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ITEM-67 **Attachment A:** Darby Street Trial Traffic Calming Infrastructure
Concept Plan

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Concept Plan - Darby Street Trial Traffic Calming Infrastructure (May 2022)

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ITEM-67 **Attachment B:** Letters of Support

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31st January 2022

To: Department of Primary Industry & Environment

Re: Darby Street Newcastle, Streets as Shared Spaces Grant – Round 2

Businesses on Darby Street have been heavily impacted by Covid-19, many are hospitality based and we welcome measures that increase visitation, accessibility, safety and community connection.

We have studied the proposal and as a group we support and are excited about the application by City of Newcastle (CN) for Streets as Shared Spaces grant funding, for the trial of measures which will increase outdoor trading and precinct activation.

As a tight knit 'high street' precinct group we look forward to working collaboratively with CN, including promoting the trial via our network, and the continued voluntary operation and booking of the Headphones Project music installation associated with the proposal.

Yours Sincerely

Kevin Coffey

For and on behalf of the Darby Street Traders Group.

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04 February, 2022

To: Department of Primary Industry & Environment

Re: Darby Street Newcastle, Streets as Shared Spaces Grant – Round 2

Dear Sir / Madam,

As the chairperson for Makers x Traders of Newcastle, I am writing in support of the City of Newcastle's application for Streets as Shared Spaces funding for Darby Street.

Makers x Traders of Newcastle is a collective of 65 like-minded businesses located in the inner-city of Newcastle that share a commitment to community engagement, sustainable supply practices and the fostering of creative communities.

The proposed trial of streetscape upgrades and activations, integrated with public events such as the international street art 'Big Picture Festival' and national pavement art festival 'Chalk the Walk', would be of incredible benefit to the Makers x Traders member businesses. Promoting and attracting more visitors to our city centre is urgently needed.

We welcome the proposed trial to help our business community rebuild and recover from this difficult pandemic time, and to inform upcoming improvements to the Darby Street Precinct.

Yours sincerely,



Rowena Foong

High Tea with Mrs Woo



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Ms Sarah Horan, Senior Planner
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2 February 2022

Support for Darby Street Trial of “Streets as Shared Spaces”

Dear Ms Horan,

Newcastle Cycleways Movement Inc. (NCM) has been advocating for better conditions for cycling in the Newcastle and the Hunter region since 1977. We were the primary original advocates for the Fernleigh and other shared tracks, and we advise both Newcastle and Lake Macquarie cities’ active transport and cycling strategies. We have done a considerable amount of independent planning work to develop and inform our input into these plans; for example, we have proposed the CycleSafe Network plan and model (<http://www.csn.org.au/>) for the rapid development of a primary safe network of pathways throughout the region, funded by the state government as an investment in transport infrastructure and community well-being. The government has adopted the proposal in conceptual terms within their Greater Newcastle Future Transport 2056 strategy, and has expanded it to include the other council areas in that scope.

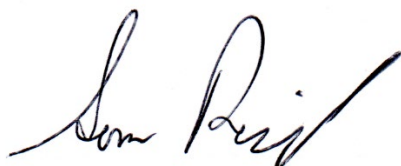
We applaud City of Newcastle’s ongoing work to make cycling a safer and preferred transport option for all users, including the “Local Centres” program of progressively upgrading these places to accommodate and encourage cycling and walking. We have recently commissioned a series of images to illustrate our vision for safer streets, which for Darby Street can be viewed as a “Before and After” comparison using this link:

<https://cdn.knightlab.com/libs/juxtapose/latest/embed/index.html?uid=f4cdfcf6-0d8f-11ec-abb7-b9a7ff2ee17c>

We have recently have been made aware of details of the application for funding a trial of safer streets concepts in Darby Street under the “Streets as Shared Spaces” program, and wish to register our support for the proposal. Whilst we have some concerns for certain aspects (in particular, we maintain, and global evidence has shown, that 30kph is the appropriate safe speed limit for pedestrian-friendly streets), we are eager to see the trial proceed and will be active participants in future consultation and implementation discussions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Reich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Sam Reich - President – Newcastle Cycleways Movement Inc.

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Have
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Darby Street

Streets as Shared Spaces Trial Activation

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We are working to improve the outdoor dining experience in this popular area, activate the streetscape and improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists.

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- Footpath widening between Sanctum and Goldbergs, increasing space for outdoor dining and pedestrians.
- Revitalisation of the headphones courtyard including new lighting, street furniture and interactive art. A new pedestrian crossing will provide a safer place to cross Darby Street near the courtyard.
- Collaboration with local art festivals to activate Darby Street with wall and ground murals.
- Trial of traffic calming infrastructure to improve safety for all users of the space.

The trial has been made possible with a grant from the NSW State Government through the Streets as Shared Spaces program (Round 2). The program funds trials that support immediate community needs, and test and build the case for more permanent changes that positively impact local economies and community health and wellbeing.

Get involved

Share your feedback and ideas on this trial activation.

Scan the QR code or visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au/yoursay to provide your feedback via our online survey before **13 June**.



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PUBLIC EXHIBITION

DARBY STREET¹³

Trial Activation and Traffic Calming

NSW State Government has awarded City of Newcastle \$500,000 in Streets as Shared Spaces Round 2 grant funding, to undertake a 6 month trial of activations and traffic calming in Darby Street. The grant program funds trials that support immediate community needs, and test and build the case for more permanent changes that positively impact local economies and community health and wellbeing.

City of Newcastle is working to improve outdoor dining in the Darby Street precinct, activate the streetscape and improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. Local business groups were consulted as part of the grant application process in early 2022. Feedback was incorporated into the Darby Street Trial Activation and Traffic Calming Plans which are now on exhibition for further community feedback.

Exhibition: The Darby Street Trial Activation and Traffic Calming Plans will be on public exhibition from **Monday 16 May until Monday 13 June 2022** at:

- City of Newcastle website:
www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/yoursay

Submissions: Please provide feedback by **Monday 13 June 2022**. Comments can be made via an online form on our website at the above link.

If you need assistance with the online form please call Sarah Horan on 4974 2000.

Alternatively feedback in writing to: Chief Executive Officer, City of Newcastle, Attention: Transport and Compliance, PO Box 489, Newcastle NSW 2300.

Enquiries may be directed to City of Newcastle on 4974 2000.



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Questions	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
Do you agree pedestrian and cyclist access and safety should be improved on Darby Street?	183 (66.8%)	51 (18.6%)	40 (14.6%)
Do you agree with trialling traffic calming infrastructure (eg speed cushions) to reduce traffic speed on Darby Street?	142 (51.8%)	97 (35.4%)	35 (12.8%)
Do you agree with trialling a raised pedestrian crossing outside 116 Darby Street (adjacent Darby Street's headphones courtyard) (uses approximately 8 parking spaces)?	147 (53.6%)	101 (36.9%)	26 (9.5%)
Do you agree with using 7 parking spaces between Sanctum and Goldberg's restaurants to create more outdoor dining space and a wider footpath for pedestrians?	178 (65%)	74 (27%)	22 (8%)
Do you agree with providing a parklet (taking up one parking space) for outdoor trading or seating, which will be moved around during the trial?	162 (59.1%)	68 (24.8%)	44 (16.1%)
Do you approve of providing approximately 16 free 2-hour parking spaces to the rear of the Newcastle Art Gallery to compensate for the loss of on-street parking spaces?	203 (74.1%)	46 (16.8%)	25 (9.1%)
Do you agree with trialling a traffic calming kerb extension gateway treatment at the following locations?			
On Darby Street between Laman Street and Queen Street?	129 (47.1%)	86 (31.4%)	59 (21.5%)
Outside 9 Queen Street?	105 (38.3%)	84 (30.7%)	85 (31%)
Outside 188 and 185 Darby Street?	113 (41.2%)	82 (29.9%)	79 (28.8%)
On the eastern side of the intersection of Darby Street and Bull Street?	134 (48.9%)	75 (27.4%)	65 (23.7%)
Do you agree with sets of speed cushions at the following locations?			
Outside 176 Darby Street?	116 (42.3%)	95 (34.7%)	63 (23%)
Outside 152 Darby Street?	113 (41.2%)	99 (36.1%)	62 (22.6%)
Outside 126 Darby Street?	119 (43.4%)	97 (35.4%)	58 (21.2%)

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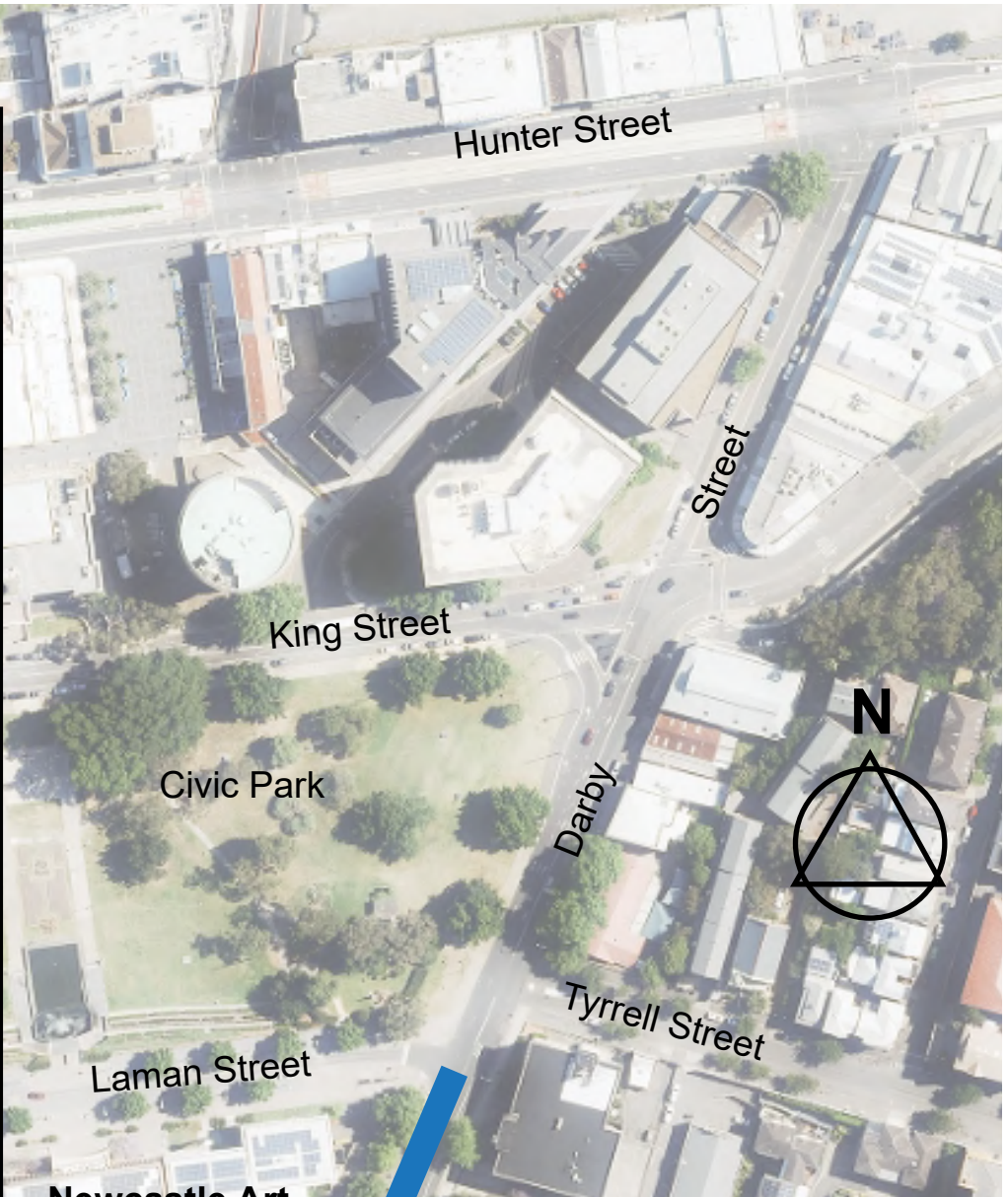
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Activation Area 1:
Darby Courtyard to be activated with upgraded lighting and informal seating. Murals will draw people into the space.



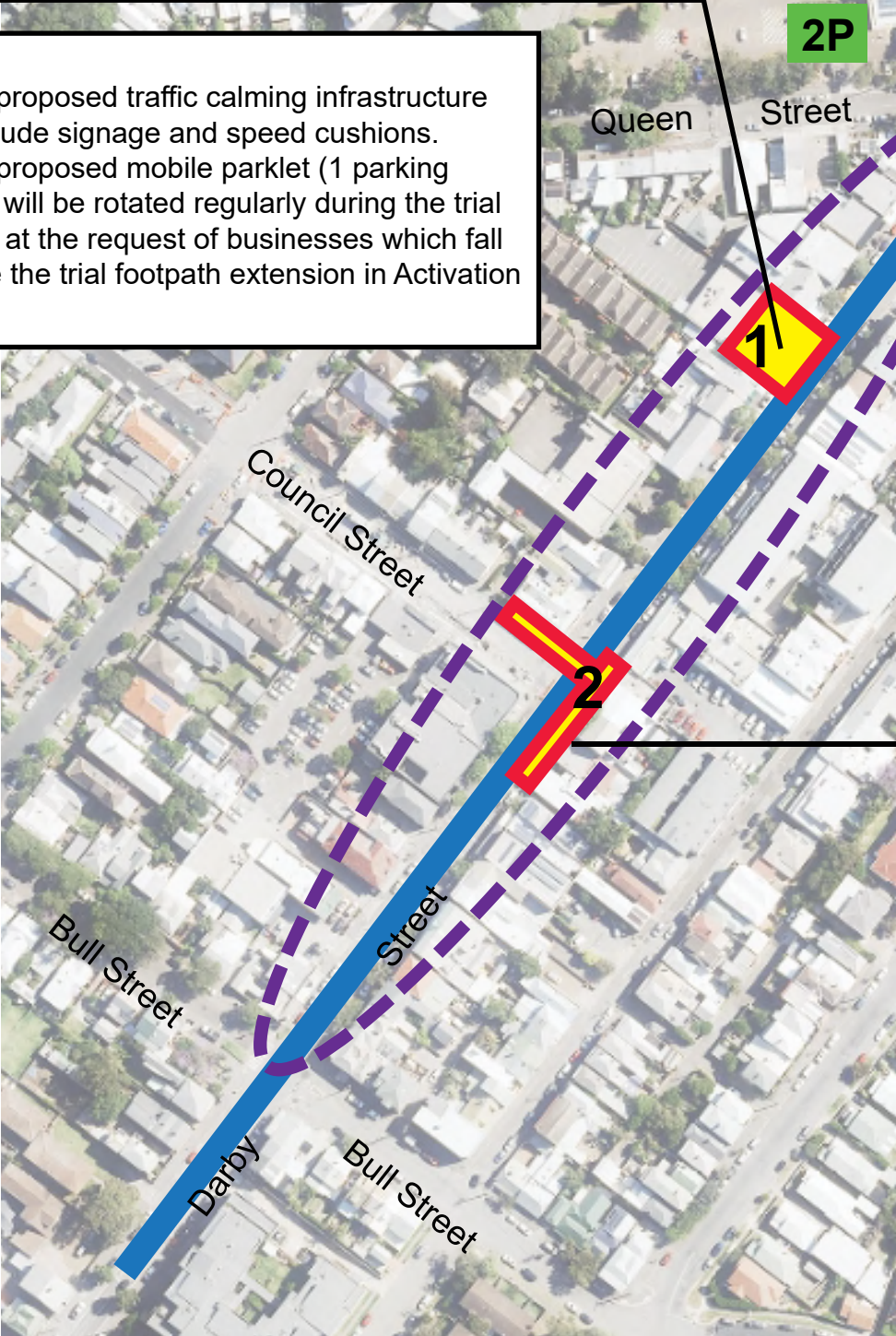
Notes

- The proposed traffic calming infrastructure will include signage and speed cushions.
- The proposed mobile parklet (1 parking space) will be rotated regularly during the trial period, at the request of businesses which fall outside the trial footpath extension in Activation Area 2.

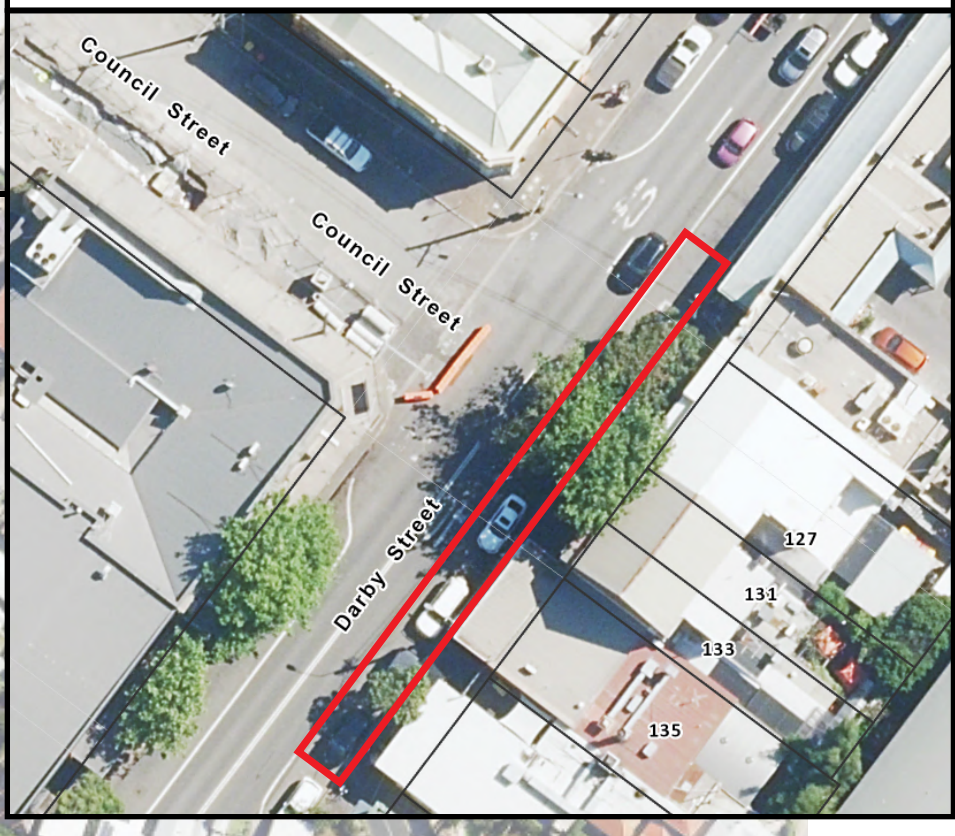


Legend

- Extent of proposed traffic calming infrastructure
- Zone within which mobile parklet will be rotated
- Activation area
- Free 2 hour parking trial



Activation Area 2:
Zone of trial footpath extension into parking lane, to create more outdoor dining space and wider footway (uses 7 parking spaces).



Concept Plan - Darby Street Activations (Streets as Shared Spaces) (May 2022)

