainable over time.</p>
<p>I think this has been one of newcastles biggest problems - too much discussion and not enough doing!!!!</p>
<p>I think you can capitalise on the fact that people are becoming active in community building again. Your timing is good and you will need to be advised very well to undertake this process of allowing citizen engagement and shared responsibility. I think this is so encouraging but I feel that Newcastle council will have to ensure that the specialist skills are available to undertake this well. There are also so many options on how do to undertake joint decision making but care needs to be taken to ensure that it is authentic and mutually beneficial. Happy to talk more. Very happy to see the council is going this way.</p>
<p>I want us all to have organisations of excellence but realise we are also human and institutions develop their own culture that is driven also by people's known or unrecognised weaknesses. So nurture (not mollycoddle) the workers, equip them, put in team leaders who encourage them and realise that to do so gets the best out of a worker. Be proactive to bring in leaders to pass on great skills for training like George Savides (who was & maybe still is CEO of Medibank private)</p>
<p>If there is too much community involvement in decision making, far too much time and money is wasted (eg the figs).</p>
<p>If we can get the above right, we could have a world class city.</p>
<p>Important that Newcastle strive for independence from Sydney's "big-brother" and/or "overlord" dominance.</p>
<p>In a perfect world all of the above would be extremely important. But you really cant please all of the people all of the time, so a best practice approach with a realistic financial plan, driving the city forward is what is needed.</p>
<p>It all sounds great, a cohesive council is not really what I hear about though. Lots of people each with there own agenda is not as effective as working together. I hope council staff really get to hear what the community says in surveys such as this one. Less banter and more action please.</p>
<p>It is great to get community involvement in the decision making process but it is vital that someone has the metal to actually make decisions that may upset some factions in the community at the end of the process.</p>
<p>It is important to distinguish between issues that might benefit from community input and those that require leadership from decision makers i.e. councillors. It should also be made clear whether community opinions can influence outcomes and to what extent. Otherwise you will have never ending consultations that cannot reach a consensus or do not affect the final decision in a way that satisfies community expectations while simultaneously wasting council funds.</p>
<p>It would be better for the community to not repeat the poor planning that is evident in the huge buildings and wind tunnel street of Honeysuckle. There is inadequate public access to the waterfront which starts with little public parking.</p>
<p>It's a bit hard not to agree with most of these statements since they are mostly 'motherhood statements' and contain all the right buzz words.</p>
<p>An "...organisation of excellence." You would hardly strive to be an organisation of mediocrity or incompetence, would you?</p>
<p>It's not just the leadership's role to PLAN, but also to lead implementation and FOLLOW THROUGH.</p>
<p>It's ok at the moment</p>

<p>It's really important that there is active citizen engagement. Decisions shouldn't be made by Sydney politicians or people who don't live here.</p>
<p>It's so long since we had a council that listens to the people I don't know if we'll ever have any confidence in the new one. It seems that a lot of decisions council makes reek of a hidden agenda</p>
<p>Just get on and do it. Stop agonising over public liability issues and being so risk-averse.</p>
<p>Keep people such as the lord mayor from using his influence to promote his inner city development objectives</p>
<p>Keep politics out of the council. Working together to further Newcastle, not a political party is what local council should be doing.</p>
<p>leaders to be honest about their interest in the city</p>
<p>Leave the rail line alone. Young people use it to take their bikes and boards to town</p>
<p>Less HR and IT over staffing in local government departments outsource to local businesses to grow the local economy and ensure high productivity and accountability.</p>
<p>Let locals have their say not Sydney. Stop party politics in Council. Councillors are our representatives so they should make more decisions that affect us.</p>
<p>Let the elected councillors do the job they have been voted in to do - stop all the in-fighting and bullying and LISTEN TO WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT - not what one or two people want to bully their way ahead.</p>
<p>Let's make Newcastle a city to watch by looking to other cities in the world that have faced similar challenges and becoming World Class Cities. This city has so much to offer. Local council and residents need to work together to find solutions to present problems. Encourage the reintroduction of new investment opportunities.</p>
<p>Let's not dwell on past negativity.</p>
<p>Look and progressively move forward, checking ourselves as we go, ensuring we're making decisions honestly and for the benefit of the city and its inhabitants (individuals, businesses, interest groups etc).</p>
<p>Listen to the community and act considering the city's best long term interests</p>
<p>Listen to the Community and act on their wishes - even if your pre-established plans don't match theirs. Change them.</p>
<p>Listen to the people of Newcastle do not turn a blind eye</p>
<p>Listen to your people - we are not cranks or fools - when people take the time to report a problem or suggest a solution, cut the obstructive manner and LISTEN - keep us in the loop - communicate</p>
<p>Local government should not be viewed by its leaders, eg the Mayor as a profit making entity to be run like a business. There is a huge danger in having a Mayor with no government background as he has shown that he does not have the experience to engage either with council or with citizens. He appears to favour minority business interests.</p>
<p>Long term planning - such as art functioning through the city as people pass by, artists work in progress.</p>
<p>transparent and accountable leadership - not much to say except let's not repeat history and keep corruption away from local govt as much as possible.</p>
<p>Involve community groups in decision making such as the transport ideas.</p>
<p>Local government yes - state govt no, get rid of it.</p>
<p>Long way to go here. Council bickering doesn't do much to encourage faith in the abilities of our existing council.</p>
<p>Make decisions in the best interests of the city, not according to factional opinions. Take the advice of council employees who are qualified in their fields.</p>
<p>Make efforts to ensure a majority of the people who will be affected by the changes are aware of what's coming so no complaining can be done after the changes have started to happen.</p>
<p>Many planning decisions by the council e.g. Tourle St Bridge/Kooragang Island fiasco and rail line inaction has been very disappointing and hasn't helped Newcastle</p>

Meetings in each different Wards regularly by elected Councillors - elected ones can be seen to be involved & working for people who elected them.
More listening to community - like at Wallsend Library easy access for input ie. freecall hotline, email, facebook etc (but realise not everyone connected)
More Place Making type initiatives like at Islington Park. Community and commercial sponsorship of parks, community gardens, assets and management and maintenance of facilities. Continued use of program like Newcastle Voice for consulting the community and 'testing' ideas.
Most people are stupid. get intelligent town planners-architects-sociologists [like ME!] on board
motherhood statements - blah, blah, blah
Naintain consultation with the community members
NCC can only be a truly local government org. when political agendas are removed. Local gov. is about representing the needs of the local area. If councillors affiliated to political parties wish to fly their political agenda then enter state politics! It's time Newcastle was not a porn of the State Politics and their cash cow.
NCC is a long way from excellence and in fact is stifling growth and innovation. I had a DA that had no objections but took 9 months to get through the system because "the guy was too busy". Only when I threatened to escalate the issue did it suddenly get resolved.
Tender processes are dysfunctional and border on illegal. I completed a large tender for work recently for use of a Council asset and we followed the rules - which were then broken by COuncil officers. Council continues to breach their own tender rules which creates unfairness and uncertainty for businesses.
NCC is ill. It needs to realise petty party politics has no place right now. The city is in need of leadership and NCC is playing games
NCC needs to avoid conflict of interest between development approvals and financial gain by existing councillors or the Lord Mayor, Needs to have a transparent process in all Council matters.
Newcastle is part of the Hunter region, many of the plans do not seem to take this into account. e.g. Many of the residents of Port Stephens, come through Stockton to the ferry and then link to the train to Sydney and parts of the Hunter like the Childrens Courts, Medical specialists, etc. This is true for Maitland and Cessnock areas also. These links should be recognised and improved as boosting Newcastle potential economy. Future planning of the city of Newcastle should include easy access for tourists in the city and docking ships at Carrington hasn't helped the city. Lobby NSW govt.for ferry to include Carrington and Honeysuckle and increase the attractions around the harbour. At present there is little to attract people into the city.... and parking is not user friendly.
We have a unique situation with our Visitors Information Centre also - no parking, no available toilets, and no picnic area. This should be moved nearer to the harbour, train terminal in Newcastle or Ferry stop with parking.
Allowing buildings with little or no parking areas in this the 21st century.
Newcastle needs to be independent of Macquarie Street as there is little interest or vision for the region flowing from the state government.
Newcastle Voice and community expos
Newcastle Voice and workshops are a great way to do this. Also by involving people by way of media and engaging with the community through open days in the park perhaps. I feel that if the community see that basically the Council has the interest of the city at heart only and first and foremost without party politics or personalities involved then this will flow to effective partnerships with the community. Newcastle people are proud Novocastrians, they want to be proud of the city, they want it to look good and to work. I think it's a reflection on the community the Council that a city has in place, if it's a happy, workable council that has the interest of the city first and foremost a heart and the people will recognise this and trust that council. We are not interested in politics in council.
No rash statements from leaders about job cuts
Noi more in-fighting!
Lets cooperate for a good result!

None of the above will happen until every councillor focuses on their primary role to manage the city, to the exclusion of political agendas and personal political ambition

None of these are in evidence at present

Now... When does it start?

Oh please can we have some of this. just a little bit will do.

Oh, if only. You'll need to have a Council that values and upholds transparency and accountability. No more Sharon Claydon voting on issues put forth by her boss, Sharon Grierson (I know SG's on her way out, but it's happened in the past). I'm sure the SC and SG relationship isn't the only one that raises questions of accountability and fairness. No more recusing yourself if you 'feel like it' - there must be firm guidelines that everyone is clear about and OBEY. And, if you hold a community forum, you have to say up front what may come out of it. We don't need to waste our time going to meetings that have no impact on decisions. Like the JRPP and the development at the Bimet lodge. What's the point of having community engagement if members of the JRPP - whose numbers are weighted towards people outside the Nc electorate, and who have NO accountability to the people here - make decisions we object to, and then have the developers come over the top of them anyway, and make worse decisions? You can't tell us that our opinions are important, and then proceed to ignore the community and expect to be taken seriously as representatives of the community. Just more wasted time, like watching the Merewether surf house fall to ruin by doing.... nothing. Council has a HUGE job ahead of it to convince - nay, PROVE - that the best interests of Novocastrians get put ahead of anything else.

Once again remove the politics look at other thriving country towns where council is for the good of the town and people not to feather political dreams and aspirations. People chose their representatives to speak for them and individuals and minority groups seem to have the power to hinder development and change, if council approves development then plans must move forward small groups should not be able to hamper developments after approval has been granted it makes the council look like fools and adds to costs. People must be reminded that the time to object is before not after approval. Excellence in council cannot be achieved whilst namecalling bickering, political bias and nitpicking continue I often wonder if we have adults sitting on council, the bigger picture is often lost and decision making takes too long because often ignorance poor vision and personality clashes reign supreme.

Only achievable if politics is kept out of the decision making process.

Open and Collaborative Leadership is a good idea but unfortunately when a decision is made people will not leave well enough alone. It appears if the decision does not go their way they place so many costly obstructions in front of council. Please make a decision, act on it promptly if legal before these naysayers get a chance to create backlash. The figs is a prime example, if it was within the councils legal realm to remove the figs and the decision was made you should have just cut them down straight away.

Open and Collaborative leadership, that would be a pleasant change

Openness on all levels

our leaders must be forward looking. i.e. The new art gallery. Look past to-day and think of the many advantages the new gallery will bring. It will be a major part of the rejuvenation of the CBD

Our local government needs to have a leader that considers everyone rather than himself/herself. Our local government needs a leader who is proactive and a visionary rather than bully or dictate the towns structure. Our local government needs to include its community and maintain jobs rather than getting rid of them. all the above things are important but It needs to be transparent rather than hidden and exclusive.

Partnerships relates to influence into state and federal govt - funding/////

Pick staff for the bureaucracy who have a "make things possible" attitude instead of "we've always done it this way" or are clipboard jockeys. Most citizens don't give a hoot about planning or being engaged but the councillors we elect can carry that burden because hopefully they have full information, can make the compromises and have more authority to have decisions carried out and not sidelined. And if things go right - say so and if not - say so. In the long run citizens will forgive honest errors and may even notice the good stuff.

Plan for 5, 10 and 50 years, then revise every five years. This needs to provide a statistical benchmark to review progress (triple bottom line reporting. Engagement lead by skilled specialists.

<p>Planning needs to be long term with the future of our children in mind.</p> <p>All members of society given a voice not the vision of those who will profit financially.</p> <p>When we talk about creating jobs we should think beyond mining and tourism.</p> <p>For the council to practice what it preaches. All these words in the survey are hollow if the council is not true to them or understand the words themselves.</p>
<p>Please have faith in the city and hopefully with change of leadership the city can come out of the 1970s</p>
<p>Please listen to the people who want to reduce the coal dust. Its a problem here and needs to be addressed.</p>
<p>Plenty of meetings to which the public are invited to consider innovative plans.</p>
<p>Points 2/3 should not be taken to mean small vocal groups can prevent the development and decision-making of the city. Considered should not mean delayed; citizen engagement should not mean no action because of minorities which deflect the city from a direction... We have suffered too long from the Greens/parsons non decision making and the Tate/Laman st trees schemozzel... yes the council officers who cannot get on board MUST leave so that a city of excellence can occur.</p>
<p>prevent the inner city from becoming a cultural enclave of selfish interests by returning the character to one that promotes common society. greater provision of open spaces that are interconnected and free, and making the city a place for casual meetings as much as formal ones. "informalise Newcastle".</p>
<p>Probably more of this. Invite all the rate payers that are online to vote on current issues. If you gauge community support immediately there will be no time and money wasted on battling through ideas that don't have community support. After all, this is a democracy and councillors are supposed to represent everyone, not just those who complain the loudest.</p>
<p>provide an example to the community of leadership by working together listening to each other and give people opportunity rather than infighting</p>
<p>Re too much citizen engagement: this brings the risk of bogging down decision making and lowest-common-denominator results but on the other hand excellent leadership is otherwise essential. Difficult.</p>
<p>reaching for sky with local political and interest groups</p>
<p>Realisation of these admirable goals seems impossible when considered in the context of some of the opinions voiced by current Council office bearers. Many regard their positions - whether elected or administrative- as their own fiefdoms.</p>
<p>Recruit a Mayor who is not a developer interested in promoting Newcastle as a business investment opportunity. A Mayor who has relevant experience as a Councillor, his phone message reflected his unprofessionalism and lack of inhibition that signifies an effective leader</p>
<p>Refer Q8b look at traffic at Sandgate/Mayfield morning/night unreal - traffic at John Hunter & traffic at Kotara on Sat mornings</p>
<p>Regular community forums. Not having a mayor elected by a popular vote</p>
<p>Remove the Council system & replace it with a board of Directors who are accountable under the Companies Act</p>
<p>Remove unelected council officers stop pissing in the public's pocket with opportunist surveys and allow the public an input to intergenerational amenity</p>
<p>Restore support for Community Forums</p>
<p>Restructure the organisation and replace those people that are not capable or qualified to fill the positions that they occupy - starting at the top of the trees.</p>
<p>So, who has the testinal fortitude and the power to rest the planning role back from the State Government, an organisation which has scant regard for the wishes of anyone or anywhere north of Hornsby.</p>
<p>Somebody had better talk to our new Mayor real quick :-).</p>
<p>Something really needs to change! Great vision, but we are nowhere near this presently. Seriously, I have not felt that the Council has been collaborative, transparent or accountable! Secret meetings might be an example. Nor can I attest to having been able to be actively engaged in local planning and decision-making process. Quite frankly, thousands of people have been actively dismissed. The fig fiasco is a case in point.</p>

sometimes (in fact all the time) plans dont go ahead because of people disagreeing. These people are often fanatics(the fig tree example) This costs thousands of rate payers dollars to keep a few people happy. Move ahead Newcastle and stop listening to the wingers. And PLEASE move the freight out of town (Adamstown railway gates)

Sometimes a Council simply needs to make decisions based on sound business information and in response to a city's needs - on occasions, the consultation process can destroy a good idea, or make the decision making process long and protracted. Contrary to popular belief, people want to be led, as long as the decisions are well-founded, explainable and justifiable. Isn't that why we elect a Council?

Sometimes we can learn from organic 'ad hoc' dvelopment as it comes from need at grass roots level. start colaborating on possible sharing of costs of delivery of services and infrastructure. eg central garbage disposal amongs several local govenments

Stop sending coal royalties to Sydney

stop the council infighting , the partisan policies and decisions...work for the good of the community and the town,
make us a place to be proud of not just another urban blob

Stories are wide spread among the community about how council workers don't have to work very hard, or that there's too much administration. The word is that they're not held responsible for the work hours they are paid for (i.e. road works), so they apparently slack off so that the projects are overpaid for or done on weekends so that they get paid more. There seems to be a lot of waste when it comes to projects, at least in the eyes of the community. I would like to know that our ratepayer dollars aren't being wasted.

Support good leadership whether in the Council chambers or within the administration of Council
Seek our and award excellence in council
Change the culture of Council by measuring performance against that which can be delivered by outside resources
Dramatically reduce the labour force of Council to a more manageable size
Focus only on the aspects of the City which are core issues
Invest more resources in the involvement of community in planning - and then go out and sell the plans to obtain committment

Take more notice of Tony Brown

Tell that Lord Mayor....Mr McCloy he has to follow the Local Govt Act - his is not running a business he is representing all of the people of Newcastle and he has to with integrity and respect. He is running a Council....councils provide services not profits!!!!

The City of Newcastle: A local government organisation of excellence cant be acheived with the present staff and administration attitude

The Council has, in itially, to provide structured services. It ought to encourage social, amity and structured development. The Council is not the 'grandparent' of a society,

The Council needs to dramatically improve in this area. We are a major city and we need proper representation from all Council members. This whole plan will be a complete waste of our money if the Council cannot get along and think like mature adults.

the council needs to harden up and make some good decisions

The Council needs to take notice of citizens when they are knowledgeable, reasonable and have a strong aesthetic sense. Finding out by survey then telling us that the Council are listening - they just manipulate their PR to tell us we are getting what we need and wish to live with.

The Council needs to work as a TEAM without the infighting and the party politics that we have seen in the past. Their first priority should be working for the benefit of the people and the city of Newcastle. Party politics should not come into any decision making.

The current 'strategic planning' undertaken by the City of Newcastle leaves alot to be desired. There is no leadership, coordination, technical knowledge or strategic thinking from within the management of this area of Council. I would rate it as higher if there was greater capacity to act on this objective. More funding is not the key to fixing this issue.

The elected body should lead the way by setting the strategic direction, the administration should implement only and not dictate. Perhaps then we will start to attract quality civic leaders like the current Lord Mayor and maybe the petty political hacks will realize they are not qualified to be elected into an important role such as this

The fig tree fiasco should tell NCC that people are not stupid and will resist if a transparent and fair process is not in place for big-ticket decisions that affect all citizens. Ultimately, a decision has to be made by elected representatives, but the ratepayers are wise to stalling/ staged consultants (also expensive) and suspicious buck passing.

The government has made many decisions that i do not agree with (ie. fig tree removal, pushing the removal of the rail line). I cannot see that all of the community was consulted on such matters.

The last objective 'The City of Newcastle: A local government organisation of excellence' is meaningless.

The last one (excellence) sounds like PR bull shit .

the newcastle council must allow resident input. The city council seems to allow various input but not for everything. The budgeting ogf the council is not of high standard. To much money is spent on reports/investigations.

The Newcastle Voice survey system is an excellent way to access a wide range of opinions in Newcastle, and I encourage the expansion of such a concept.

Watching the fig tree debacle waste time and energy, all at my expense as a tax payer, made me realise just how important it is to access the opinions of the majority of people which may not have time to take part in organised activism for particular causes or decisions.

These surveys bring the democratic process into the 21st century.

The plans and objectives in the survey are really important to the proper development of the city of Newcastle

The Voice. Notices in papers, not everone uses computers. Notice in rate bills. Contact people by mail.

The way you have worded the objectives is too broad. Of course the above is important but lets have action and less surveys. Take the politics out of council and reduce costs like any other organisation does. Also, some of the objectives are not Councils responsibility.

The WE that possibly has the greatest impact here is All levels of government to be on the 'same page/bus or train'. Not hopeful.... there have been many state government decisions that are at odds with local community. For this to change I think we need Newcastle/Hunter integrated plan and approach...together we achieve, divided...more of the unsatisfactory same! Councils unite!!!

There are no effective tools of citizen engagement, if not embedded in a democratic decision process. Trial council wide referenda on a yes/no basis for important decisions, such as the train line to Newcastle. If the community consultation process does not include a democratic decision process, the consultation process becomes hollow and meaningless.

There has been too much bickering and time wasting at local council meetings in recent years and party politics should be kept out of this area. Our representatives should all be working towards the good of the City and Hunter in general, and listen to local citizens rather than think of their own political futures and what is best for their own interests. They should consider the whole of the Hunter and not just the CBD. Ensuring those who represent us in local and State government have the interests of the City and Hunter as their main aim will go a long way towards overcoming many of the current problems.

A committee consisting of sensible people from various suburbs and of various ages and occupations, who are prepared to make suggestions, are open to comments from the general public, and discuss business sensibly, would be worthwhile.

There used to be a local forum - a great place to meet people and discuss matters of local concern. Good for us new comers to meet people - and accessible. Then that was taken away and I don't meet anyone anymore

These are all excellent and very important objectives, but the council needs to start getting serious about them (especially the active citizen engagement), because they are just words in the wind at the moment, given the attitude of senior council staff and a number of councillors.

<p>These are all just obvious overarching statements. How is the council going to do this against the will of financial interests and community disinterest.</p>
<p>These are great conceptual objectives but the community is highly sceptical of any of these concepts being put into practice. It's beyond time to end talking, focus groups, surveys & consultation. It's time to actually do something and get things moving.</p>
<p>These are really motherhood statements for local government. Again the big decisions are mainly made by the State Government, often with Federal Government funding support.</p>
<p>These phrases are just platitudes, if environment, transport, and planning, are not addressed for sustainability for future generations</p>
<p>This council alas has no understanding of open & transparent government. They are worse than the last. I live at Stockton to have Incitec to have a private meeting with the councillors without the community having a say is beyond disgusting.</p>
<p>This has never worked in the past & it will be a miracle if it works in the future</p>
<p>This has really been the biggest issue for Newcastle. Poor leadership and a distinct lack of respect for its citizens.</p>
<p>This is all so obvious but will it ever happen?</p>
<p>this is more mumbo jumbo,</p>
<p>This is what we hope to get when we vote. We don't get it, and as long as developers exist we never will. Thousands of citizen objections are raised every year, very few result in changes that lead to developers creating anything worthwhile. Rezone part of Hunter Street into a decent park - too hard. Connect Industrial Drive to Gordon Street and provide a real connection instead of the Stewart Avenue debacle - too hard. Couldn't even get a bridge over the railway when Industrial Drive was moved. So, dream on.</p>
<p>This should go without saying. Citizen engagement should only go so far, at some point you need technical specialists to give advice and provide leadership.</p>
<p>This would be hard, with the Council at loggerheads</p>
<p>This indicates that people will be required to put aside their own agendas. You need to get forward thinking visionaries on the team - but how will you know who they are - and who will work collaboratively. Create and Innovate offer one free facilitation if this goes ahead. CS 0425 xxx xxx</p>
<p>Too many fingers in the pie can stop progress...there needs to be a deciding body</p>
<p>Too often these days, councils want to provide a facility or service etc that is deemed to be the "best" and they get bogged down in red tape and go round in circles - when something "adequate" would do the job, cost less and probably be implemented or built etc with minimum fuss.</p>
<p>Transparency NOT NEPOTISM! especially among developers</p>
<p>Try not to overplan the future. You will always be wrong. DO make council transparent (right down to the credit card level). DO make the population responsible for their actions. Don't try to win national awards for most excellent council - focus on the task at hand. Try to decrease peoples' expectations and sense of entitlement.</p>
<p>Try putting major plans to a vote of affected residents at least three times a year. Surely that will not slow the wheels of Council much, and may dispel the appearance of unaccountable council staff running the city regardless of councillors supposedly representing their constituents.</p>
<p>Unfortunately Newcastle CBD is more or less a peninsular & getting further & further away from residential areas. it would need a huge increase in residential population in & near the CBD.</p>
<p>Unfortunately, The City of Newcastle as a local government organisation of excellence is far from being realised. The city council has a terrible name and reputation to overcome when it comes to anything near Open and Collaborative Leadership, Decision Making and Development Proposal improvements. Until these issues have been resolved, then Open and Collaborative Leadership will NEVER be realised.</p>
<p>Upper levels of NCC should still be holding their heads in shame at the Laman St debacle.</p>
<p>Use the website more extensively. eg there was a meeting about fig trees in Gregson Park recently. Why can't there be a summary of the meeting linked to the council website for those who did not attend.</p>

Ward meetings more often where the 3x ward Councillors are present and talk with their constituents. These nights need to be varied eg Ward 1 not always on a Wednesday night as some constituents may not be available any Wednesday night.

we as people have the responsibility to elect those who are going to serve the city well, Those who represent newcastle only for their own vested interests have had too much power in the past and at the present. i have had good service from the council departments that I have contacted over local problems eg. fallen trees on the footpath, poor garbage collection on one day. footpath repairs on a new development nearby

We can have all this if we allow those who can make a difference to get on with the job. We must eliminate obstructive governing just for political gain. There is no place for politics in Local Govt. There is more than enough room for that at both Fed and State levels.

We don't see much evidence of this either at NCC Level, or State Govt level

We have an elected Council we should rely on- our local councillors - have a procedure where we can meet them on a ward basis

We keep hearing year after year about "Organisation of Excellence" but it seems to me it is one survey after another and I don't know if the results just get ditched or why we need each new survey. Work on the information already supplied.

We live in the outer suburbs & we do not get to much about the Council & what they are doing

We need a transparent consultation plan involving all parties then get a concensus and Do IT!

We need better access on Council candidates prior to elections. Newcastle should reap more benefits from the mining boom

We need good leadership and no repeats of the Layman St figs experience. Make a decision and act on it stop wasteing tax payers money!!

We need to not over develope any areas eg the coastal, and harbour waterfronts with high rise, and maintain a maximum building height level. Ensure all DA's are within the planning regulations, with no exceptions. Enough parking needs to be part of the acceptance requirement

Well, Council has a lot of prove. At the moment, I do not feel confident in this plan. How many plans have there and it has been a waste of money - all down the drain!!!! Even this survey is a waste of money!!!

Well, we'll see how much changes from what's gone on in the past, new elections don't necessarily change who makes the decisions and the way things are done.

What areas do we lobby state and federal government on?
who has these portfolios?
How can the public participate in this process?

Totally agree with citizen engagement and responsiblity but council needs to be responsive too.

What is the use

Whatever you've been doing here has been abysmal. Do the opposite of everything you do now.
when was it excellent?

Whether or not the City of Newcastle is judged to be "a local government organisation fo excellence" doesn't matter. It is what is delivered that is important.

First step is to get the Council working as a collaborative, transparent and accountable group. Good luck!
At present it seems it is driven by personal agendas.

While consultation is important, this should not be interpreted as having to reach agreement with all parties. Sometimes a hard decision will need to be made - make the decision, deal with the fallout and get on with it. No more fig tree fiasco's please.

While I feel very strongly about the above please do not take this to mean I think council is delivering them - just the opposite.

Long term planning while good as long as it is flexible and doesn't lock council into something which needs to change as the community changes but cant because it is part of the long term plan.

Unfortunately this council does not a have a very good record of collaborating with the community nor of being transparent, hopefully this questionnaire is an indication that this is changing. Council needs to do more than just send out loaded Newcastle Voice Questionnaires. It needs to have regular meetings with community groups and talk about what is relevant in their areas.

Newcastle Council once was an organisation of excellence, unfortunately with the attitudes brought in by Lindy Hyam it is no longer so. The attitude that most needs to change is the one where 'the administration knows best' and the community are just an annoyance. This can only change when staff change and make an effort to consult with and listen to the community through more than questionnaires.

While the city needs vision for planning it's future needs it also needs to realise that some of the foregoing ideas and plans have been on the drawing board for way too long as it is. Long-term planning may never happen as the world changes constantly. Evidence shows Australia has an ageing population so this is what needs to be addressed in the immediate future.

While active citizen engagement in local planning and deciision-making processes etc. are important and evident in this survey, for efficiency, again the majority opinions should reflect a strong local democracy result.

It's extremely important to have a local government organisation of excellence for the City of Newcastle, however, it too needs to take responsibility and work cohesively to truly be an outstanding asset in itself and show other cities its achievements.

why are we paying such big monies to people who work for us then you ask me to tell you how to do it, make those who say they can complete their job description, complete it.

Work with Council to spread the word

Would like to see council responsibilities dealt with effectively and in timely manner .

You elect the leaders at polling time. Let them rule for their allotted period then vote them out if you're not happy. Too much meddling and comment can cause the fig debacle. We must all take responsibility for the fig fiasco. If the public had not caused such debate then the council probably would have come to their decision much earlier. I believe the public polarised the debate as much as the councillors did.

You have some work to do here.

your joking on question 3 surely

ADDITIONAL IDEAS OR COMMENTS

Are there any additional ideas or comments you would like to provide on the Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan and how we can worktogether towards a smart, liveable, sustainable Newcastle?

	Base (those answering) n= 388	n=	%
STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS			
Connected City		101	26.0
Open and Collaborative Leadership		62	16.0
Vibrant and Activated Public Place		42	10.8
Liveable and Distinctive Built Environment		28	7.2
Protected and Enhanced Environment		18	4.6
Caring and Inclusive Community		10	2.6
Smart and Innovative City		8	2.1
OTHER			
			49.2
Comment regarding the plan (eg too abstract, wording, less talk more action etc)		26	6.2
Survey comments / Comments re Newcastle Voice		21	5.4
Comment re Council Admin		16	4.1
Stop talking about it and start doing it		16	4.1
Tourism		8	2.1
Good plan		8	2.1
Comment re other level of government (work with, lobby etc)		8	2.1
Doing a good job / satisfied		3	0.8
Other		87	22.4

[I hate that 2030 date I hope I'm still around by then]

I feel that to get the connectedness through public transport to the city and people will flock, a tram system for this city is a winner for the future of this city. WHY NOT for Newcastle? Cycleways and open space will bring people in. A cultural Square connecting the gallery with city hall the civic theatre and the museum. Having the Uni. in the city and more residence will all help to make the city liveable. Individual suburb communities could help by being involved in their local areas and promoting them. We have some great bushland to the south of Merewether- Glenrock that could be promoted as a great bushwalking destination for visitors. The expansion of Stockton caravan park is good and we need more of these tourist parks for the ever increasing traveling population to stop in this city for a while, perhaps one on the south side of the harbour or along Hannell Street would be good. Good landscaping in the city areas and King Edward Park are needed. Engage the community through opendays and being a happy council will encourage people to work together. Leave political affiliations out of it please. It's about our Town!

1. How about considering the people that pay rates. We live on the beach and have paid a huge amount to buy this house (and in rates) because of the views, yet council has deemed it appropriate to plant huge trees along Bar beach walk. Would love to know who thinks this is a great idea. Will we get compensated? I doubt it. We have rung very councillor, gone to meetings and there is no doubt what our feelings are, yet we are ignored.

2. why are you removing a car park along the beach (Kilgour Ave) when it is always full? Ask the surfers, they dont want it removed. Why arent the people who are using the car park and therefore will be affected not being listened to?

3. Why are we getting more recycling bins? Why can't the new company use the perfectly good existing ones? Guess council have a surplus of rate money.

1. Make the tough decisions.
2. Implement the desicions without delay.
3. Stop wasting money on reports to appease minority groups.
4. This is a beautiful city, lets reflect that in becoming progressive, not regressive, and fix this city.

1. Remove the rail line - New Station - West
2. Remove the rail line of Railway Street
3. Remove the rail line AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

1. Stop pricing Stockton Tourist Park out of of reach of people that want a family holiday
2. Stop taking so long for decisions to pull down old buildings in Newcastle ie. derelict & unsafe/fire risk etc

A city's identity and soul is determined by the way it celebrates its sense of self. We can get this right quite quickly by honoring our most valuable resource our people. I believe it could be done Ina cost effective way. Would love totalk to interested council people about my vision for this celebration.

A decision about the rail line must be made and stuck to in order for the city to be able to move on.

Please do not let our city fester in its own dereliction any longer. I know small changes have been made, but we have had more than 20 years of almost no action.

A decision needs to be made regarding the future of Newcastle City and it needs to be done now. Our city is a major disgrace and is an area that a lot of people avoid. What must all those visitors think that come off those luxury cruise ships??? They probably can't wait to leave.

A more centralised communication system (ie. there are many events calenders for the area, but it would be terrific i there were one central place where it was know to go to for information).

A redevelopment has been passed for the woolsheds on the corner of Milford St and The Avenue Wickham (this area suffers King tides, human waste, salt and oil. With 26 extra toilets in this building there will be much more pressure on the pipes (no one wants to know). The Council has turned a blind eye

A transport hub at Clyde St area rail bus etc remove all council parking from Union St can park walk away from Hunter St leave it to the university/developers etc.

a vision for what we want to be not based on going back to what we were

courage and confidence

good leadership not a bullying

ABANDON THE CBD. Make it a tourist precinct. Make the beaches accessible by light rail when you finally put it in (not in my lifetime I bet). Relocate the legal profession and the University elsewhere. You are close to getting it right by making MarketTown the retail precinct, but you need to take over some of the sports grounds to make it bigger and relocate public space into the CBD for tourists. Even better, move the Council Building out of the CBD to somewhere where we can park without paying. If you weren't there, you might think about the rest of the city.

Act on ratepayers directions not that of overpaid under performing council beurocrats that need to go and employ more outdoor staff for ROADS, RATES and RUBBISH.

Action is required now, we have a beautiful city which has been managed poorly and let to fall into disrepair. We need to have a plan for hunter street to encourage a unique experience similar to what you experience in Melbourne and inner city suburbs of Sydney such as Paddington and now parts of Redfern. This needs to be supported by a fantastic public transport system with delivery of people to the door of their city destination and encourage people to leave their cars at home or strategically placed transport hubs.

Actively encourage all people who live in the community to participate in decisions about its future and improvement. Do not value ratepayers above those who rent.

Advertise the free bus service in the city - most people don't know about it.

Support all efforts to improve air quality in the city - not just monitoring.

Highlight our history, art deco buildings, cathedral and its banners, and our art galleries, as well as our beaches and parks etc in any tourist advertising.

value all heritage buildings - they one of the things that make newcastle special

Provide architectural guidelines for new buildings going up near heritage buildings

Work with the university architecture department on plans for the city

Persuade the state government to conduct an archeolgical dig in the empty block across the road from Kentucky Fried Chicken in Hunter Street - don't look on it as a hindrance to development but a tourism activity.

Speed up the DA process in the council e.g why hasn't the DA for the Lucky Country Hotel been worked out

Again - this is a terrible survey. All of these 'objectives' are great but are not specific criteria. Give us some tangible things that Council would like to do to meet these objectives to comment on. Give us some different scenarios for each objective so that we can comment on which ones we think are most appropriate to meeting each objective ..!

All Council officers should take a pride in their work and encourage and assist community participation and should not try to make it harder for the community volunteers to do their work.

Remove corrupt officers and ensure transparency in decision making.

All I can say is please stop talking about it and get on with the job. It seems that as soon as there is any change in management at any level of the council we begin all over again. It must be so frustrating for your staff. I worked in a government position for years and it was bad enough at each change of government because we just felt we were reinventing the wheel the whole time. You seem to be just creating levels of inquiry and no action.

<p>All these vague statements can be translated many ways.</p> <p>All the hoped for options require financing and priotising</p> <p>by only those with independant(non political)/expertise/interest/ability to work within groups.</p> <p>Small vocal minorities should have no major influences on the decisions made.</p>
<p>An increase in residential population - a different philosophy & approach than the suburban local shopping centre. We need a different type of business, shopping, entertainment & social activities (and I do not man more pubs & drinking places)</p>
<p>An integrated transport network is of the utmost importance to be able to achieve the goals of the Strategic Plan for Newcastle</p>
<p>An objective within the environment section should be to reduce litter through innovative community programs with both positive and negative incentives.</p>
<p>Any city attempting to be liveable and sustainable must have a reliable and well connected public transport system, as well as a network of urban cycle and walking paths.</p>
<p>approve development that is positive for the growth of our city.</p>
<p>As in previous comments, there are strong links between: how we manage our environment and encourage people to use it so they value it and encouraging / supporting public transport and cycling/walking; and being a fit, healthy, and engaged community, becoming a well planned built environment and an innovative livable city.</p>
<p>In general, I think the objectives stated are really good, but I would like to see more links as above.</p>
<p>As nothing has happened to Newcastle in the previous 30 years, I hope things move a bit quicker</p>
<p>As stated previously, more bike track - more use of open space eg fitness track etc. Again, firm leadership (cannot please everybody)</p>
<p>Bad experience with parking fees makes me feel that newcastle is not the welcoming city it once was- too many restrictions and rules that are imposed and then fines straight to the SDRO</p>
<p>Being a very regular Mayfield pool lap swimmer I would I would like to see fees decreased not made free as has been previously suggested by some councilers . I think that would be a negative move .</p>
<p>best of luck. there are some people who are against change of any sort and have their own agenda;s so best of luck.</p>
<p>Build it and they will come, as long as the benefits and lifestyle outweigh the weakest links such as transport (regional & local) and services.</p>
<p>build over the rail line keep in place all happy then</p>
<p>BUSES THAT RUN IN OFF PEAK TIME SHOULD BE SMALLER AS THEY ARE NOT FILLED TO CAPACITY</p>
<p>THAT WOULD HELP ON STREETS THAT ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR THE 40 SEATER BUSES AND BE CHEAPER TO RUN</p>
<p>By thinking outside teh square and making some decisions that go against strick nanny type rules will be attractive to so many people across Australia.</p>
<p>Can we please just fix the city centre?!</p>
<p>Cease the petty politics in council and get on with the important issues</p>
<p>Cinsult the residents esp in the boundary subuebs</p>
<p>City Council must have clear decision-making procedures that are followed regardless of pressure from interest groups.</p>
<p>Comment - a lot of the ideas although well meaning and all important will be relying on State and Federal Government support. Public transport being the most obvious is going to be the most difficult to achieve without State Government support</p>
<p>Comment - As far as recycling goes:- I live in a block of 8 units we are only provided with 1 recycle bin for the entire unit block. Also, general waste bins has decreased to 3 large 1 small for the entire unit block in order to help the city with our recycling/waste; laws need to be in place ensuring mean landlords provide sufficient resources - if there are laws there should be a way of making landlords FIX IT!</p>

Community involvement is very important, so it would be helpful to ensure that this takes place on a regular basis.

Congratulations on the recent achievements with Wickham and Islington parks. Islington Park and the entire Throsby Creek revitalisation has made this area so family friendly and a beautiful outdoor space in an urban and partial industrial area. Well done and thank you!

I don't know what can be done about Newcastle City but I would like to see it become a living city where people feel safe to walk around at any time and there is a wide variety of dining and entertainment options for everyone.

consult a montreal-based town revitalization consultancy called Live Work Learn Play <http://www.lwlp.com>

Council could be less involved. The fact that you are using the term Collaborative Leadership confirms that you still don't get it. We are all grown ups who need not be Lead. Council should follow, enable and facilitate community movements. This survey is a small start.

Council needs to be a mix of technical and engagement specialists, as well as specialist in the core service areas (labourers, road builders, building inspectors etc).

Council needs to be more open to unique architecture and planning that works with the city heritage

Council needs to listen and understand the needs of the people of Newcastle. Do what is best for us.

Council needs to open its eyes to how to operate a centre of excellence. At the moment the way it is run is a disgrace - people who are ticking boxes rather than being proactive in helping businesses and the community build a thriving environment. Council officers have a culture of putting barriers in front of people who are trying to do business rather than facilitating growth and expansion.

Councils relationship with the community is a weakness when trying to achieve these outcomes particularly senior management of council attitudes to the community as long as it continues this vision is unachievable.

Cultural activities and the Arts need to be supported

Cummulative impact on health is a serious matter. Dust Noise, vapour, risk of explosion from storage of dangerous goods.

Transport on Hannel street into the port is cogestion

Inefficient bus and trains

Illegal activity in mixed use suburbs- accepting brothels accepting OLMG accepting small time drug dealing

Allowing derelict buildings by neglect in the many parts of newcastle.

Poor quality developments by cheap developers

poor quality corridor plans

poor planning, that undermines lifestyle and integrated community

poor integration of the 2030 plan to acknowledge Kooragang and the harbour industry that will drive the newcastle economy- health, lifestyle and employment thru to 2030.

these must be inclusive and acknowledged as Newcastle at present, 2030 must put these matters in a reasonable context to healthy viable community living, to support it's city- Tourism, health, education, good tranport, family life, protecting existing urban village housing stock that are near schools, cycle ways and services.

The 2030 Plan needs a major rethink.

Cut out all the meaningless adjectives and other words such as unique, inclusive, embrace, culture of care, lifestyle city, vibrant public places, distinctive built environment, open and collaborative leadership. Give people choices such as 'cut the railway line' 'cut down the fig trees' 'change the green collection system.' This is a typical marketing exercise that tries to give the illusion of choice.

<p>Cut out the abstract terms and effete language. Get proper wordsmiths in - read up about Mark Tredinnick and all he has to say on clear, plain language when writing documents especially about future city planning. Make the words accessible by using concrete, muscular, easy to understand language. If the wording of the strategic plan is weak, vague and abstract how do you expect citizens to stay engaged. What is a 'smart Newcastle'? Seriously, think about it, what is it you are really trying to say when you say a city is smart? Define the terms, get real.</p>
<p>Cut the train line, fix Hunter St, build a cruiser terminal, be fair and equal with tenders.</p>
<p>Develop a strategy around leisure tourism, encourage development of mid-range accommodation close to the CBD & beaches. Offer incentives to encourage owners of empty spaces to activate them with Renew Newcastle, focusing on Newcastle West. Progress on sites that have been neglected by owners for years, namely the State Government's old Post Office & Empire Hotel site, Lord Mayor's former Lucky Country site & NCCs Civic Arcade & Hotel site. Over/underpass for Adamstown train gates. Extension of Fernleigh track from Adamstown to Islington.</p>
<p>Ditch the Lord Mayor, Newcastle has made a mistake. He wont be able to deliver on this plan and will make it very difficult for his successor to make up the ground he drops on achieving this vision.</p>
<p>Do not encourage ethnic groups who will not assimilate but who keep to their own ways and force Australians to behave differently from what their (the Aussies) families have been used to</p>
<p>Do not make Newcastle a target for developers to get rich quick, building high density ghettos that will only create haven a for cliental of disrepute leading to high levels of crime and a burden on the tax and rate payers of this city. This must not hapen at any cost.</p>
<p>Dont cut acces to newcastle,Work towards having 4 lanes from newcastle to the airport. Dont forget that newcastle extends out to wallsend. Complete the newcastle by pass</p>
<p>Don't forget the residents on the Hesham Tarro Beresfield area</p>
<p>Dont just work it out and write it up. DO SOMETHING AND BE SEEN TO BE DOING IT! GIVE US CONCRETE EFFECTIVE RESULTS. Not waffling around for years going nowhere and doing study after study after study to no avail once again!</p>
<p>Don't pull apart what exists; value and enhance what exists. Support those groups that hepl Newcastle, help the community. Be more communicative; this survey is not the solution, is part of it only. Forums: gather the people often and with convenience. Listen.</p>
<p>Don't pull out the rail into newcastle station unitl there is an equal alternative</p>
<p>Don't turn too much of our precious road space into parking. Separated cycleways are a higher priority.</p>
<p>Effective public transport which meets the needs of our family must include rail to the centre of the city. Changing to buses does not satisfy this need. Heavy rail should only be disconnected if there is a light rail network to replace it</p>
<p>Efficient public transport and strong community consultation are vital to a sustainable city</p>
<p>Enabling infrastructure (such as public transport and or parking) should be free (or heavily subsidised), revenue should come from the activities/businesses they enable (directly or via taxes/levies)</p>
<p>Encorage public involmtment in activities suck as blackbutt rebserve parks and waterways to connect the city, the harbour and the natural bush land and park land</p>
<p>Encouge people to invest in the city</p>
<p>Make decisions quickly on building applications</p>
<p>CUT THE RAIL LINE</p>
<p>Try to attract global brands and businesses</p>
<p>Build more tourist attractions</p>
<p>Expand Newcastle airport at williamtown (bigger and better), have more airlines and flights to and from Newcastle, International flights etc</p>
<p>Train line or direct bus routes to and from the airport</p>

<p>Encourage cooperation at Council (elected member) level.</p> <p>Discard the practice of having a popularly elected Lord Mayor, instead having the position determined annually by election by councillors.</p>
<p>Encourage industry to beautify their surroundings with extensive aboreal screens and other landscape gardening. Industrial properties do not need to be ugly and companies should be good citizens and voluntarily make the city a more beautiful place that will attract visitors. This will need co-ordination and public encouragement. The industry along the roads from Newcastle Airport to Newcastle need particular attention i.e. first impressions must be good.</p>
<p>Engage the people.</p>
<p>Enthusiastic and full support of the Gallery's redevelopment will be rewarded many fold.</p>
<p>Environmental and heritage concerns are top priority</p>
<p>Excellent, achievable and cost effective plan for inner city connectivity has been published by the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce which should be enacted immediately.</p>
<p>First priority is safety, decent streets, infrastructure, solving the problem of flooding in some areas rather than short term beautification, such as street planters which are immediately vandalised. Pretty streets and rough pubs don't mix.</p>
<p>fix up hunter street its a disgrace</p>
<p>Footpaths need to be revisited as an issue, even in old suburbs, where they do not exist even though there is high pedestrian traffic i.e. Henry St, Jesmond - no footpath on either side of the street even though it is the connector of 9 streets and main north south route to University by foot.</p>
<p>For a start on a local matter re examine paid parking. It is a complete failure in parry Street adjacent to Coles Markettown.</p>
<p>Nobody parks there now that it is metered.</p>
<p>Forget all the focus on the railway line into Newcastle and focus more on what can be done with it in situ.</p> <p>It is no good sitting on our hands and waiting for a decision. Other cities in the world have a lot less to work with AND 'DO IT' and do it well.</p>
<p>Cease the fiasco that was the Newcastle Baths 'spin' on the constituents of Newcastle, be open and transparent and just 'get on with' completing the strategy scope 'on time and within a well constructed FIRST TIME budget'.</p>
<p>free parking in the city to attract paying customers.</p>
<p>encourage more artisan / unique product boutiques (i.e. not chain stores and franchises) as well as quality fresh food restaurants and cafes to the city, via subsidised rent for the first 6-12 months.</p>
<p>free rail fares from Fassifern to Newcastle the trains are coming in empty anyway this could help a park and ride system</p>
<p>Get on with planning no bickering and playing power games you blokes are a sad bunch. Get the business at hand settled. Clean up & hose shops fronts they smell, garbages at popular bus stops in Hunter St</p>
<p>Get out and about and meet the people of this city and ask them the questions you will get your answers.</p>
<p>Get rid of mediocre exective staff in the Council.</p>
<p>Get rid of politics from local government</p>
<p>Get rid of the inner city rail line asap!! Clean up the inner city & hunter street as a priority. Make landlords in these areas accountable. Get the council making decisions about inner city development instead of sitting on their hands. Get it moving and stop talking about it.</p>
<p>Get rid of the motherhood statements in favour of real and achievable goals and objectives that have real meaning to people.</p> <p>Clean up the langage to be real and specific. People are over the 'officialese' and garbled speak of public service and their consultancies. By doing this it will make Newcastle unique, understandable and extremely atracitive social and community based honest place to live.</p>

Get rid of the rail open up inner newcastle, resteraunts cafes in view of our harbour/beaches.
Get the basics council functions right and stop wasting money.
Get the basics right across the board and the rese will follow
get the rail line and the cbd fixed
Get the State Government to finally make a decision, one way or another on the railway line into Newcastle. We can't operate in this limbo for too much longer. The centre of the city seems to be dying a slow death.
go see how other vibrant small cities work, then come back and start implementing the best ideas and keep the communities involved.
Good management (of a City) starts at the top. Get quality people into the top positions of Council.
Measure performance and reward excellence
Set high expectations for all personnell
Limit somehow the distructive influence of poor quality elected Councillors
Good planning that will actually work. It is fine to promote these ideals. Communication and active involvement with the community is utmost in ensuring that what is being promoted will actually be understood and accepted by the community.
Great plan. Pls get on with it.
Great work upgrading park equipment and cycle paths, also the planting in streets and parks. Lets maintain the history associated with the city whilst encouraging new, innovative building.
Have all political parties agree on the some strategic plan and work towards that goal.
Have community forums and possibly have community activation officers that work in with the community to develop a working relationship between council and community
Have community gardens started so people can meet other people as well as enjoying growing flowers and vegetables
Have just done an extensive reply to the Port Stephens survey and I've run out of steam!
have short-term goals that come out with the rate notice and an action plan and who is responsible to achieve the goal. This will enable open and inclusive public opinion
Have the cities elected councillors implement the wishes of the constituents, rather than the council i.e the utility (the unelected council).
Have you noticed how many Churches in Newcastle are build on hills - great for people with cars - not so good for aged pedestrians. I heard two elderley people on a bus lamenting the fact that they didn't go to the City Library any more as they couldn't manage all the steps from Hunter St to the Library. Many bus services do not run on Sundays therefore many do not get to Church. When they do run they are more infrequent. I am pleased to note more childrens playgrounds springing up but we grandparents who mind childrent are still hampered by lack of adequate transport to access these
Haven't I spouted off enough already. Love this city
Help build our city to make it a vibrant city that flourishes like it was back in the 70's/80's
Help us to be able to invest in the Newcastle city heritage land and buildings that are vacant so we can bring the city to life. I would love to buy an old building and turn it into my own business.
Hurry up!! The earth quake happened in 89. BHP shut down in 99. We had a bit of a storm in 07. Come on Newcastle city - grow up, stop whinging and get on with it! Do we really have to wait till 2030 to get this place fixed up????
I am amazed at the quality of the strategies presented here. It gives me hope for the future of our city if things were truly going to be implemented in this way. I have thousands more ideas and am happy to collaborate.

I am aware that Newcastle is a much bigger area than the city Centre but the centre is the nucleus and we need to invest our funding wisely to bring our city back to the thriving place it once was encourage change and development,mix old with new,we have much to offer-the city ,the sea, the lake, the bay, the wine area are all close to our centre and a wonderful attraction for our own community as well as a great attraction for tourists.The Herald must also look at how it reports "bad" behaviour of council as I often question what it is they are trying to achieve lets hear the positives of our city not the minority fools who forgot about socially acceptable behaviour We have much to offer but people are the ones that invoke change and a united front is a healthier way to move forward,

I would also like to say that pool entries are far too expensive and a more user friendly cost would encourage more patronage we dont all expect it for free that is not cost effective

I am not prepared to wait till 2030 to see improvements. So much could be done now. I am tired of surveys and meetings which say the same old thing and continue to do nothing. Council needs to prove it can do something now not in 18 yrs when many people will no longer be h ere.

I am not sure of the point of this survey.

I am still really interested in enhancing our swimming pools, making them much more modern and fun, so that people will use them for health and fitness. Many other areas have free swimming pools that are (apparently) amazing in different councils that just encourage health and fitness. We need to facilitate ways that parents can get children away from TV and computers, like cycleways etc... so that health and fitness is incorporated into everyday life.

I am truly looking forward to the new Council getting on with the job, and showing the rest of Australia that we are not the forgotten city of NSW, but a thriving township of people all working towards the goal of making this the best city in Australia, which it more than has the potential to be.

Cheers.

I applaud the sentiment but this exercise seems to be more an effort by consultants to write 'mission/vision' statements that would bring tears to the eye of a statue.

The reality is this plan requires money and commitment from politicians at state & federal levels. How well that is negotiated will determine whether it succeeds or not. I guess we'll find out in 2030....

I believe we need to use whats available to us rather than trying to reinvent the city. many beautiful buildings are being left to rot and our city centre is sad and depressing. by allowing mega centres to develop the city centre has become a far less culturally vibrant place than it was pre earthquake. Bad local government decisions have taken our shopping and cinemas fom the city centre and left it as a shell of its former self.

I don't know how you can get rid of political infighting in council..... however it would be damn nice to see

I fully support your intentions as outlined here. I would like to be of assistance in any way if it is required.

This is very inspirational. thanks

I have been a member of Newcastle voice since it was established. I believe that this is by far the WORST survey I have ever completed. Of course Newcastle residents want these thing. You've used fancy words in sentences that are hard to understand. You've spoken is superlatives. I'm not happy at all with the content of this survey. If you continue writing in this manner and asking questions that have obvious answers, I will put out of the Newcastle Voice program.

I have not given reply to some questions all I ask of you all is to do the right thing for our city. Stop wasting the funds on listening to (the people on the Hill) I firmly believe they and people like them are holding you all back!! from making decisions. (We do not make the decisions) YOU DO!!

Just go ahead and fix N/castle to a beautiful place it should be!! You have done our beaches/foreshore/they are outstanding. Now turn the city into something we will be proud of for visitors to come and see and get the cruising ships back. Make a beautiful pier for the ships. Please don't let Newcastle down again you are the only people to put our city right with all the wasted time & monies in the past it would have paid for the things N/C needs. It is not rocket science if you are listening please I ask you. You make the decisions to do the right thing. PS let me!! know how you!! feel about my wishes. I do have faith in all of you I do know this Council can turn N/C around.

I have not got a copy of the strategic plan so cannot comment will have to look it up on the net thanks
I have not had a chance to read it - I have only read this survey. do you have a snapshot version you could make easily accessible via web /media presentation?
I just hope there is someone on council with a true long-term vision of a 'smart, liveable and sustainable' city because Newcastle deserves more then it has now.
I look forward to seeing the plans in this plan turn into action. Well done.
I love my city. Please keep the rail!!!
I love this part about haw we can work together as I find that this never happens most time we get a survey maybe a couple of community meetings and then told what the changes are without a last explanation meeting with a last look at the decisions and any objections or amendments that should be considered with the reasons for not considering. This how people who want to be inclusive can brought into the fold. In the end the decisions which are made are better understood especially if some people feel they have been excluded in the process, Everyone need to be heard and if possible answered then we will all be able to work together.
I really like what is happening with the new walkways and public areas along the beaches. Beautifying Newcastle while maintaining and protecting some of the cities best features and assets and providing places for the community to be active and outdoors. Great stuff, more like that please.
I really think environmental sustainability needs to be a priority for Council.
We need to explore ways of significantly reducing our reliance on non-renewable resources.
I think I have said enough. Just keep it progressing with great design, light rail transport....attractive and easy walking side walks, and wide main roads.
Bring residents into the city via attractive high rise appartments.....very well planned.
I think it is extremely important to be a greener city. I still speak with people who think Newcastle is an industrial town full of pollution. This is a sad indictment on us here. We need to have better and firmer policies in place to stop the pollution. Asthma is on the rise due to our pollution in the city. We need a greener approach and no more approvals for industry to belch smoke and smog out in the4 area. There must be better ways to produce jobs!
I think I've covered it !
I think Newcastle is a dirty and untidy country town, I am a walker around the beach areas of Newcastle and am continually picking up rubbish left by others, but there are not enough garbage bins around the parks and walkways for people to put their rubbish in, if they have the brain to do so, that king edward park is a disgrace after weekends, the interior of the park particularly untidy even when your supposed council staff clean it, their work is only a mere token when cleaning these areas up, I have cleaned the bar beach car park walkway myself and take bags of rubbish away, and it is a beauty of a walkway but their is not a garbage bin in sight around the observation deck area, hence the rubbish pile up.
I think that the ten year Love Our Enemies project should be integrated into the plan. It would help to have people clarify my thoughts on how to implement this and the required community development - and funding from the Anti Terror budget...
I think that we need to put infrastructure as a priority when planning any expansion of the city. Light rail and Bicycle tracks are a tourist draw card as well as providing a sustainable means of transport. Good safety especially for the elderly and the young is important. and we need to use sustainable energy sources such as solar and wind where possible. Beauty must not be forgotten and a humane street scape with trees and parks and culture.
I think the council is key in all of this. Our council AND it's administrators must be interested in firstly preserving this beautiful regional city. They must always remember that they serve the city's needs. They should not attempt to rule the citizens (as they are wont to do) and they must not cave in to the demands of small but wealthy lobby groups. If we continue the way we have been behaving, there is no chance for this city.

I think the improvements NCC has made to the walking paths from the top of town to Merewether Beach are commendable. It looks so much better. The way the Council maintains the baths is fantastic; great cleaning and pride in a job well done. The snack bars at the beaches are vastly improved. Lovely to watch the beach and have a good coffee.

I think the wording of the survey should be more specific about what particular things mean or a reference to a particular page in a planning document about what the statements mean in practical terms

I think this Newcastle Voice is helpful.

I think we are already in trouble with the new Council not being able to make a decision on pool entry fees!!

I think we are lucky to live in a place like Newcastle, but money is needed to fix roads, bridges etc.

I urge the town planners to embrace the heritage of our city and maintain the heritage buildings and feature them as other cities around the world do. Not just for the tourism trade but for the children of our city to have pride in how we came about and blend the new architecture to enhance the architecture of our heritage, please do not make it a place where the new laughs at the old. Our heritage is only a mere 200 years if you do not take care of it we will never boast like Europe with their 1000's of year old beautiful buildings and heritage.

I was good to see the State Minister for Transport visit the area.

An enhanced working relationship with state and federal governments, and improved actual and perceived relationships within council will benefit this plan.

I would just like to see the council set up a flexible method of meeting with the community when an issue that affects them arises. I would like to see more customer service come from the administration, it is still not what it used to be.

I would like to also see a focus on having a safe and secure place to live. We want our children to be safe playing in their neighbourhood and in their parks without fear of pedophiles, dangerous traffic or dog attacks. We want to feel safe on public transport and in our streets day and night. The safer our environment the easier it will be to achieve the rest of our goals.

We should also learn from other cities both domestically and internationally rather than try and reinvent the wheel. How have other cities achieved these goals or failed to achieve them? How safe are other cities and what have safe cities done to make it so? How have other cities managed to successfully interconnect communities by revitalising their transport?

I would like to be able to feel more safe, going out through the day and at night. I don't believe Newcastle is a highly safe place. I think that there needs to be something done to ensure that people of all ages and cultures feel safe and welcome within the community. I also believe there needs to be something done about the high density social housing accumulated in the Newcastle district.

I would like to know ways of contacting the different areas of council which will get a response. So often just get an answering machine. Shouldn't different email addresses or diff depts be made available maybe in phone book

I would like to see the rail line gone to allow the business to have an input. The greatest thing that the city has to offer is restricted. Business have a lot of restraint placed on applications. Too long

I would like to thank all Council workers for making Newcastle a great place to live

I would love it if you followed the plan. I fear that you will not

I'd like more information about plans for meeting these objectives.

I'd like to see considered development - don't jump into everything. And better access and use of our natural areas - bigger walkways around the beaches and tracks for people to walk/cycle

if already in place expand and integrate maintenance delivery eg tree pruning, road maintenance etc

If decisions are not made, if the rail line is not cut to Newcastle, drunks removed, vacant shops cleaned up the gateway to Newcastle will never improve tourism will not increase cultural events will not happen. So much could be done, I feel that no one will take a stand and Newcastle will rot.

If the arts faculties of Newcastle Uni relocated to the city (to join the Law faculty) it would provide an instant fix that is sympathetic to the best of Newcastle.

If the Council is going to promote Williamtown Airport as Newcastle's air travel hub, commuting between the city and the airport needs to be improved. Single lane bridge over the Hunter River is inadequate and the amount of industrial traffic on Kooragang Island maxes out the road network.

If this survey is indicative of the entire "Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan", then it is an absolutely worthless exercise. It is devoid of detail, courage and the very leadership called for in the "plan".

A "plan" is a concrete way forward, with action items and accountabilities as integral components. This is not a "plan". Maybe a Vision Statement. Not a PLAN. That is why we are continually mired in the slow lane. We lack the courage to get out of the "motherhood statement" stage, and into the hard area of decision making and planning. Once again, we have managed to elect ourselves the government we deserve - finely balanced politically and, with a few exceptions, uniquely unqualified to serve the community with achievement of real objectives. Good luck!

If you are an innovator. If you are creative. If you can truly see in your mind what could be rather than just what is. If you can see an end picture rather than just stages and if you are in a position where you can make judgements, decisions and get things done, then you might just be in the right job. Stick to your guns and perhaps just perhaps Newcastle may one day live up to its potential. We can all dream can't we?

Implement the "village" concept that was developed some years ago. Remember, the "village idiot" was a "normal" part of the village - even though he was not "average".

In other words, protect the features that make an area such as New Lambton or The Junction or Islington a "village" with special features, but be prepared to include something which is a bit out of character.

IMPROVE THE RAILWAY SYSTEM IN THE NEWCASTLE AREA BY DEVELOPING THE FASSIFERN - HEXHAM HEAVY RAIL BY-PASS AND DON'T ENCOURAGE THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING RAIL INTO NEWCASTLE

Infrastructure Development: Cruise Ship Passenger Terminal, Under/Over Pass for Adamstown Gates, extension of the Inner-City Bypass between Kotara Heights and Jesmond, Shuttle-bus service between Newcastle Airport and the city, retention of the heavy rail into Newcastle city, increase service frequency at Adamstown Railway Station. Open and honest local government through Council and put the city, its residents and its reputation before any Council greed, bickering, decision-making implosion and selfish wants.

Insist on completing basic requirements of Council responsibility, in transport, road development, refuse management. If the Council seeks a greater partnership in social development, then it must ensure that the Council is not the Hunter Valley. Many other Councils have that obligation. Newcastle Council is not Hunter Street - it is the City and its suburbs.

Involve community especially not-for profit and organisations run by volunteers such as surf clubs and homeless who are involved with different communities everyday

It appears that many Council staff and managers do not understand the linkage between the CSP, which is the community vision for all authorities to implement for Newcastle, and the relevant plans and policies that the Council must prepare and enact in order to satisfy both the CSP and the relevant statutory requirements of the Council. More staff is not the answer to the current strategic planning woes!

It is no wonder we are having trouble with flooding when it rains. The gutters are choked with leaves from trees losing their leaves all year round - check out Harriet St, Hight St, Ellis Rd Waratah as an eg.

Hands of railway.

It is obvious we are trying to attract new development into the city and its suburbs - but don't do it at the expense of what already exists

there are so many clever architects and designers and urban planners - NCC should be innovative and not settle for ordinary and cheap developments

It is too long a time frame.

It maybe to late as the present council staff and their predecessors have already wrecked the city with their negative attitude and their love of money particularly Parking meters

The markets were another of their Stupid costly ideas

It would be a good idea to create technology interaction hubs for the people who are still not quite tech literate, in order to get them ready for the inevitably digital future services that will be run by councils, business and companies.

A model similar to the Apple Genius bar could be set up in or near public libraries.

It would be great if I got a questionnaire where I was asked to split the budget (roughly) in areas I consider the most important. This survey is so bloody meaningless and biased. I bet you it gives the General Manager an excuse to talk to the Lord Mayor and say: 'look this is what people want'. Well, buddy: whatever comes from this survey does not represent in any ways my views for the future of Newy. Honestly, it would be funny if it wasn't because my taxes are going to pay for the salary of the people who designed it and analyse the data.

It would be great to have Newcastle modelled as a city that is like a cross between Melbourne and Byron Bay. A beach city with a great bar, arts and shopping culture.

it would be great to see the council taking on and providing resourse to assist those in the communty who are struggling. providing opportunities and encouraging affordable housing in the city. not excluding people for beaches and the river through parking costs.

It's been hard not to just put extremely important down for all of them. The vision is great the words understandable and I believe it is do-able but I will admit that the last NCC process I was inoivolved with (outside of Voice) that my role only finished this year did not fill me with hope but left me concerned about the carrying out of these ideals. So I no longer serve in that role for now, but I want these things in this vision for us, for the future. Newcastle is great and doesn't have to just be the coal exporting city.

It's going to fail. You can't even sort out a railway line decision in under 10 years. None of you have the political balls to make tough decisions that people will complain about (although well done with the fig trees).

It's our city and in order to engage with other people we need to be able to easily move around within it. That means good public transport and available parking with reasonable restrictions. Stop penalising people whose main method of transport is a motor vehicle. Buses, trains and other light rail options are not for everybody! I use the train regularly but sometimes it is unsuitable to my transport needs and I shouldn't be punished on those occasions when I need to bring my car into the inner city. It's no wonder people are reluctant to set up shop when it is such a hassle for their potential customers!

Just don't get too big or the city won't be liveable

Just get on with it. If council bureacrats can't do anything but organise "space cadet" questionaires like this one, they should be sent to a private business to learn how to implement change and move forward within a budget. Maybe a general cleanout of council is required (as well as the consultancy that is paid to this consultation). We can consult til the cows come home - how about some movement ? You sure as hell can't make mistakes if you don't make decisions or DO anything - that's what Newcastle have put up with or too long.Procrastination !

Just get on with it. Please stop wasting money by asking us what we think all the time and focus on delivering this plan. You need to be communicating what you are doing not consulting all the time. Please tell us what you are spending our money on through the special rate variation.

just keep public as well informed as possible and continue

this way of input and invite others to have say as you do

Just let us all work together to make it happen. I just love this City and feel very blessed that my husband and I chose to spend our retired years here.

Just look After what is already there

Keep moving forward and don't be frightened of change. Europe have made some of the mistakes, they now have some great ideas we can copy. Research what works, modify it for our great city.

Keep the plan constantly in the media as it takes shape and to generate awareness in the public eye. Constantly encourage public participation with a view to an end goal, not just a Council pipedream.
Keep the plan realistic and doable, don't get too carried away.
Keep the public informed and give them the opportunity to be involved in the decision making process
keep the rail
Keep the rail line.
keep up the good work
Keep up the street tree planting, I love seeing the new trees go in around our city and I love the commitment to city greening that NCC has
Leave the heavy rail line into Newcastle CBD. I have lived long enough to see rail lines removed in other areas of the State and then attempts to put them back.
Leave the rail line in Newcastle alone
Leave the trains alone. Melbourne has trains. We have a train make it a show piece- add stations, no better way to move mass people.
Let Nick Griener enjoy his retirement
Let the councillors for each ward make decisions for their wards so they are accountable and not councillors from other wards over riding them for the so called greater good of Newcastle.
Let's listen to one another and move forward for the benefit of us all.
Like all 'MISSION STATEMENTS', all the stated objectives are things that very few could object to.
I guess they are a necessary FIRSDT STEP in such a process.
Even the next step of developing a list SPECIFIC PROJECTS is not that difficult.
The main problems will arise when attempting to PRIORITISE these projects within an acceptable ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK.
As the council found with the LAMAN STREET FIGS, the more you try and involve everyone in key decisions, the more you risk getting people offside when you make a decision that goes against their wishes.
That is DEMOCRACY at work, I suppose - the real skill comes in doing the BEST JOB for the MAJORITY, and then trying to placate the MINORITY
GOOD LUCK
Like most strategic plans, NCC's has a few feel-good statements and aims that sound nice but are probably unachievable. and also unimportant. If you stick to the important ones, and take small positive steps towards the end goal, I feel sure that the (usually silent) majority will come on board with you even though their preferred options may not be the ones that eventuate.
listen to members of the public as well as council staff as there are quite a few ideas that some people have that are really ingenious.
Listen to the people, we elect you to make Newcastle vibrant and a wonderful place to live but I'm afraid that hasn't happened in the many years I've lived here.
Lobby the NSW govt and port authority to extend the Harbour Ferry's route. Both to increase it's revenue, usefulness, and tourist possibilities.
Encourage more entertainment into the city area - small cinemas, theatres and venues to be used for school theatres and productions and the cafes and restaurants will follow.
Make the city safer - put cameras in Hunter Street, the Mall and problem areas. This has deterred violence in other cities e.g. Brisbane.
Entice some of the medical specialists groups back into the city... it will bring in regional tourists - if near accessible transport.

Look closely at where we have gone wrong. Inner city was a vibrant, busy clean, safe and happy place when I was growing up. I grew up in Shortland and went to "town" on many many occasions and worked in the Strand theatre as a teenager. None of this is true now and I know because I live in Hamilton East and I am 52. We need to address all of these issues and I do not believe it is hard to fix. We just need to be consistent and work as a team.

Love the Livesites, Renew Newcastle, community gardens etc...these encourage people to make contact. MORE of this.

Identify the 'roadblocks' to change in organisations, planning etc. These are often legal (need to work towards a less litigious society).

Maintain the wonderful library network. Restore kerbside collections.

Make Community Strategic Plans (CSP) and their production/compilation more widely visible and accessible throughout the process of their production. Publicise the process of CSP production AND invite the participation of interested individuals and groups in the production of such plans in real-time capacities and events NOT merely virtual/internet..

Make considered and informed decisions.
Look hard and long at the neglect of our city by State and Federal Governments financially.
Infrastructure and maintenance of our City is shameful in a city that sends so much wealth to our Governments.

Make decisions stop procrastinating over everything. Stick to the decision and act on them promptly.

You will not please all the people all the time. It is a fact of life so stop trying to do it. Do what is good for the majority not the minority.

Make decisions.

Make smart decisions, support local businesses, promote local events, listen to local people who know what they are doing.

Make sure the communities views are heard and acted upon. Don't let the new Lord Mayor ramrod his views through the community. Save the rail line to Newcastle!

Make the plan then act on it - we need to see some action to move this city forward and start to progress towards what we should be.

Remove the rail line and revitalise the city centre.

Many of these objectives are very desirable, but how are these to be implemented? Having clear goals is very important, but without a plan for achievement, I fear these will stagnate and be nothing more than an ideal.

An example on point is the re-vitalisation of the Hunter St Mall. Ill considered, expensive, and half-baked ideas have done little to reverse its neglect.

Many other cities are buying land and installing new train lines for efficient transport, so it seems very strange for Newcastle to be considering removing a train line and selling the land. Please install Melbourne style, train-tram transport in Newcastle for an efficient transport system.

Maximize the integration of goals within activities (think cross curriculum), piggy back. E.G., a live sites event focused on cultural activity / promotion could also link to many if not most other goals.

More action, more hard decision making, more commercially viable operations in our city and reduction in Council costs before we go broke.

More bike paths and lanes.
More bike parking.

Encourage commercial and corporate building developments to encompass bike, walking/running, exercise culture - e.g. showers, change rooms, (secure) bike storage.

More bureaucratic rubbish that suffocates every aspect of government action here.

More collaboration with residents and ratepayers about tree planting programmes rather than a unilateral approach.

More consideration for the needs of our aging population (more approvals of aged care facilities, etc)

<p>More consultation with residents. The trees recently planted on Stockton footpaths will 1) block the road visibility when backing out of driveways 2) Roots may disrupt pathways and block underground service supplies 3) interfere with overhead wires. The trees could have been better planted in the parks.</p>
<p>More dedicated bike paths like the one through Islington Park and along the river into Honeysuckle. These encourage people to ride because they are MUCH safer than riding on the road. Even with "bike lanes" on the road, it is a dangerous place for cyclists. And more places to lock up your bike.</p>
<p>More emphasis on affordable housing. Take some responsibility for the Hamilton South Estate. It is part of this community and should not be abandoned by Council</p>
<p>More use in new landscape works of sub tropical trees native to the Hunter Valley. eg Livistona Palms instead of Date Palms, Plum Pines instead of Norfolk Island Pines and theres a whole range of local trees that could replace the planting of Plane Trees and some Eucalypts.</p>
<p>Most of the objectives are warm and fuzzy nad dont necessarily address the basic services that would be expected by the residents of Newcastle. Get the basics right and if there is funding available then do the 'cultural' things</p>
<p>My main concern is this just another gabfest where nothing will eventuate. Show us some action not just talk. I have seen so many revitalisation reports in the paper but apart from some bollards which are dangerous (this is the mall I refer to) and a few flags here and there the place is still rundown. Newcastle has lost the bussel and business activity due to the shopping centres and the general run down look. i worked in the city for 35 years and watched it disintergrate. the earthquake finished the city off for good. Lets hope the new Council will work together for the good of Newcastle and suburbs. But please we need ACTION not TALK</p>
<p>NCC needs to get it's organisational head around what role it can and will play in achieving these goals. Especially where it has limited direct control over many things, such as the transport network, that are mostly driven by state government. Where NCC does not have "authority" it must lead the debate and hold a position based on impartial view of facts then actively engage stakeholders in achieving an outcome. I see NCC as sitting on the sidelines on too many important issues that are beyond localised issues. I acknowledge council's role is already complicated but we need civic leadership</p>
<p>NCC should actively foster the supply of a housing mix that matches the current and predictable demographics of the city and suburbs. More affordable housing, more rental housing for low income tenants, students. NCC to use its influence with the Hunter Development Corporation to ensure Honeysuckle Better Cities funding from the Commonwealth to provide the remaining 17 units of affordable housing (\$\$ provided in the early 1990's under an agreement that obliges delivery of this housing!!). This housing should be provided in or near the central city area and not, as recently suggested, somewhere in the broader Lower Hunter Region.</p>
<p>Need to consolidate the divisions to save money for ratepayers. Issue information to public in plain speak and not jargon.</p>
<p>Need to pretty up our streets. Far too many trees with unattractive metal screens that they have outgrown and bare dirt at the base. Update the street scape. Invest in local resident groups to manage plnatar boxes etc.</p>
<p>Needs to be more specific.</p>
<p>Newcastle City Councillors and Staff need to be sincerely committed to these values.</p>
<p>Newcastle has evolved immeasurably in the past decade and while council has gone along for the ride, it really can't take credit for change in this city. The evolution of Newcastle in recent years is largely the result of a passionate community supported by philanthropists and State government. If council is serious about encouraging a vibrant, creative and connected city, then they need to put their money where their mouth is. Survey after survey will not convince the community that council is listening. It's time for action.</p>
<p>Newcastle inner city needs to be clean!! every day!!</p>
<p>Newcastle is a city with great potential, however has undergone endless missed opportunities to cease the downward spiral, exiting residents/vacancies, crime, minimal development. A new path/plan allowing immediate development, growth, and opportunity must be instituted by 'new blood' whether they be external and visionary or not.</p>
<p>All the best if its not too late.</p>

Newcastle is a fantastic city with so much potential. Any decisions made today, especially when dealing with transportation issues are extremely important and cannot be taken lightly. With much debate about the train being removed into the city, how can council still ensure ease of movement of people into the centre, and guarantee that the removal of the train will only speed up the process of less people getting into the city. Buses, should not be the alternative to trains. Buses travel on the road networks and are subject to traffic jams. Trains, have their own routes and are less likely to be affected by any congestion, etc. Keep the train and reintroduce the tram along important arteries, such as Hunter Street, Beaumont Street and Maitland Road.

Newcastle is a great city. However it's completely unacceptable that the police dept needs to have the riot squad on standby due to excessive alcohol problems, as reported in the Newcastle Herald a few months ago. The council needs to fully and actively support the recommendations of the police regarding early closing of venues. Once this is in place people will get used to it and the city will be a safer place.

Newcastle is an amazing city which could become a most desirable place to live, work and play in. It has many wonderful existing assets.

I feel the whole community will be extremely proud when we start to see the West end area become another spot for everyone to embrace and enjoy and no longer be the embarrassing eye sore it has been for way too long.

Hopefully many of us will be able to see these ideas and plans come to fruition for everyone's benefit in the near future. Thank you City of Newcastle.

Newcastle is an amazing city with so much to offer. Our physical attractions alone are immense. Time to slowly wean ourselves away from heavy industry. Tourism has a huge potential for growth. Transport and fixing up the heritage city centre is essential. Every city needs a heart, ours is slowly recovering. People from Sydney, interstate and overseas do not travel here to visit Charlestown much as we locals love it. They come to the city centre and expect culture, food and a pleasant environment to walk around, have a few drinks or eat out. Attracting major sport and art events also boosts the city financially and socially. Heritage buildings such as the old Post Office, the Victoria Theatre and some of the old hotels around the CBD must be renovated as a priority. If privately owned there must be a constant harassment of the owners to develop or maintain the outside structure. The NSW gov must be made to fix the Post office that would set a good example.

Newcastle is an underrated city. It needs to be promoted more. Smart, liveable and sustainable means not flooding the narrow inner city streets with a train of buses down Hunter St. Keep the rail.

Newcastle needs a convention centre and better facilities at the cruise ship terminal. Destination tourism should be promoted. Improve visitor information services and build on our reputation as a top ten city in the world.

Newcastle needs an area like Speers Point park near the foreshore

Newcastle needs invested money ...into revitalising Hunter St in particular...and capitalising on the NOW visiting Cruising holiday trade.

I have just returned from the Baltic countries ,Northern Europe,Canada and the USA..

One thing that STOOD OUT..was just how "backward" Australia was ..in promoting,providing for, and encouraging tourists.

Newcastle has SO MUCH POTENTIAL .it just depresses me that not near enough people can see, its wonderful potential.

Mayor McCloy..is a "step in the right direction". Newcastle needs him and his enthusiasm,business connections .foresight and ability to "get things done"..

I wish him all the very best ...in carving out a direction for this city ...and leading us to be a REAL tourist mecca in the years ahead.

Newcastle needs to be not so CBD centric. The development has moved away and we need to recognise that change.

More flexibility in planning process and approvals, greater awareness of maintaining the form of housing. CBD should be highrise dormitory accommodation.

Greater support of suburbs and suburb identity. Improve transport and parking to and from areas such as Foreshore, Darby st, Beaumont st, Regent st.,Elderst etc.

Newcastle no longer has CBD; post code 2300 is now a suburb surrounded by satellite shopping centres that provide specialist services and goods close to living centres. Newcastle should not be promoted as a CBD but as a place providing services matching its natural advantages - recreation, cultural exhibitions, tourist facilities. The old days of insurance companies, banks, shipping companies, specialist medical survives and central hospital are gone and future planning should recognise these facts and should be aimed at making it a self sustaining dormitory and recreational suburb.

NEWCASTLE really needs to start implementing now for the future ,a huge transport hub might be an idea for newcastle perhaps behind hamiton station or thereabouts

not really - just dont give away the city to developers.

also get a good solution to the railway corridor into the city (not sure what that is!)

Obviously the Council is constrained by its income in what it can do, however when residents are continually faced with every increased charges to "live" in the city, eg parking and pool entry fees etc, it doesn't encourage a community spirit and a positive engagement with the Council. Be prepared to forego some income which will possibly mean less services in some areas, to build a positive relationship with residents.

One area that council has been avoiding is the rights and welfare of the animals in their local community. The council needs to be proactive in the community with education programs in schools, free desexing programs, free dog and cat training classes and many more proactive solutions rather than just paying the RSPCA to kill Newcastle's animals.

Only employ motivated hard-working council employees and get rid of the masses of dead wood.

Only include in the strategic plan what can be done by Newcastle council itself and alone, otherwise it's doomed to failure and blame-shifting. Leave state and federal issues up to them!

Open the city to the harbour with easy and attractive transport

open the wharfs etc fishing with children

Our beautiful old PO building should be preserved and made good use of as a beginning to renewing sections of Hunter Street. In the 70s and before Hunter St was thriving but satellite shopping centres have killed it. Retain the rail and beautify Hunter St. Brisbane and Melbourne railway stations bring people to the centre of the cities. NCC should take advise from these states on how to provide a workable transport system. Look after the many assets we have in Newcastle without trying to change them and altering the unique character of a great city. Enhance what we already have.

Our coastal and waterfront parkland is exceptional.

Tourism is a sustainable future.

More hotels, a fast rail link to Sydney.....

wouldn't it be lovely!

Out source all maintenance ,stop vanity projects by council officers with little or no understanding of intergenerational amenity stop sprucing loaded surveys that only inflate your self importance.

overall good but council must focus on basic local services before reaching for higher goals including spending within means

political, special interests, business and community do not seem to be able to compromise often

Overcrowding of suburban land does not create liveable & sustainable areas, it leads to future slums.

High rise development should be banned in residential areas as well as overcrowded boarding houses.

Parking is a huge issue in the city. A parking station where the first 3 hours are free would be a great idea. You need to think of something to draw people away from the major shopping centres where 3 hour parking is free.

people are elected to make descions we dont need interference from outside do gooders

People involment to give a sense of belonging - How is this achieved I am not sure.

*Cruise ship terminal is a must on the city side of the Harbour - not where it is difficult to access for visitor & passengers. This means people can walk off ship into downtown areas & beaches.

*Maintain move to curtail antisocial behaviour at weekends. N'cle has been an example in this measure for other areas.

<p>*Utilise Foreshore & Nobby's areas as much as possible to make N'cle a "happening place"</p>
<p>Perhaps a high speed rail link from Sydney right into the Newcastle cbd (not wickham, hamilton or broadmeadow) would allow greater tourism and development oportunities.</p>
<p>perhaps the land or open spaces surrounding some of our beaches could be used more the same as any other city around the world has done.</p>
<p>perhaps the council rangers could do a bit more about catching owners of dogs who walk their dogs between king edward park and merewether baths who dont pick up after their dogs it is becoming absolutely disgusting along this route.</p>
<p>Perhaps the Newcastle Voice Community Reference Panel could become the authority to launch an impeachment of Council - calling for a spill of all elected members and new elections. This would focus the deliberations of Council and make them directly accountable to the electorate.</p>
<p>plant more trees and maintain them.</p>
<p>Please bring on change that is why the community voted in a developer in a key position on council.</p>
<p>Please can we have better planning for all residents, not just the rich and entrepreneurial? Let's stop trying to cram everything into the CBD, and provide facilities for all areas.</p>
<p>Please keep the rail network to the city centre!</p>
<p>Please listen to the community. Do not allow the state government to dictate to our city.</p>
<p>Please maintain the highest standards of ideas, leadership, and action. Without these, nothing much happens, and everything will finally deteriorate. Treat shop fronts as a metaphor for the city in general. When they are thriving, so does the city. Motivate people by showing them what can be done, and doing it, not just talking about it. One idea about revitalising the city - get rid of the meters + free council car park parking, and add \$10 to \$20 on rates notices. Not many people will mind a minimal increase on their notices, but will love the fact of free parking (as per shopping centres), gets people into the city, and the council does not loose their parking revenue. Many thanks, FM</p>
<p>Please make it happen. Consultation is wonderful but the time and money spent on consultation could be spent implementing many ideas.</p>
<p>Please make sure that this great plan doesn't get bogged down with minority groups beating their own drum, especially the residents of the inner part of Newcastle who think they own the views of our magnificent coastline. Let everybody share Newcastle.</p>
<p>Please think seriously about the questions you asked and what you wish to achieve. Some questions are misleading and confusing.</p>
<p>Please try and protect our old buildings in the city centre. Preserve our beaches natural beauty. Be a clean sparkling town, not grubby, take some pride. Be original dont be convinced Landcom, GPT etc and consultants know everything and should design our town. People travel, people know what's nice about places what's a great idea, what makes them happy. The NEWCASTLE logo was a waste of money and I am very dissappointed. It is ashame it doesn't look any good printed in the newspaper either (a bit dull).</p>
<p>Please, find alternative to heavy rail in the City now.</p>
<p>Positive initiatives eg. Renew Newcastle to enhance the City Centre. Positioning ourselves as an alternative destination with local, hand made objects and drawing on the strength of the arts community may make a difference to the centre of town. Franchised businesses can be found anywhere. I strongly believe that retaining the rail line will be a positive for the future - it is short sighted to see the rail corridor as a development opportunity rather than a community asset. Tensions within Council - the Developer Mayor against those wanting to see the city as a community will make it difficult for Newcastle to find a proper balance.</p>
<p>Pretty rubbish survey - of course all elements are important.</p>
<p>Progress must be meaningful and affordable.....to often out sourcing of departmental functions ie parks and gardens etc to be cost effective a delusional decisions of granduergainfully employed permanent gardeners.....seem to do very well in smaller cities and country towns.</p>

<p>Promote small bars Close down The Brewery - it stinks & it breeds trouble Reduce curfews/restrictions, increase police. I have witnessed 15 police officers drinking coffes for 45 mins at a cafe on a Saturday, meanwhile there is a community to protect.</p>
<p>Provide free entry into Swimming pools in Newcastle. They are way too expensive and when your children have a couple of different sports at swimming pools, it is unaffordable to just go for a swim and have fun.</p>
<p>put in more parks like speers pt park for the kids and have more dog parks and more places of interest for both dogs and kids</p>
<p>Quality of our living city should be something that should be encouraged through inspired and aspired leadership at a civic level. If you want to be a part of the development of Newcastle then we encourage you to aim for the very best. That should be the motto. Excellence is what we aspire to.</p>
<p>Re engage the community by reinstating the Ward Forums where citizens had direct contact with their Ward Councillors.</p>
<p>Read Greg Ray's latest book and check out what Newcastle was like many years ago. Newcastle was everything to all people now it is a sad place.</p>
<p>Reduce the number of local government employees in Newcastle council which according to newspaper reports exceeds what should be functional and cost-efficient.</p>
<p>Remember our rich heritage buildings and convict contributions. preserving our heritage buildings and attractions is integral. promote interest in our heritage and roots</p>
<p>Remove the inner city rail line.</p>
<p>Report on progress against an action plan. Simplify the plan- too many objectives which overlap.</p>
<p>Revitalise the Hunter St Mall. This should NOT be dependant on removing the rail line. It's an embarrassment and disgrace at present. Some development has occurred and is good. More restaurants could be added to add to the number of people coming into the city centre.</p>
<p>Road traffic and parking needs to be a top priority. A cavalcade of buses running along Hunter Street is not the way to go. People in Sydney know the value of catching trains around their city. We must encourage Newcastle people to do the same. The train line must stay!!!!!!</p>
<p>Save the historic buildings and give them a life. What about an opera in the post office building? Or a concert hall?</p>
<p>See enclosures and remember rule 1 of Town Planning 101!</p>
<p>Smart = clever, innovative Liveable = open spaces, no congestion, no pollution, no unnecessary noise and traffic pollution Sustainable = a city that will remain sustainable into the future for the benefit of future generations, and will be a better and easier place to live for successive generations (not bigger, uglier and more noisy and congested like Sydney)</p>
<p>So much money is made through coal mining and get it does not stay in the Hunter. Sydney seems to get all the goodies even donations from newcastle citizen cancer appeal, heart foundation etc, very little comes back to the Hunter. We really need an underground rail track from Wickham to Newcastle, just like Sydney Epping to Chatswood and now to be extended to Paramatta.</p>
<p>Some of councils assets could be better utilized like the local history department in the library and building an awareness of cultural artifacts/ resources.</p>
<p>Start listening to the community not just big business.</p>
<p>Stop drugs in use in our young people. Stop the pushers.</p>
<p>Stop letting people kill with their toxic car exhaust fumes</p>
<p>Stop mecCloy form shutting the rail line this is a short sighted greedy mistake</p>
<p>Stop putting in speed humps with a fence around them that don't make them pedestrian crossings (such as in wharf road in front of customs house and Goergetown) . Just make them pedestrian crossings. Drivers are confused!!!!As are pedestrians.</p>
<p>Stop spending on consultative buzz word generators and start doing, if you get the basic services right the rest is cream</p>

STOP TALKING ABOUT IT AND GET ON WITH IT. THE PEOPLE OF NEWCASTLE SPOKE AT THE RECENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS. NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE ENCUMBANTS TO DO THEIR JOB

Stop the Council wasting money on sister city junkets and overseas study tours. I am the one paying for councillors to see how they collect garbage in Hawaii or build a footpath in Thailand.

stop wasting money on things like the fig tree fiasco, be more transparent in these matters and make decisions for the benefit of the city

Strong leadership with decisions made in a timely manner based on evidence.

Success is endemic if we fix Newcastle central, get the transport right, redefine our culture and innovation and have a productive, sustainable Council process.

Support the cultural venues, to the same dollar value, as the sporting venues. The economy, work opportunities for the young, and the diversity of the city will be greatly enhanced.

Systems (such as cycleways) have been built in an ad-hoc way and this approach needs to change. Strategic planning needs to be taken more seriously in order to maximise dollars spent and to increase living standards in Newcastle as much as possible. There are significant problems with some of the cycle infrastructure that exists in the NCC area and it appears that the people who design it do not cycle.

take a look at cycling in europe and try to implement some of their ideas and disallow cars from hamilton to nobbys

take action, set short time frames for planning, the delays and stretched out decision making makes us sceptical that anything will be done.

cynical and disappointed residents , ones disbelieving of the ability of the council to achieve positive change, wont jump in and support change , they will sit back and wait for things to fail.

the council needs to lead from the front, be proactive , show us you really know we want the changes and now

Take some power from the bureaucrats and give it back to elected council. these things poll hundreds, the bureaucrats re-spout received MBA speak. elected council know thousands of Novacastrians and have a mandate from those thousands to decide things for them. Unelected council and we in the webosphere have no such mandate

The Community Strategic Plan process (as outlined in the Local Government Act) is an excellent one, and I think Newcastle's current CSP has some very fine words in it.

But often council does the very opposite of what the plan states (especially re community engagement), and the evident discrepancy between rhetoric and action undermines the council's credibility.

I don't have any real faith that anything I say will be genuinely considered by council, so I'm reluctant to waste valuable time outlining my ideas in a survey that is most likely be disregarded in any case.

the concepts for the 2030 CSP are principled, but they can really only be achieved by making sacrifices that serve the interests of the greater community rather than the status quo. let's face it, since the 1989 earthquake this city has been exploited - ad nauseum - by property developers.

The Council needs to construct a cycleway along the railway line, not just paint images of cycles on the road and call these cycleways.

WE need corridors set aside for growth in rail services, cycle ways and pedestrian access to growing suburbs outside the city.

Prevent cars from coming into the city centre.

The existing cultural life of Newcastle is active and vibrant. This needs to be supported and valued. This is an area that could be much further developed and recognised in the building of the city's/village's identity and raison d'etre.

<p>the foreshore is an excellent example of what works.. extend it to wickham.</p> <p>more cycleways and pedestrian walkways..around newcastle.</p> <p>cut the cost of entrance fees into inland pools, but dont make them free.. people need to have some appreciation of the facility.</p> <p>in addition, a fee should be charged for attending the art gallery. i like the art gallery and im prepared to pay to attend.</p> <p>the mall should be a place with coffee shops, restaurants, accomodation.. definitely NOT large shopping complexes like charlestown</p>
<p>The Hunter region would be best served by the abolition of local Councils and the formation of a Hunter government dealing directly with the commonwealth.</p>
<p>The key words are "work together". Of more recent times council has excluded community in decisions making, destroyed natural assets, destroyed what was important to the people and bullied community into having what is not wanted. I have lots of ideas but unless there is transparency and a true "working together" the community's voice will not be heard.</p>
<p>The new design for art gallery is uninspired.</p>
<p>The objectives adopted by Council are sound and worthy of greater effort to achieve</p>
<p>The only way your going to get people back into the city is by placing a large complex such as kotaras charlestown into the heart Bewcastle really has nothing to offer apart from the beach & specialists & they charge excessively already</p>
<p>The opening statement was not in plain English but full of jargon and flowery terms which are often a cover for non action and no decision making based on discredited words like consultation which means no action...send it for consultation,send it to a committeenothing will happen for a long time....set clear deadlines with the performance management targets and pay tied to outcomes.</p>
<p>The plan looks very impressive...the jargon and the use of positive outcomes are most attractive.But whether that translates into something actually happening is not guaranteed.Sometimes all the will in the world does not mean things will change.It is easy to manipulate words, it is something else for things to actually happen...nothing much has happened over many years and I suspect the same again.I hope I am wrong.</p>
<p>The plan reads remarkably well. Unfortunately it reeks of excellent words and not necessarily possible practice. Of course I agree with its aims but feel in practice a lot will be lost and am disappointed - there is too much room for 'we offered you the chance and you didn't tell us what you wanted' even though the questions weren't geared to a wider response. Hard for the non-expert to give an expert answer</p>
<p>The Railway line must stay. It would be ridiculous to remove it. These people who want it removed either don't use public transport or they are developers!</p>
<p>The real key is good public and private transport from a to b with out it you are doomed to failure, simple</p>
<p>The recent fig tree debacle showed that so much money was wasted by Council. I still can't understand why the fig trees were chopped down - this seems against Strategic Plans ideals</p>
<p>The regression analysis seems wrong. eg traffic flow is of high dissatisfaction and high importance but doesn't get a high priority.</p>
<p>The strategic plan is satisfactory and should meet the proper requirements</p>
<p>The two most important projects for our city-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep the heavy rail into the city, or replace it with light rail which would continue to the beach, the Junction etc. 2. The new expanded art gallery

<p>There are polarised views about why the CBD has supposedly declined. In my view it was inevitable that retailing was going to disappear from the CBD and the main failing has been that Newcastle has been slow to reinvent itself. If the rail link into the city is to disappear, the corridor should be still retained for transport uses both in the near future and the longer term. In my view the existence of the railway has not been a cause of the "decline" in Newcastle it is more the development of Kotara and Charlestown shopping centres. Pulling up the rail and selling the land to developers will benefit developers and will cause some barriers in the form of buildings as well as a big increase in car traffic in the CBD area.</p>
<p>There is a need to take on board that we will never sustain a super size shopping centre. We need to build retail around existing development in Marketown West Newcastle. Encourage high density residential development in East Newcastle and keep the rail to serve the new residents for this area.</p>
<p>Look for opportunities to develop retail zones that provide interesting shopping and entertainment experiences. Encourage new types of business to set up in some of our under utilised infrastructure.</p>
<p>There needs to be a stand against the State governments sydneycentric behaviour and Newcastle should be given money to sink part of the rail line restore our cathedral post office and town hall.</p>
<p>There needs to be an acknowledgement of the competing demands of the various ideological goals established in the Community Strategic Plan. For example, providing improved environmental outcomes, while also providing growth; as well as ensuring equity in accessibility and servicing in relation to areas of increased growth and density.</p>
<p>There will be no 2030 if we continue to worship coal, coal seam gas and think that money raping the planet is going to be a win win. We have to encourage our young to come up with new solutions, and we need to adopt the best ones.</p>
<p>These are all very admirable and idealistic goals but due to the nature of local government and our representatives as well as the financial restraints on councils, I have little faith any of these goals will be met in my lifetime. This seems an idealistic, theoretical exercise from an office bound beurocrat. Just a bit of pie in the sky!!!</p>
<p>These are all very worthy goals. The details of how they are to be implemented, particularly with a council now controlled by developers, could be problematic. A major concern: the development of renewable energy networks. This, of course, goes beyond the local area, but I get the sense that in the new council it may not be a priority.</p>
<p>These are interesting motherhood statement, but it comes down to dollars and cents. Don't expect us to endure continual rates hikes.</p>
<p>Jeff McCloy has the right idae in reducing the staff numbers which in turn will reduce the ratepayers burden.</p>
<p>This city will not have a future unless we can make a start NOW to attract modern and emerging technologies. We have a smart well trained workforce, that needs to be put on a variety of different industries -- Especially: digital, business and manufacturing systems, medical technology, tourism, design excellence, entertainment (we only have ONE city sized venue!).</p>
<p>And things that may not be invented yet, encourage innovation and new idea incubation.</p>
<p>This is just rhetoric unless action is taken, you can have the best laid plans but there just plans without action</p>
<p>This plan provides a blueprint for the next 20 years. we should use it as a blueprint.</p>
<p>This smells like marketing and so I'm skeptical. More specific goals would be welcome.</p>
<p>This survey is a load of motherhood statements - that very few people would disagree with. There are no concrete actions here just a lot of good sounding intentions.</p>
<p>This survey is a total waste of time and resources. The 2030 Plan was the result of considerable effort and hard work. There should be no review for at least 5 years</p>
<p>Whoever thought up this survey and the person that authorised it should resign immediately.</p>
<p>This survey is great, however</p>
<p>This survey is what is wrong with Newcastle - all waffle and feel good phrases not related to the real world</p>

This survey would have been more effective if it concurrently asked how well respondents believed council was actually performing against the various criteria. Particularly so if the same questions were asked in 12 months time - after the new council had an opportunity to sked itself of the dark shadow cast by its most unsatisfactory predecessor.

In view of the recent 'admission' that council has already failed to live anywhere near within its budget - apparently predominately due to massive labour costs - one has a right to believe that the new council (and management) is urgently addressing that issue - and will publicly publish a definite plan within the next few weeks to reduce labour costs so that council will meet its budget before this year is out. This has to include getting rid of the far too many levels of management within council (especially those who developed the budget) and delegating authority much further down to 'coal face' team leaders.

This was not a very good survey. How can you not say that all these strategies are important ??? None of them excludes the other as they are all necessary for a good and vibrant council.

To be honest, the survey felt a bit useless, although it was okey to get to know the content of the strategy which seems all encompassing.

To enhance local lifestyle I would like to see some provision of ammenities for kayak access/beaches on the banks of the Hunter River near Corroba Park STOCKTON.

Too many big words every other year trying to impress the residents.
Can you just stick to one set of ideas for more than 5 minutes and get on with the job.

Traditional political infighting and bias has no place in decision making. The sooner we get rid of the political culture and start running the city using competent administrators the better.

train tunnel loop under harbour to drag the city out of the doldrums. Helps transport, parking problems at city & airport. Helps link defense forces. Possibly 2nd airport for sydney here.

Would get alot of people from stockton, maitland, raymond terrace off the roads too.

Mainly this would fix the whole peninsula of newcastle issue once & for all.

Transparency and community collaboration in planning of decisions. Better independant representation to State and Federal bodies to show Newcastle as it is, a thriving, lively and educated community.

Try and encourage more commerce

Unused buildings in Hunter Street need to be renovated or removed and land near the harbour and beach should be accessible by the public. Offices do not need to be located on the Foreshore- they should be located in those empty spaces on Hunter Street.

We also need more parking at Nobbys and Merewether Beaches. Do not put things like motor shows and carnival rides at Nobbys in Summer when people want to get to the beach. Tourists want to see the beach and headland, not a carnival ride or a hot rod.

The public toilets at Nobbys need a total makeover - this is what international tourists are experiencing in Newcastle and it's not good enough.

Keep the rail line.

Use referendums for any decisions regarding Transport changes. Make sure that any changes are viable and affordable.

Use referendums for any new major building works that involve public places and buildings.

use the facades of the old buildngs instead of putting up new ones, encourage more businesses into the city centre and for gods sake do something about all the loser junkies that hang around market town and the city etc. and i'm sick and tired of all the public housing in hamilton south, dixon park, the junction and cooks hill - why do scumbag junkies get rewarded when the rest of us work our fingers to the bone?

Use valuable shoreline spaces for the community, rather than developers.

user pay on all council assets like pools, playgrounds and cycleways.

Value the city structure we have, especially Art Deco buildings in Hunter St, Do not let the whole of Honeysuckle become buildings - make space for pedestrians cyclists, cafes etc Keep our parks , make sure buildings are well designed and do not dominate the skyline.

<p>Very important we have seen elected members on Council causing trouble they should be treated as in Parliament and out for a period of time</p>
<p>view corridors should be maintained from the cathedral.</p>
<p>Im not a religious person, but aesthetically it is a romantic design which the city has obtained in past master planning. eg like in San Francisco.</p>
<p>The existing car parks in the way of these views should be demolished to make way for stair promenade/corridor with shops and cafes opening onto it, from the water/queens wharf to the cathedral.</p>
<p>We are going to have to do this ourselves. There is no point in expecting state or federal governments to do it for us.</p>
<p>We do need to be smart and build a passenger ship cruise terminal which could also include a conference centre and a multi purpose function centre. A casino wouldn't be out place there either. LEE WHARF, an unused area, the right side of our city. deep water, plenty of room for the ships to turn around, why are we procrastinating.</p>
<p>PLEASE MOVE AHEAD.</p>
<p>we must keep the rail line in one form or another. we must provide access to our town and beaches. our cbd needs to be reborn to be a proper cbd. we need to bring people back to the city and out of the suburbs for financial and entertainment purposes.</p>
<p>We need a council that has the City of Newcastle as a priority not their personal satisfaction and point gaining-dreaming I know- The other option is we have regional local government so recourses</p>
<p>We need a sustainable city with good transport links.</p>
<p>We need more architectural variety and innovation in our city buildings.</p>
<p>We need to keep green areas around the cities. The Livesites projects are great.</p>
<p>Get rid of the trainline and open up the city</p>
<p>We have to liven up the city centre again.</p>
<p>We need to look at the way NZ builds up their community. Ideas such as a Christmas parade or massive Christmas in the park are great events that bring the community together. However they spend money on the extra things at these events to give them the wow factor. All our events in Newcastle are done on really tight budgets and it really shows and is quite embarrassing. Take a look at these NZ events!!!</p>
<p>Christchurch carols in the park</p>
<p>Auckland farmers Christmas parade.</p>
<p>They were incredible!!!!</p>
<p>We need to move forward with change in this city. I strongly doubt me and my family will still be here in 2030 due to the backwards thinking of people in this city. There are more opportunities even in smaller regional towns than here as other towns aren't afraid to move forward and develop themselves.. I honestly don't believe Newcastle will be any different in 2030 than what it is now. Even with this plan</p>
<p>We should aim to be carbon neutral</p>
<p>Ban plastic bags</p>
<p>Plant far more trees</p>
<p>WHAT ABOUT TOURISM!!!!!! Not a single mention about Newcastle as a tourist destination! New people = New money</p>
<p>what would be the point</p>
<p>why are the streets of Carrington being so neglected? weeds everywhere, this would not happen in certain other suburbs</p>

Why do you use our rates money to build really good roads and then whack speed humps in the middle of them.....eg front of merewether high, beaumont st just before it meets glebe rd.....

yes you want people to stick to the speed limit.....but the limit is 50km/hr (40km/hr in school zone) so why put a speed hump in and ruin a perfectly good road and force drivers to slow to 25km/hr????? if people exceed limit then fine them.....why force the majority of people who do the right thing and drive at or below speed limit to have to go over these bumps every single day.....i live in this area and pay rates in this area and nobody asked me if i wanted speed bumps on every single road that leads to and from my house!!!

Will any of these pie in the sky ideas be carried out without raising our rates.

We have paid exorbitant rates over the past thirty (30) years and next to nothing was done, yes there was, the ruination of our foreshore.

We can only hope that we have learned by that mistake.

Words, especially mission statements, are all very well as long as the words evolve into deeds. The Council needs to ensure that it takes practical steps to tidy up other parts of Newcastle before embarking on new projects

Work with Council to spread the word

Work with the community.

Dont baby people like replanting Lamen St figs just to appease a gourp. think native adnenvieoenementaly sustainabileity like next to the city hall then plant flows 4 times a year - what a wast plan drought tolerant nateives.

dont just look at numbers of peoepl that work for the council look at the quaility - is it top heavy.

Newcastle and its surrounding area is worth looking after..

Yeah, show the outcome of this survey really soon, and discuss what ideas came out of it, and how, if any, will be implemented. And get some money back from Sydney. this is ridiculous - we live in the 2nd biggest city in NSW and the 6th or 7th in the country and we keep having to beg for our own tax money back to fund projects in our own back year. Shame on Barry O'Farrell for renegeing on the \$7 million for the art gallery. I was there when he swept in and made many nice noises about how important cultural institutions are, and all but promised to fund it to a glowing audience. But did he turn up and face us to say he wasn't going to release the money after all? No. What a shock. Might have a Greens MP at the next NSW election...

Yes have public meetings, these studies can give a false response. Let the public have there say.

YES! The planting of trees costing rate payers thousands of dollars. Im all for greening the city. What I object to is the lack of maintainence after the plants are put in. They are often dead a month later and strangled with weeds. A fine example is the planting opposite St Pius school where a ramp was built. Go and have a look and see what I mean. We even payed for a water tank! The only reason the lillypillies along the cycleway at Fernliegh survived is because it rained non stop after they were planted.

Yes, heaps. DON" PLAN WORKS AT THE BEACHES IN SUMMER!! Don't open up Laman street for a few months and then close it again for at least a year - especially without any planning and then finding archeological artifacts. Don't punish the people of Newcastle by a significant rates increase for your failure to balance the books (and pay some market reserach firm \$40,000 to say that people approve of it to put before IPART while you ignore the majority on Newcastle Voice who are against it) after telling people that this years increase was a "one off". Please think and act as if you were a citizen on this city rather than sitting in City Hall and try to think what are the important issues in peoples lives on a daily basis. Stop fighting amongst yourseleves and try to act in someone else's interest instead. Oh, and maybe try to may your General Manager a bit less while you are firing lots of hard working and loyal staff!

Yes, I'd questions which have been put to Newcastle Voice to be answered... rather than getting a Automated Response which initially to me looked like 'Spam'. My initial response was to 'Mark' it and delete it without opening it!

I did open the email, but there was no response to my question, just the minutes/notes of the meetings...

This is very frustrating... as I do this on a voluntary basis, and therefore am prepared to spend time only if I get some sort of information or result with it.

I attended the Gregson Park meeting, to find out the procedure/ questions asked at meetings like it.

I felt sorry for the Council staff who were conduction the Information Session. It must have been very frustrating as some people did not understand what was being relayed and that it was only an information session.

It was informative, Council staff was very patient.

Sometime we just need to get on with things, ie remove/ replace to enhance an area of Newcastle, alas... not everyone understands this.

You really don't listen to what the real people of Newcastle want do you?

You will not find much disagreement with these statements (apart form, perhaps anything to do with saving energy, because there are those who really don't care much for that). Well done on creating another survey that tells you what you want. I can imagine it now: "95% of residents agree with Council's plan" used as a promotion. Statements like these are just that, however. Until council actually acts in a way that aligns with those statements, there will be no pats on the back. I like being able to communicate this with Council, and that is why I have signed up to Newcastle Voice, but I have no faith at all that what I want is in any way 'heard'. That's what needs to change! If you get that right ...

You're not gonna like it...get rid of the parking meters.

I usually refuse to go anywhere metered. I visited a friend with a new baby who lives near the beach & was panicking at staying over my meter time. It ruined the visit. It's really stressful.

There should be some kind of leeway or I don't know...there should be a better way. Parking meters leave a bad taste in one's mouth. Fines make you never want to come back. They also make you want to trash council property in order to get your money's worth from the fine.

Remember that guy who got arrested for trashing parking meters? Community Hero! Standing up for the little people, spitting in the eye of overbearing government drones. If only we encouraged a "culture that supports and encourages innovation and creativity at all levels" then we could all have had the skills to sing ballads about his daring escapades.

Seriously quit spending money on the Newcastle Voice. Only the blind can't see these questions are loaded. No one will be upset by any question, no one will have dissenting views. We'll all be very positive about these very positively worded questions.

Look, just fix the buses, time the traffic lights more effectively, don't tell me when & where I can walk my dog & quit stressing me out over parking. It's not like you set an example yourselves. Parking for the bosses, nothing for the workers so they fill up the surrounding streets. Jerks.