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Our 2030 plan



Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan Update Community Engagement Outcomes Report - Volume 2

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1. Introduction

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) represents the highest level of strategic planning undertaken by local councils. It is a shared community vision developed to inform policies and actions over the next 10 years. The inaugural Newcastle 2030 CSP was developed in 2009, revised in 2013, and is due for revision by June 2018.

The Local Government Act 1993 (s402) states that Council must demonstrate how community engagement informed the goals, priorities and strategies in the CSP. Council must prepare and implement a Community Engagement Strategy based on social justice principles for engagement with the local community.

A Community Engagement Strategy was developed to guide how the community and stakeholders of Newcastle could be involved in the development of a revised CSP, as required by the Local Government Act 1993. This strategy was implemented from 2 June 2017 to 15 November 2017.

Nine distinct engagement activities were used to gather data to answer eight key engagement questions to inform the development of a revised CSP. The engagement activities were selected to appeal to diverse demographic groups and to increase the participation by sections of the community that were identified in CSP Community Engagement Strategy as 'hard to engage'.

The engagement activities used are listed below. Eight of the nine engagement activities used involved asking open ended questions of some kind. The only activity that did not have any opportunity for an open response was the Service Priority Poster.

Engagement Activities

- Community Event questions
- Survey #1
- Survey #2
- Community Workshops
- Digital Ideas Wall
- Budget Simulator
- Competition Cards
- Service Priority Poster
- Stakeholder organisation workshop event (Not covered by this report. See separate report)

This report provides the verbatim comments provided by participants to each of the eight activities. The method and findings of the engagement process are outlined in detail in the report *Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan - Update Community Engagement Outcomes Report Volume 1*.

All responses are treated in confidence to ensure the anonymity of respondents, and edited only for grammar and spelling. Where hand writing was not legible 'xxx' has been used.

Comments have been redacted or deleted if they contained profanities, or in the opinion of Council, were likely to be defamatory, offensive, inflammatory or derogatory, so as to ensure compliance with Council's legal responsibilities.

2 Vebatim Responses

Table 1 below shows the estimated (or exact when known) participants or respondents for each engagement activity. The details of the location and number of responses per location can be found in *Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan - Update Community Engagement Outcomes Report Volume 1*

Table 1. Number of respondents by engagement activity

Activity	No. Participants
Survey #1	691 completed responses
Workshops	115 participants
Events questions	Unknown
Ideas Wall	95 individuals posted 179 'Big Ideas' 799 unique users interacted and 2156 'likes' were attributed.
Budget Simulator	319 submitted budgets
Competition Cards	209 entries (includes people at workshops)
Service Priority Poster	Approx. 810 participants (includes people at workshops)
Survey #2	907 completed responses
Stakeholder organisation Workshop event	NA

2.1 Community Events

What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

Community Event Question: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?
EVENT: MULTICULTURAL EXPO - LAMBTON, 24 MAY 2017
Wildlife (Blackbutt Reserve!)
It's the best city in the world!
Walkways, AAs + culture, Events
The shops
Friendly society
People are nice
Tourists

Community Event Question: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?
Hunter workers
People make a city
Beaches
Traffic, trains, robbery
Parks + opportunity to get out and about
Walkable neighbourhoods
Pools
Newcastle's people are friendly
The rare
Great sense of community
I love neighbourhoods centre
Newcastle is very beautiful
Early, resourceful, adaptable, resilient people
Nice people and beaches!
Good education
Friendly people
People to talk to
Weather, climate
Connectivity
Well-maintained parks and roads
Open spaces
Temperature of ocean water
Great beaches and beautiful inner city
People
I like Newcastle
Healthy food
Relax and nice people
Manners and care
I like your beaches, they are awesome!
Happy day!
Beaches (x5)

What would make it great to live and work in Newcastle?

Community Event Question: What would make it great to live and work in Newcastle?
EVENT: NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY HELD AT HAMILTON ON 3 JULY 2017
Public holidays
Relaxation shop
More water slides at the pools and parks
Where are we with Smart Cities?
To see more people live their life good!
More visible aboriginal presence
More Aboriginal street art
To bridge the gap between indigenous & non-indigenous citizens - equity for all (x2)
Foot massage shops
Lollie shops in every school
Learn more about Aboriginal culture
More exercise equipment
In ground pools in every school
A chocolate and milk factory in every school
A TV in every school
Pools
No more lock-outs open up the city @ night
International Airport
Movies
More (free?) parking
Teaching centres for Aboriginal languages
Safer cycle ways for bikes
Better public transport - more, more accessible and more affordable
ANZAC Walk
Great opportunity to acknowledge traditional custodians (x2)
Arts precinct
Parking Hub with transport to inner city
Family friendly (Activities & Areas)
More Aboriginal murals
Youth friendly
Youth venues
Better access for mobility scooters
Better support for Aboriginal Youth
Safer cycle ways for bikes

What makes (or will make) it great to live and work in Newcastle?

Community Event Question: What makes (or will make) it great to live and work in Newcastle?
HUNTER HOMELESS CONNECT DAY HELD AT BROADMEADOW ON 1 AUGUST 2017
Used to be very friendly - all same values
River
Museum
Services & support
Access to places to visit (Hunter Valley, Port Stephens, Lake Macquarie)
Parks and beaches
Easy going - quieter than other major cities
Improved transport and revitalisation is good
History (needs preserving)
Keeping development low-rise (we don't want it to become the Gold Coast)
Everything is accessible
Food & entertainment options
Good community resources
Clean air
Transport - buses
Access to everything
Visitor information
Beaches & water (x5)
Close to shops
Central to everything
Working with homeless
Services available
Close to Sydney
Good mix of city and country
New ideas and innovation
Green energy
Beaches & lake
Green spaces - old train line
Beautiful city
V8
Community spirit
Volunteers

Community Event Question: What makes (or will make) it great to live and work in Newcastle?
Support
People
All
Good for kids
Schools good
Darby/ Beaumont Streets are good - lots of people
Railway transformation
Convenience, close to shops, cycling and great coffee
Public housing
Beaches (x2)
Nightlife
Good day bread for life - van to feed homeless
Walks - ANZAC walkway
It's all central
Beaches are great
Everything is there
Great people
It's not Sydney
Lots of beaches
Everything
Shops
Fernleigh Track
Smart city
Beaches & lake (x2)
Space
Community Services (x2)
People with a vision to share with others
Culture and music
WALLSEND WINTER FAIR HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2017
Beaches
Blackbutt Reserve
Parks
City life - entertainment
Community events
Public transport is convenient
Community hall in Fletcher

Community Event Question: What makes (or will make) it great to live and work in Newcastle?

Parks in Fletcher

Easy access and parking

Beaches

People are respectful

University

Good educational opportunities

We're lucky, Newcastle is pretty safe and it's pretty

Lots of green spaces

It's cleaner, nicer and safer than Sydney (former Sydney sider ;-))

Clean beaches

What makes it hard to live and work in Newcastle?

Community Event Questions: What makes it hard to live and work in Newcastle?

HUNTER HOMELESS CONNECT DAY HELD AT BROADMEADOW ON 1 AUGUST 2017

Not enough street lighting

No parks in East End

Newcastle needs a beach bus. Nobbys to Dixon Park.

Parking - Cost and no spaces for workers (8 hours)

Increased foreigners - different values

Too commercial - less community spirit

Less caring than it used to be

Train not going to CBD/beaches - too hard to transfer to buses if have pram or difficulty walking

Parking - getting booked

Parking - people using disability parking spots

Traffic congestion

Cutting the train lines has had a big impact on Hamilton (end of line): drug use; burglary; homeless
People sleeping rough

Don't like the trains (hard to get on and off)

Transport - rail line cut - problems near Hamilton

Drinking/nightlife - idiots

Expensive housing and rent

What they've done to the rail line

Super cars fiasco

Public Transport - cost and connectivity

Cost of living

Community Event Questions: What makes it hard to live and work in Newcastle?

Need to make old train station into music venue
Cost of electricity
Cost of living going up
Not enough jobs
Not enough local /neighbourhood shopping centres
Rail corridor - need open space, not buildings
No train to CBD
No train to beach (x3)
Not enough parking
All day parking
Hamilton South needs improvement, paint
No email & phones
Rent - no houses available or too expensive
Toilets - disgusting
Drugs
People cranky and angry
House - lack of and expensive
Cost of living - Centerlink
Rangers - stop people living on beach
Men's services & support
Public transport - slow buses
Lack of jobs - youth
Rail line
Traffic - lack of planning
People in housing commission
Drugs
Violence
Kids
Need free park
No skate park
CBD died after earthquake
Transport - cut train line to CBD
Cost of renting
Parking - lack of spots
Neglected CBD/mall
No one cares for people living in mall
Bus stop at beginning of mall

Community Event Questions: What makes it hard to live and work in Newcastle?

Cutting the train line (x2)
Cost of living
Expensive housing & rent (x 6)
Create opportunities in low socioeconomic status areas
Losing heritage feel of large country town
Drug addiction
Cutting the train line at Hamilton (x2)
Bad public transport - buses aren't good
Close of BHP - no jobs
Access to primary health for people without access to Medicare
Public transport
Bulk waste collection inadequate in public housing estates
CBD too hard: no good shops, no parking or you have to pay a lot (Shopping centres OK and Darby/Beaumont Streets are good - lots of people)
Bus system/public transport - more coordination with trains, better connections (Do the buses need to be as big?) (x2)
Rent/ cost of housing
Price of living
Parking (x6)
Parking meters are expensive - should be free
The boarding houses Act needs to be clear and deliver protection for lodgers
Access to affordable/sustainable healthcare
Lack of affordable housing
Poor transport networks
Lack of parking
Lack of housing options
Public transport - if the light rail doesn't support regional Newcastle, what a waste of money
Affordable housing for all!
Transport issues
Employment
Education - funding local
Housing community
Regional Help for Indigenous visitors for health care program
Lack of information given out to communities
People getting in your way
Traffic in and out of CBD
Public transport - regularity into suburban areas is a problem
Stress on waste facilities

Community Event Questions: What makes it hard to live and work in Newcastle?

Not getting as much education

WALLSEND WINTER FAIR HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2017
Public transport to Broadmeadow from Wallsend - more services (231)
Rail needed to/from Port Stephens
Poor signage at Stockton
Dogs on beaches - crap
Road congestion - Minmi/Summerhill/Fletcher
Light rail needs to be extended
Need public transport in Western suburbs
Jobs after mining
Unreliable public transport/parking
Parking for caravans at information centre
lack of interesting family oriented events that are free
traffic congestion (Jesmond, Lambton, Wallsend)
ease of access to public transport
access to city centre due to new works (pedestrians and cars)
pedestrian access - walkways. Need to improve footpaths and access for mobility scooters etc (especially in Wallsend)
public transport is inadequate/inaccessible
pedestrian traffic
parking in town
poor planning around public transport
improved library services in Fletcher
more parks and playgrounds in Fletcher
sports facilities near Glendore Estate (Maryland)
Upgrade park in Nikinbah Ridge Estate
Upgrade Lambton Pool - needs to be heated
2 lane highway up Minmi Road - it's getting very congested
Cheaper parking required
Limited job progressions for some careers
footpath from Wallsend to Mini
Kerb side pick ups - should be more and shouldn't need to be booked
Waste collection - kerbside pickups should be scheduled by area
Lack of public transport
Reduced access to beaches
car race
few jobs
poor railway service to Sydney
Housing affordability
Nothing - it's the best place on earth!

drains need clearing at the bottom of Hope Street (should be piped)
Parking for disabled in CBD (especially in Bolton and Wolfe Streets)
Parking for disabled in CBD
We live in a small close (Sygna) in Rankin Park. Our street is now a parking station, an extension of JHH. All the young trainees, doctors, physios and some hospital workers park in our street (Sygna Close). Some times the garbage truck has difficulty in collecting the waste. It's very congested and we find it difficult to exit our driveways.
Parking in Sygna Close, Rankin Park. Hard to reverse park out of drive as cars park close to edge of drive on opposite side. Need to address parking and cost at JH Hospital.
Lack of parking (city centre and suburbs)
Road mark all street parking
No super cars!
Lack of parking in the CBD
Lack of work!
Fast train to Sydney
Rates (\$) very high
No train or tram into the city. Buses don't count
Lack of work opportunities
Pacific Highway (City Road) turns to one lane at Scenic Drive
Traffic
Paying for Open Foundation at Uni

2.2 Competition Cards

Complete the sentence in 25 words or less: "In the year 2030 I want Newcastle to..."

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NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY HELD AT HAMILTON ON 3 JULY 2017

Have more oppourtunities for youth - Jobs and TAFE

Open more stores and make more people aware of Elders, and to get a lot of help for people

Open for shops and help people on the streets

More cultural things of all nations

Less homeless people in Newcastle and better transport

Have a designed Indigenous centre for the purpose of History, practicing and maintaining culture for Newcastle

Have less homeless people, more support with families, less crime in Newcastle, less violence

Look like home

more jobs

The best league and soccer team in the Country. Council Get involved!!

Competition Card: Complete the sentence in 25 words or less: "In the year 2030 I want Newcastle to..."

Renewal; be a modern city with a modern and open look and feel. Open to tourism to take advantage of the great natural assets. (Not too much cement rendered built though)
To have a baby and have a happy family
Have completed the road works on the way to Stockton. AND Increased employment opportunities for disability employees in council
Don't want to look like Sydney and support Gay Marriage
Get rid of the ugly penis looking thing
be environmentally sustainable gaining energy through environmental sources. Maintain public space for all community to access
Have a caravan park for tourists near town, eg Mayfield
embrace the Dream Catcher Creativity & Innovation Information + Resources Bank & Network as a CommUNITY Partnership Initiative. See Facebook page for 'Michael A Riddell'
cultural and community events
Promote and sponsor a 'Living Treasure' in Newcastle - the international dancer/choreographer/educator Bron White (see Facebook page) who created the 'Spirit of Movement' health & wellbeing program (again see Spirit of Movement 'facebook page
for the community to be further united
recycle more and be more environmentally friendly & conscious. I want council to introduce more ways for households to be more efficient in its waste minimalisation and have more waste recycled locally.
close the drug problem down
Free parking in the city, city centre revitalised and open. Keep live music open & lots of family friendly activities available
Better shopping in the city
Life back in the city, good shops, Alfresco dining, free movie nights, Free Parking
More family activities that are free and parks etc
Celebrate all culture & recognise their importance through embedding these throughout the area in business & education & the city
Quiet Peaceful
Have more community cultural events, and more free parking near the CBD area
have better transport from Maitland to beaches and Broadmeadow
Peaceful
Protect the environment better community
No parking meters and a train; and a bus service in Tomago
have more affordable housing
be culturally accepting with various groups, focused more on the education of environment, cultures and arts
be a family place
More jobs for Aboriginal kids
Be very aware of our own indigenous culture, Awabakal & Worimi & Kamilaroi peoples working together with fellow non-indigenous citizens - allowing the gap to be bridged.

Competition Card: Complete the sentence in 25 words or less: "In the year 2030 I want Newcastle to..."

be more people friendly ? Traffic - Parking

Have an Aboriginal multi cultural centre & art exhibition centre

More housing for Aboriginal people and teach Aboriginal language in schools

Have a sustainable approach to industry and housing. I would like a more inclusive society and improved public transport.

Creation of more employment opportunities, access to education - more courses, more affordable housing for the needy to be part of the community

Indigenous Learn to Drive Program to help people get a licence

More community minded, more accessible for everyone.

Housing - long term/short/shared; Education - local - indigenous schools; Health - funding for visiting indigenous families; Employment - cadets.

To be a thriving metropolis with lots of jobs and activities

Cheaper childcare; more public transport suitable for more prams and wheelchairs

To be aware of people of all races, people to work together, we need to help each other.

A new vibrant city with more roads and community centres; More houses and buildings for immigrating population into Newcastle.

Have a First Nations Sovereign group to promote, protect, rehabilitate local culture. Bring back Cultural Lore and make sure our First Nations kids are taught our culture.

14 years time, the city wants to improve the cultural outstanding (understanding?) of the living of Aboriginals, in the community and the way of making others have a better lifestyle.

Be more multi-cultural as in more cafes and restaurants.

Have more free parking and cultural diversity

More family friendly (play equipment and free parking)

Be more inclusive, have trains or light rail to city centre, more open space

HUNTER HOMELESS CONNECT DAY HELD AT BROADMEADOW ON 1 AUGUST 2017

Grow and develop to its full potential

Get railway all the way to the beach

be a massive tourist destination.

be the brightest and best city in NSW

Have more free parking in town for workers.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS HELD IN JUNE AND JULY 2017

Have multiple public supported icons representing our spearhead effort to sustainably end the War on Terror. A true United Nations City.

I'd like to see Newcastle grow into a sustainable city that genuinely engages with the community. I'd like to see Destination NSW relinquish the control that it now has over this city and that democracy returns.

Retain its unique 'small' city appeal that allows active and easy movement of people with a friendly community inclusiveness - which celebrates diversity of peoples; heritage protection; plus the balance of built and natural environment. This must all be done with overarching importance of minimising climate change.

Bike and walk around with all its parks and gardens intact. Mine and drainage problems solved.

Competition Card: Complete the sentence in 25 words or less: "In the year 2030 I want Newcastle to..."

Have integrated transport system amidst open spaces for recreation. Also to have more mature trees in our CBD and foreshore areas.

Be regarded as the best place in Australia to live, work and raise a family. We can become the template for the Australian Smart City.

Be a vibrant city with excellent public transport, a variety of cultural activities and sporting opportunities. Newcastle, the best city in Australia.

Be a leader in technology and innovation and a model city for community culture.

Be a humanist community which responds to the genuine concerns of the city. An intelligent community with an emphasis on people and diversity. Also including renewable and new technologies.

Be a place that all Australians would want to live in.

Be a vibrant city with integrated footpaths and cycleways linking villages, the arts, cultural events, sporting facilities, restaurants, theatres, schools, workplaces and everything else that makes a great city.

Be a world leader in city living in all arenas: environmental, arts and culture, economic development.

Safe, clean, prosperous, disability friendly, beautiful

To reach its potential in terms of environment, sustainability, access and people who are committed to keeping our city the beautiful place it is.

Be a vibrant sustainable city with a diverse cultural environment with green parks and affordable housing.

Be a recognised national and international centre for art, sport, built-heritage restoration and reuse, and 'green' innovation: fund/expand our current treasures

More globalize and more jobs for the community; Have annual multi-cultural event.

Smart and clean city

Crime free, less busy roads, waste management, community services, buses, bus sheds, kids activity love animals, young people workshops

Be world renowned as an unmissable multicultural and artistic hub, with 100% renewable energy and sustainable affordable inner-city housing

Be a cleaner city. Keep Newcastle beautiful. Less waste, more recycling.

Safe place to live

Grow into a great community and a safe place to live. Respect.

Be clean, green, and with healthy and happy residents caring for each other and welcoming newcomers.

Be celebrating 5th anniversary of opening of 3 new bridges (at Tyrell, Nelson and Boscawen st) in Wallsend CBD

The best town in the state.

Be a place where young people can stay and have promising career paths.

Be the "Bathers and Cycle city" of Australia. Rebrand.

Be a city with suburbs that are joined together in transport, community facilities, cultural interaction, better roads and cycleways - to be all part of Newcastle.

Have rebuilt Wallsend's 4 bridges to mitigate catastrophic Wallsend flooding

Be treated by the State and Federal Governments with the respect a city, as large and vibrant as we are, deserves.

Competition Card: Complete the sentence in 25 words or less: "In the year 2030 I want Newcastle to..."

I want Newcastle to be a growing economy in NSW and providing a range of skilled jobs for university graduates.

Be a city my daughters and their friends can live in and be proud of. I don't want to win, thanks.

Best place to live in

Be the great and amazing town it is growing toward and has the potential to be!

Have improved cycleways, public transport, increased support for small bars and restaurants, markets, festivals, events, lighting, nighttime activation and safety. Have Newcastle at its full potential.

Finally live up to its full potential as Australia's best regional city. A Surry Hills/Fitzroy by the sea.

Elect competent non politically aligned councillors who respect ratepayers and consult them on issues impacting them.

Become a city that is admired by others for its natural beauty, heritage, seamless transport offerings and friendly locals.

Be as wonderful as it is now. Locals are proud of our city and I hope it will be the same when our children are adults.

Be vibrant, green, offering cool relaxed spaces, using smart technologies and diversified in communities and business and industry.

Be a wonderful vibrant cultural place to live and raise a family while enjoying a relaxed lifestyle.

Be the envy of all Australian cities with transport connecting locally and nationally (bus, tram, train, plane) with safe streets, low unemployment, strong economy and tourism, leader in technology and strong culture and heritage. By 2030 we will be on track to be the envy of the world in 2050.

Be nationally known as a destination for major sporting events, cultural events, and to visit an outstanding art gallery.

Be a city that embraces public transport because it is a quicker, cheaper, more efficient means of travel than private cars. Cycleways are central to the network.

A vibrant, inclusive place to live.

Be a green, sustainable, university city, moving beyond carbon-based economies, leading the world in developing and using alternate energy technology, with Supercars just a distant (regrettable) memory.

A place where people live happily together

Be clean, less traffic, provide more job opportunity, lots of community activities, provide good education to all

Attract visitors from around the state, country, world due to its beauty, accessibility, events and did I mention beauty? If you build it, they will come.

Be a place where we feel included, inspired, innovative and involved in a town where we all smile back.

Be a liveable, inclusive city on the human scale where all ages want to live and recommend others visit.

Be a city that makes people hold it up as the model city. People of Australia & the world are envious.

A safe and peaceful place to live

Be known as an amazing city famous for its natural beauty, creativity, innovation & livability

1. Be a safe, friendly, integrated community of global citizens representing cultural/religious diversity.
2. clean, green environment, citizens who are awake & participate. 3. In taking responsibility for themselves & others & environment.

Competition Card: Complete the sentence in 25 words or less: "In the year 2030 I want Newcastle to..."

See an inclusive and accessible city utilising technology to benefit residents to live and travel through the Hunter, Fast Net, Sustainable, Smart & culturally diverse!

Vibrant, inclusive, caring, less subservient to the State Government, more considered in decision making, like Bilbao ie a great art gallery where people visit all year round to enjoy beaches, restaurants, festivals, community NOT Supercars for one weekend a year.

Welcome visitors from around the world provide world class healthcare to young & old. convention facilities & places to learn & preserved coastline & community spaces

Win the Nobel Prize for the worlds most sustainable, creative + welcoming city, celebrating cycleways, local food, street art + smart technology

Be a more just society, resilient economy, bluer and greener environment.

Free of corporate corruption. Sustainable bottom up democratically driven city with 0 carbon emissions, affordable healthy living, dense but not tall, cycle friendly & trendy

Become the true tourist destination it should be, and somewhere people look forward to visiting.

Be a vibrant, inclusive city that cares for its people and provides them with every opportunity to live a good life.

Be successful caring and highly multi cultural. A tourist destination with significant facilities for continued expansion.

Be a vibrant, thriving, busy city set amidst a beautiful blend of modern and heritage buildings with green spaces, public transport linking East to West and down to Bar Beach and a community buzz that means there is always something interesting going on.

Be the city that people want to visit, to live in and work there from Australia and the world.

Be a vibrant, clean, smart city fostering education and encouraging innovation, a place which cherishes its heritage its aboriginal people welcomes diverse visitors and residents.

Be a better place to live and be happy.

Be the coolest, hippest city in Australia.

Remove single use plastic, fully integrate the cycle network, provide for community energy and plan involve the community in the planning of Newcastle West precinct.

Be 100% renewable. Every street light, public building, private home and business, sporting facility etc all to be powered by renewable energy.

City that has diverse industries/commercial business with staff & community living in a natural environment to be accepted nation wide as a livable city

Be regarded as NSW second city, but first in terms of liveability, opportunity, encouragement of active leisure, & cultural activities, with all suburbs well connected.

Be reformed. Not replaced. Its so important that spaces, this place becomes interconnected enriched & diverse. People places. Invest in spaces that have a focus on people.

Have increased environmental awareness with community composting stations, urban 'green spaces', reverse recycling machines, and a ban on disposable plastics.

Be a place that offers its residents and visitors, a carefree lifestyle where we recognise our past and brings hope for the future

I would like for Newcastle to be tourism destination places for many local people and international people. I would for Newcastle to be the lowest price for rent of houses and own houses

Picturesque, clean, inviting and a city connected with all the latest technologies. Not overdeveloped like Sydney. Lots of parks and facilities for visitors so as to receive compliments the way it has been designed.

Competition Card: Complete the sentence in 25 words or less: "In the year 2030 I want Newcastle to..."

Be a place which values & empowers its community to be involved. It is vibrant in its public spaces, is teaming with native flora & fauna & is designed to be resilient in its built form against the implications of climate change. It is innovative + sets a benchmark for regional coastal towns across Australia.

Be a vibrant, multi-cultural green, equal and prosperous city.

I want Newcastle to be economy economically growing and providing skilled jobs.

Be still functioning

Be celebrating and owning its identity - being creating iconic, bold artworks/performances/community activities that showcase & open the city to the country.

Be regarded as a thriving city, a well connected economic hub servicing Australia + Asia Pacific

ENGAGEMENT HUB AT ART GALLERY FROM 11-14 JULY 2017

Have received the long awaited 25 million dollars for the Art Gallery extention

Be a vibrant cultural hub with community engaged programs and to be easily accessible via public transport. An active Newcastle is a happy Newcastle

Have a zoo that has real life dinosaur Velosoraptor, Trex etc. Just like Jurassic world/park

A beautiful multicultural city that is still accessible and affordable and has kept its environmental footprint down.

More Brett Whitley

Have a snooker and milkshake hall. Have things to do at night that don't involve drinking and partying.

I want it to be fun for kids in the holidays with lots of activities

Be an artist run city.

Bring my granddaughter in to see the art gallery & see how Newcastle is changing with all the new infrastructure

Be true to its origins as a minority city

Have a network of public transport that enables all Newcastle citizens to explore & appreciate our lovely city, & also people from outside the local area. This needs to be well co-ordinated & affordable for patrons. E.g. Singapore train/bus. Also a network of safe off road cycleways in & around Newcastle & Lake Macquarie.

Be a thriving city - with a immersive art gallery, museum scene in the city, great cafes & restaurants, easy walks but most of all safe & thriving into the evenings. A place where people live, work & visit. Like Hobart, Adelaide... but with it's own sense of pride. It can be done.

Be a place where the local community can come and express their thoughts. As well as be an eco-friendly city.

Coca cola in all the Bubblers! Free chocolate everywhere. Lower Housing costs. Every 2nd bday you get \$20,000

I want it to be hole like Tamworth XXXXXXXX

ENGAGEMENT HUB AT STOCKTON LIBRARY

More fun things outside for kids and grown-ups

be a thriving city - for business people, shoppers & to have good entertainment venues, restaurants and outside areas for families and others to safely congregate.

Please allow the rail to stop at the ferry. Your latest brochure shows the ferry between train stops. Where are the brains?? Just like before, long walk to the train, in all weather!

I'd like a working public transport system, including a train line

Competition Card: Complete the sentence in 25 words or less: "In the year 2030 I want Newcastle to..."

More fun things outside for kids and grown ups

ENGAGEMENT HUB AT MAYFIELD LIBRARY

be clean, energised a focal point on the coast. Have events that people want to visit the city to attend, have good places to stay and when they go away they tell others to visit.

ENGAGEMENT HUB AT CITY LIBRARY

To be a more developed, clean, positive tourist spot. With a close, safe, happy community. I want Newcastle to be overall improved by 2030.

Be welcomely to all those who pass through. I want Newcastle to be a city I am even more hubristic of. The only way is up for Newcastle.

Have more bicycles than cars, with bike paths everywhere.

A city with sustainable values. Supportive of local industry. Supportive of local culture & arts.

be a livable and vibrant city

Have better walking and biking facilities. Roundabouts are bad.

Friendly, open and sustainable

Finally have realised how important it is to cherish and protect its heritage areas.

An activated space. Sustainable. Less bogans.

Inclusive, vibrant, engaging, interactive.

ENGAGEMENT HUB AT NEW LAMBTON LIBRARY

Have a club gymnastics team and more rock climbing centres

To be a wonderful place to live in & work. It is already great with its beautiful beaches but we still want to make it better by making better public services & transport available to all with definitely more parking spaces & more recreational activities for old & young alike.

Have better transport and more parking at the beach

have more environmental action in local places eg schools

To love each other more

have more fenced-in off leash areas for dogs

Develop more into research industry to really grow in the nation

ENGAGEMENT HUB AT CIVIC DIGEST CAFÉ & BAR

Be affordable to live in (rents reasonable). Have job opportunities. Have top rate schools across the board.

be a city my family can be proud of, full of opportunities and wonder

(Reside in Cardiff but in Newcastle everyday by public transport, or car if I can find parking) Be a happy city where people enjoy healthy environment and tourists come to see lots of creative and inspiring projects, eg "green buildings" (The new uni building certainly looks impressive - but wouldn't it sensational to also be a phantastic in regards to environmental factors??? These days it must be possible to built stunning buildings with "green" aspects - Even in Newcastle not only Paris!!) lively outdoor venues sport and playgrounds for smaller crowds, "attentive" retirement options; active art and all impressive excluded Art Gallery

be more environmentally friendly with solar panel roads to increase better healthy energy resources, plus will become more safer on roads plus it will look like tron

Build the 1952 planned 4 storey car park behind the library!

Competition Card: Complete the sentence in 25 words or less: "In the year 2030 I want Newcastle to..."

Have an expansive cycling network for safe & healthy travel.

Have good cheap public transport, great recycling initiatives, lots of green spaces and great environmental education programs.

ENGAGEMENT HUB AT WALLSEND LIBRARY

Some more appreciation for people that are naturally talented in anything that needs to be recognised.

More trees and churches and movies

Look amazing, not polluted and for everything to be environmentally friendly

Be more diverse in culture, LGBT, Opinion and frankly in general, less hate and more acceptance

Be working on the environment

Provide free or (affordable) parking to be able to visit our natural wonders of this town. Stop removing easy access to things such as our beaches and hospitals.

Less coal facilities and more environmentally friendly parks and playgrounds. More jobs on better things and decreased poverty rates.

Improve environmental impact by improving waste diversion. Better funding towards the environment and then improve employment/economic development. Healthy environment + Great economy = Utopia

ENGAGEMENT HUB AT TARRO PLAYGROUND OPENING & BERESFIELD LIBRARY

Secure leash free area, better amenities

A lovely place to visit. Just came back from Gladstone, they had this amazing water feature/fountain on the foreshore. Kids had a ball. Lots of dog friendly places too. Thanks.

Retain a similar existence as it is now. Move forward obviously but our laid back attitude is really good and the reason why people want to live here. I wouldn't like to see another Gold Coast.

Have it possible to use Beresfield Library and not be head-beaten by women running childrens things who think KIDS ARE ALL DEAF. She was so loud I couldn't do my library work. Please stop this sensory assault.

Continue to provide good upgraded services to libraries, swimming pools, beaches, parks and playgrounds, roads and parking (free), waste collection services, economic development revitalisation. Thank you.

Be a safer place for people with disabilities to be able to use streets, parks and public transport without hate crimes.

I hope in the future that there will be more fulltime jobs in the area with better working conditions, and more places to attend, like parks etc

Be accessible. More parking near the museum, the foreshore and the beaches. Reduce the cost of going to the Beresfield pool.

To be a tourist mecca.

2.3 Community Workshops

Question 1: What would you like to see change in the next 10 years to make it great to live and work in Newcastle (three responses per person)?

Workshop Q1: What would you like to see change in the next 10 years to make it GREAT to live and work here (i.e. in Newcastle)?
MEREWETHER WORKSHOP HELD 19 JUNE 2017
More cycleways
More parking in the cbd
Improvements to all bus stops new seating, shelter + rubbish bins (old seats shelters removed and not replaced)
More reliable public transport
Reduction in traffic no. of cars, speed in suburban streets. This area high pedestrian, kids on bikes etc (not calmers)
Regulate excessive traffic in Merewether
Improve communication become 1st city in the world without stop signs; give way signs are better
A right hand turn from Stewart Ave east into Hunter St
Our indigenous population more integrated into workplaces, cultural activities, language in public places.
Provide services to homeless people who are congregating in Beaumont St Hamilton
Reintroduce bulk waste collections (less dumping); make it easier for tenants to organise waste collection; easier for unit block to arrange waste collection
Paint lane lines on bottom of Merewether baths
All food outlets cafes, markets, fast food as part of DA waste elimination cardboard containers plastic moving to no waste
Implementing urban density regulations to ensure council facilities and services can accommodate the population forecast
Have council listen to the people instead of the developers and their cronies
Long range town planning including heritage preservation
Address overdevelopment
The art gallery to be made big enough to host significant exhibitions
Cleaner streets in CBD for aesthetics and safety
Additional funds for the art gallery- \$7mil
Reduction in Council rates
Show regard for heritage
1928 baths restoration
A pedestrian friendly city - easy to walk - safe to walk - linkage to bus, rail
Improve and maintain walkable amenity in suburbs move quickly to get Newcastle station operating as tourist hub. Improve suburban street light away from main roads.
Dedicated cycleways- sharing with vehicles is too dangerous, especially for child cyclists. Cycleway in rail corridor to city is essential - Hunter Street is not satisfactory alternative.

Workshop Q1: What would you like to see change in the next 10 years to make it GREAT to live and work here (i.e. in Newcastle)?

Walkable neighbourhoods
Compost collection from apartment blocks
Community support for more large scale solar plants in area
Innovation: Provision of - hubs - library services - opportunities to exchange and collaborate
Extra lane on city road in bound more bus shelters
Greater emphasis on public transport into / around city and suburbs, enabling future restriction on cars in CBD
Rail corridor kept as green space - cycleways - playgrounds - public park
Innovative use of water in Newy ie recycled from sewage, extended water recycling plant @ Kooragang
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Further cycleways enabling better + safer access to CBD, university...
The situation with the post office must be resolved by getting all parties together and heaven forbid make a few decisions... this must happen!
Keep, honour, restore unique city-scape our old heitage buildings should be restored, repurposed and used. Fine owners of Hunter St derelicts.
Run light rail on old rail line - Extend light rail to USEFUL places (JHH, city beaches, airport) integrate bikes and pedestrians
Reduce number of cars entering city by encouraging use of public transport, improving public transport, cycling etc
Better communication - advertising community events held in public space
Create inclusivity in civic activities and events to encourage all ages, ethnic diversity, easy access
Newcastle station re-development create vibrant activities ie craft, shops, restaurants etc. Business in this area MUST be mainly SELF FUNDING, not to rely on grants.
More parking for city visitors who aren't able to rely on public transport
Art gallery expansion: cultural triangle - Art Gallery, Civic, Ne Museum
Restoration heritage buildings - development in keeping with facades not tacked on. Funding to paint/restore facades
Restructure bikeways on public streets (Diagram with footpath then bikelane then cars parking in marked spots, then road for cars)
Greater transparency in administration, including fewer refusals to disclose information and cost details of certain ad hoc projects, such as Supercar Race.

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Effective communication between elected Councillors and citizens (ie owner correspondence)

Encourage council, police to talk to senior students, so about responsible use of cars so they don't park out local streets while they are attending school

Enhance use of the harbour for tourists and entertainment

A large centre for conferences to attract visitors

Improve promotion of Newcastle as sport destination ie National and International

Affordable and mixed housing - using building codes; developer requirements; inclusion of quotas for market rate & assisted housing in new developments

Easy access to city with better parking facilities especially for seniors

Parking outside the main city; public transport within the city

More efficient & reliable public transport

Improvements to public transport - direct buses to city from suburbs to speed up journey will encourage greater usage. Maintain free buses in city area.

Increased endemic planting in landscaping & public space

Consistent application of tree/green city policy

Interesting, variety of architecture - old and new appropriate scale (height, bulk) for the location

Unique buildings

Development focused on people/lifestyle (not economics). Look at Life More Interesting development at Bowden SA

More consideration given to seniors for the availability of pools and parks, libraries etc

Integrated transport - coordinated bus/light rail/ferry/plane timetabling (inexpensive & frequent) - park & ride carparks - bike networks/hubs connected

Playground with exercise equipment - other cities have outdoor gym facilities, with shade cover. Why not Newcastle? Richley Reserve is better, but more needed.

Support/opportunities for young/creative people to activate public space (without red tape) - Look at Splash

Further staff to keep the streets & gutters cleaner. Lack of at the moment.

JESMOND WORKSHOP HELD 21 JUNE 2017

More room for community and more activity

A big playground added to neighborhood centre and expanded

Have more place for enjoy and social activity + on every suburb have park and playground for babies and safe place for family

Men's shed/martial arts/boxing/chess/coffee club

More local hubs for shopping /meeting within walking distance for people

Corridor and station for very fast train Sydney to Williamtown

Recognition of the "active/mobile" older people eg. Over 60s & solo less emphasis on family but realise seniors need facilities access/support/interests

Less 'red tape'/rules/etc - Allow more people to follow their own paths without being told "you are not allowed"

Integrated transport & landuse planning - zoning that delivers change - appropriate development in

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appropriate locations - expanded light rail
Finding job be easier
Improve Newcastle's sustainability - carbon neutral by 2030 - divert most waste away from Summer Hill - Meca for renewables
Container Port, car import port, logistic centre of excellence
A second university with international links
More space outdoors allocated in suburbs as more become medium to high density
More community gardens
A big Gold Coast syle water/fun park in Newcastle
Children's bike tracks
More community open spaces playgrounds etc
Women's gym
More emphasis on old style living - able to swim/fish/play - travel - garden etc in the community for all ages - dam off the concrete drains for swim holes etc.
Enclosed playground with section for children/people with disabilities (closer to Newcastle than Speers Point Park)
More value on quality public open space - great parks/playgrounds across the city - improved amenity with open stormwater (naturalised) - more street trees
More sport activities for kids
Fun playgrounds
Shaded play area
Preschool education accessible to all children
Improved libraries - all to be like Wallsend
Some reading material in the neighbourhood centre for parents
Library in Jesmond De-centralised Health service
Develop Art Gallery & have open on Mondays
Bigger community centre in Jesmond
Information Centre especially for foreigners to know what happening in local community through neighbourhood centres.
Support mum
Free education - TAFE - childcare
Support for low income housing
More houses investment to decrease the renting and for young people
More english language courses
Social community and join with refuge people to integrate them with society
Support the innovation to create and establish factories to create more jobs
Education Centre (pre school) close to the uni for kids - local shops
More community preschool specialy near the uni

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Free English classes for Non-native English speakers eg. Language exchange class
More multi-cultural events to link the community. - More job opportunities for non-native English speakers - Airport shuttle for those who can't drive.
Support bi-lingualism (especiate)
The library is important - provides services - comedy programs - borrow books
Make the Art Gallery better (I go to Maitland)
Support for Octapod Assoc
Increase the finance support for community events run by the community
More shops (local) in the Birmingham Gardens
Increase the number of playgrounds next to Community Centres
Transport - pedestrian crossing Morton St Shortland - safe crossing
Transport line from Newcastle City to Newcastle Airport
Integrated public trams at rail station (linking buses)
More bus stops closer together - seats for waiting for bus
Bus stops with more seats - more community preschools near uni
Community shuttle service - cheap
Airship port
More trains/trainlines to Regional Hunter to Newcastle + Newy airport (for international airport)
Improved public transport
Frequency of buses. It's becoming busy with 4 wheelers
Affordable housing for low income households and young/casuals within Newcastle CBD
Low cost housing for people who need it
Richmond Vale Rail trail celebrating its 5th birthday
Cycleways linking all suburbs
Recycling of polystyrene
Recyclable plastics so no rubbish in creeks, parks and water ways and sea
Recycling of soft plastics
A bigger community centre in Jesmond for recreation & social activity
More Men's Sheds
Discussion centres for older people
Better Street lighting
A culture of caring for our local areas and people/neighbours - more walking & fewer cars
House price is growing too fast (Affordable house)
Halal Butcher in Newcastle. More work opportunities for CALD people
More cultural event in the western area. Greater multi-culturalism. More services & facilities in the west
Reduce the 4 wheeler number per home/house in future its gonna be much more busy then now

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More small business support
Trees being preserved rather than cut down
Better controls on medium density development - many units are crowded onto former house blocks, inadequate parking, poor designer
Close & repurpose coal port for international export/cleaner city/world
3 new bridges in Wallsend CBD celebrating their 5th birthday Wallsend flood safe
Better roads - Commuting from intercity its been difficult
WALLSEND WORKSHOP HELD 25 JUNE 2017
Wallsend flood risk management plans/constructions completed Tyrrell St Boscawen/Nelson St & Minmi Rd Bridges built
Information centre in Wallsnd as it's off the freeway. Big enough for caravans to park
More police presence in Wallsend
Night club hub
That equal priority given to all NCC towns & ensure funding is shared equally.
More diversity in manufacturing industry. It's still a big focus towards mining.
Develop the developed. Conserve trees & vegetation
Interactive technology spaces/activities. There are a lot of arts events but tech activities may help with an innovative city.
Trams to other areas
Transport connections to all suburbs - buses link with trams etc
Improved transport (public et al). Connectivity b/n West & CBD
Better & more convenient transport options
More regular, connected public transport to entire NCC area, especially Beresfield & Minmi
Better public transport. A less confusing system & more reliability of being on time
More accessible sustainable transport options e.g. bike tracks to areas outside CBD, light rail
more connected cycleways in Wallsend and walk ways
Multi-cultural spaces - young inclusive spaces bring together difference
Cultural exchange - spaces for difference
Upgraded aquatic facilities in LGA - Initial focus Lambton pool upgrade
Major sporting complex serving the West Corridor
Strong emphasis on heritage (Newcastle had NO Heritage Officer)
The re-use of old, already standing buildings. I moved here for the old beauty of the town. We should treasure & re-purpose it, not knock it down for modern things.(save dollars & create jobs in re-furb)
Connecting major roads to improve traffic flow
Upgrade on road projects (complete Freeways & bypasses) to & from M1-local across LGA
Interconnected cycleways - balance between efficiency & exercise
More cycleways
Green spaces in CBD to reduce effect of climate change

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More live music
Inclusivity & celebration of diversity within Newcastle - LGBT Q1+ religious diversity, migrants eg. Regular festivals
Parking in CBD - More free parking - Newcastle CBD
Community composting + more efficient handling of food waste
Safety - Police Station in Wallsend - more activity for children to keep them occupied and off the streets
Police station in Wallsend (x2)
More activities for children to keep them off the streets
More child/kids activity centres/activities, thing to do around town. Keep idle hands busy & out of trouble
NEWCASTLE WORKSHOP HELD 28 JUNE 2017
Affordable housing - diverse social mixes; The retention of existing public housing and new affordable housing; Diverse mixes strengthens society and empathy
Integrated shared cycleway and walking paths include connect Newc. to hunter valley nelsons bay and lake
More bike friendly areas that remove cyclists from the road and improve missing links
Uninterrupted seperated cycleways throughout the CBD
Electric bike-share scheme in the CBD
Make city more 'walkable' lights favoring pedestrians, more pedestrian crossings
Interupted cycleways. On seperated paths
Procedures to make cycling in the city safer - cycle paths - speed limits? For cars
It is vital that the city centre access is augmented by active transport options- walking and cycling to overcome the lack of carparks and to enhance public transport
Enhanced curb and guttering and road structures
An intergrated transport system that focuses on sustainable modes and all ages
Better public transport - particularly late at night to outer suburbs
Let's make sure our kids have active and safe ways to move about the community - to school, sports and friends
Safe cycleways - Not just a line on the road, but a barrier
More recreational areas - parks, children playgrounds
More parking to allow better access to recreational areas
Enhanced curb + guttering + road structures
Promote local public art eg. Murals + sculptures in open spaces chance for local input
The rich history of Newcastle through its residential and other buildings is recognised + valued becoming an attraction (stop overdevelopment of heritage area)
Preservation of heritage which has not been preserved to date
Keep Newcastle's inner city building heights as they are. Preserve historical buildings
It would be better if we (Newcastle) was governed by Newcastle and not from XX St in Sydney

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Street scapes + creative markings
Put QR codes on the ground around the city to connect to information
Better links to information in public spaces on the run (QR codes)
Improvement of lighting to improve safety in Newcastle at night
Safer crossings for pedestrians - Brighter ribbed surfacing
Better connected suburbs - more frequent public transport, new routes
An integrated transport strategy
Roadways that allow traffic to flow rapidly and take people to their destinations
Integrated transport including ferry services to Wickham + Carrington, light rail extensions etc
No perpetration of communities by destructive events without consultation
The formation of a lower hunter council
Development of park and ride facility connected to light rail
Integrated transport including light rail expansion to JHH, UON, broadmeadow
Improved regional transport solutions to car dependent areas
Include transport solutions when new residential land opens
More recreational areas - parks, children playgrounds
More community events
Address homelessness & affordable housing - A more just society - safer places for older people - increased good inclusive jobs -vibrant, cultural, easily objected innovation economy considered in Council Planning.
Include & enable residents to plant & grow local vegetation & manage feral invasive plants & birds - eg. Indian Minor
Continued diversification of economy, particularly advanced manufacturing, clean energy & technology.
Tackling homelessness
Increased greening of Newcastle - retaining & increasing open spaces - planting of trees in parks/streets - Emphasis on local native species
A Blue, green environment. Increased car sharing & biker sharing program - climate change - planned for protect our heritage - job resilient risk futur city - consider the importance of the water in relation to the environment, people & trade. Increased green spaces & tree canopy - Increased public transport - Become carbon neutral - natural environment protected & improved.
Tourism venues for visitors to stimulate economic development eg 350m tower with integrated activity. Water park activities for children and adults
Would like to drive to city centre & beaches and have somewhere to park
An admission that inviting Supercars & Destination NSW to control Newcastle through the major events Act Newcastle was a gross error of judgement.
Increased collaboration between people
Festivals such as vivid and sculpture By the Sea that encourage people to travel to different parts of the city (not necessarily just the CBD), enjoy the experience and visit local businesses and sites.
The development of "precincts" or key areas that are supported by council (eg subsidised rent) so that businesses can set up and be supported to thrive and grow.

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Banning property developers from decision making in Newcastle or standing for council election.

Address mental health & homelessness - currently many sufferers living in the CBD

Better night time activation of public spaces, e.g. lighting in Civic Park, the Mall & surrounding areas.

More workers & residents to help build sustainable businesses. More people will help businesses be successful & build the culture (cafes, bars, etc)

Revitalize Hunter Street - more shops - small supermarkets

Look at support for start up businesses with rent relief, lease free etc. to encourage unique boutique style shops

Reduction in coal dust - Particulate pollution - dust free trains - health prevention strategies

Undermining of business prosperity through allowing business destructive events such as V8s.

Ensure a major government department relocates to Newcastle within the next 10 years - to encourage employment opportunities

Rooftop bar -All great cities have at least one!!! We have a fantastic working harbour that is lit up at night and plans for high-rise construction in Newcastle West (old "Store" site) this is a superficial idea but I'd love a rooftop bar in our city

An extension of the cafes, restaurants and bars from Honeysuckle Hotel area back towards Wickham along the waterfront. This would include a walkway (promenade?), creative sculpture, grassed areas and seating similar to the area between Honeysuckle Hotel and the Crowne Plaza.

Access to information which considers CALD and diverse ages and all technologies (including books)

Collaborate with other cities domestic and international to institute best practice in design, innovative jobs of future, attract global businesses & develop our destination plan

More free parking allowing people to come and enjoy Newcastle Beach.

Limited Sprawl. Newcastle must avoid sprawl this has direct links to livability. Affordable infill housing & height limits to ensure human scaled city. More car reliant suburbs is last century. A city limit must be established for new development (Helps transport too)

More international events i.e. Supercars

Reform local government in NSW. Fund local government with a % of GST rather than rates - abolish states

NEWCASTLE WORKSHOP HELD 5 JULY 2017

Quality life for citizens - dev & encourage non extractive industries - build on strengths & connections between N'ctle & Lake Macq & lower Hunter - jobs, careers - education - keep & build TAFE

Promotion of appropriate sporting events in appropriate venues

Lights onto Silo's

Create a harbour precinct like Auckland

Bike rental stations around town

Encouraging community & village feel

More emphasis on mental wellbeing & role of council/city in this.

eGov/eCouncil - Digital & online services (but reliable & secure!)

Integrated cycle path network

Giant kids playground at Foreshore park, like Speers Point Park on steroids

Genuine aboriginal engagement and acknowledgement within and representation within the

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community (focus within community)
A more connected city - one that is simple, fast and cost effective in which to move through & about the LGA
Dedicated cycleways in the city
Lots more cycleways/footpaths
Usable transport to Airport
Expanded integrated public transport
Greater use of public transport (+ cycling). People over cars in our civic places. Improved public transport.
No cars in "centre" of Newcastle
Improve public transport
End of trip facilities for cyclists, showers, bike racks, bike maps route planners, solar lighting on bike tracks
Safe walking & bike paths
Connected areas via public transport/walking/cycling
Upgrade to footpaths in Newcastle
Increase 'lighting' on all pedestrian crossings! Mark roads before pedestrian crossings!
Road safety: Educate drivers - 40kph in every road beyond main arteries - every driver given defensive driving instructions - every pedestrian given defensive pedestrian education
Regular - like every 10 mins public transport from the Lake, JHH, Charlestown, The Uni, The Tafe, Port Stephens and awesome dedicated & safe cycle paths all over.
Transport - public within N'ctle use rail corridor - improve rail link & Sydney - improve link & airport i.e. rail link (don't go day Melb option ie "skybus" - they now want a train) - little ferries zig zag the river - commuters - tourists
More job opportunities so my daughter won't need to leave Newcastle to work
More jobs & cheap uni education
Career paths for school & tertiary education graduates
Plant gorgeous seasonal plants
Beautiful landscaping
The whole city should be a beautiful garden
Expand the gallery as an open & contemporary community engaged facility - operating locally & nationally leveraging its collection
New or extended art gallery
Live music! Exercise or develop planning instruments which ensure/support the retention of live music & event venues
Native Bushland - No net loss of remaining native bushland - urban consolidation instead
Respect for citys parks + playgrounds
Street trees inner city suburbs need more
Parks that include interactive play areas for children, games permanent etc on ground
Ability to travel by public transport/bike directly between major centres (eg. Shops, beach, city,

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vineyards)
Safer roads + community in city centre for walking + bike riding, eg: - level paths - lighting - patrolling streets
Act to limit air + water pollution by particulates and plastics
Distribution of social or affordable using throughout the city
More open space and recreation area for CBD towards the beaches
More trees on Newcastle beach esplanade and foreshore area
Civic leadership to create & lead change/promote working together (as compared to current divisive styles).
More drinking fountains to encourage the end to the use of plastic bottles
Develop community energy projects - loan - crowd funded tenant based
Integrate senior citizens centre into: Community gardens, men's sheds, day care center
Equity in resources & services across different areas of the city
Update seniors citizen centres
Services for disadvantaged, boosting the community
More information for senior activities & events "Notification"
More Toilet amenities for disabled & general public
Space +/- processes to enable food small scale production eg - urban farming - community gardens - green buildings
more community activities like fairs & festivals & even community gardens to bring people together
Better use of Throsby Creek as a recreation water way
Maintain open space embracing the community through activation
Value open space & heritage in the city
Active Youth Programs that target activating young people in a positive, healthy direction
Climate Action - City is powered by 100% renewable energy
Building Aesthetics - ban the box! ie. Featureless cheap boring not beautiful buildings
Built environment - keep profile of N'ctle CBD - keep connection between historic N'ctle & river & harbour - limit skyscrapers - so NOT dev to look like mini Chatswood
More safety for beach users eg: drones
Stop Supercars
Remove Supercars
Remove parking meters
Diversity of tourism and promotion of major tourist spots/activities. Broadening the base of tourist activities to include the community with long lasting activities
Open council through responsive council/councillors eg. KPI on emails
Emphasis in planning on more adaptable human scale property development incorporating spaces which encourage community interaction
Newcastle as a liveable city, accessible, sustainable & beautiful but affordable.
Own & celebrate unique identity - environment - history - built environment

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Social cohesion - public spaces - events - volunteer opportunities

Development of villages - higher density - transport codes - retail/entertainment/work - civic/public spaces

Place activation - Large open spaces with coordinated programs across Govt agencies to attract people

Question 2: What may change in the next 10 years to make it HARD to live and work?

Workshop Q2: What may change in the next 10 years to make it HARD to live and work here (i.e. in Newcastle)?

MEREWETHER WORKSHOP HELD 19 JUNE 2017

Drainage from properties existing and new.

Poorly planned development (what happened to streetscape) houses to big ugly badly built, no gardens.

Population demographics eg. Access for elderly or children etc.

Over population must be limits traffic, pressure on environment

Being forced to live in an apartment due to overdevelopment

Lack of adequate public transport as university moves faculties into cbd

TRANSPORT difficulties

Removal of the Adamstown gates causes traffic congestion

Removal of the heavy rail

Climate change rising sea levels

Sea level rise is XXXX to increase flooding and salt introversion in low lying areas

Failure to move clean energy will increase climate change problems

Climate change reduction in jobs associated with coal exports

Continued reclaimed on coal, oor air quality, more renewable, more renewable energy battery storage

Overdevelopment- too much influence on council of developers who have narrow short sighted, money driven agenda/ perspective

Over development

Focus on economy over people /lifestyle

Over-development of apartments with very few social supports - open space, public transport, schools, etc

Lack of funding to continue to develop and improve

Council does not function well and does not make decisions that reflect the view of the general community ie. Poor leadership

Supercars disruption

Gentrification - people/businesses-spatial inequality

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Failure of change to consumer habits -still no major retailer in the CBD, most apartment-dwellers still shop in suburban malls

Technology reduces employment for unskilled, so greater skill education is needed. TAFE courses must be increased not reduced at present

Reduction of coal industry

Changing industry - Coal and manufacturing finishing- what replaces? - Increased automation more people out of work. Shared economy opps for new types of work

Transport-privatisation as poorly planned light rail, removal of some bus services, lack of parking - all add up to greater difficulty getting into the cbd

Lack of parking and transport

Transport to Sydney by train-where are fast trains

State/local govt not standing by decisions - rail corridor - green space - delivery of efficient intergrated transport system

State/local govt being influenced by a few. Not being open/transparent Imposing decisions of a few (short sightedness)

Pressure on council/state govt by 'big business' to develop not in Newcastle long term interests - eg high rise, us/sale of public assets.

Bad building and transport decision for Newcastle (that largely come from Sydney): local people to make local decisions

Increased privatization of public assets + utilities: leading to less public interests being catered for.

Climate change will impact waterfront - more storms rising water level - flooding

Climate change! Most of lowlying Newy effected by flooding, sea level rise. Need to plan towards resilience in next 10 years for problems in next 100.

Age demographics greater need for: - aged care options + services - innovation + variety in education facilities + location

Increasing housing costs which make it difficult for children to stay here.

Pay careful attention to intergrating migrants + refugees. Eg. English literacy programs beyond fed gov't 500 hours, honour different cultures publically, etc.

Climate sea rise. Energy requirements.

Economy all parties are taking us into a depression. We must use clean coal if we are to survive!

Cars Newcastle must be aware of the rapid development of new types of vehicles. These changes must be thought about and acted on

Safety

Changing/weakening - lock out laws. - increased alcohol access/violence - unsafe streets

Unfair share of govt revenue ie. Sydney -centric state govt

Increased investment/population from Syd

Increase in private cars, making traffic congestion a major problem
-parking off street needs increasing
-alternatives-public transport, better cycling facilities (inc.racks)

Too much traffic/ congestion in and around the inner city

Defunding TAFE will create a dearth of qualified trades people. Keep public education well funded + in

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public hands

Transport access across region city faster services intercity

Dangers in over density of population on local infrastructure

Parking - not everyone is able to use public transport or live in the inner city, especially people with disabilities, so access maybe a future problem - seniors, too.

Inner city parking

Lack of access to facilities parks, beaches uni campus

Failure to fix the Adamstown railway crossing would increase traffic problems

Public housing better quality and safer

Numbers on building in shopping centres if they are there need be bigger

More education required in high schools for what council state gov and fed do.

JESMOND WORKSHOP HELD 21 JUNE 2017

Global climate change

overseas problem like middle east & civil war

Housing prices not allowing younger people into the area

Rent is increasing

Raising rent and job

Rising cost of living

Rising population housing shortages

Rising rents

Houses prices crisis

Raising electricity bills

Housing unaffordability - need mix of housing types

Population density

Overcrowded city & region causing loss of natural resources, unnatural use of land, and pressures on housing and the people in it

Overpopulation - yet the funds go to Sydney - therefore we have little support financially or representation (we need to be a new state)

High housing density without adequate open space/community areas

Increase the number of pre and high school (build school)

Community facilities for aged residents

More public toilets

More disabled parking

Not enough job opportunities

Shortage in job opportunities

Find job for educated people - it's the economy

Down turn in coal industry

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Businesses closing in Jesmond & Wallsend centres (food, clothing closing)

Public transport - isolated location (international flight, fast train to Sydney)

Need modern transport system

Over crowded roads

Increased roads to stop congestion

Road congestion on major roads. Local residents are impacted

More car parks

Expensive house price. Massive increase 10% in one year

Property price bubble

House price (going up)

More housing for homeless people

Increase energy. Bill price (electricity & gas)

Increase of fuel price for transport

Diminishing diversity in industry/manufacturing

Too much corporatisation/overtaking the community with big ventures/big money therefore stifling opportunity for small - innovative - locally owned enterprises - deskilling the community

Energy supply - need for cheap renewable energy

Crime - need for more police - I am a mum and I am scared for my children

No investment in fast rail to Sydney. Sydney not interested

Under employment

Jobs (lack of)

Finding jobs

Lack of jobs. Particularly entry level jobs

Ageing population as youth leave for jobs in capital cities

"Brain Drain" Lack of diverse, high skilled jobs

Reduced centre for power generation loss of jobs - expertise

Lack of jobs unwillingness of employers to employ anyone over 50

Lack of job opportunity

New jobs - grid lock in Newcastle CBD

Not enough jobs for refugees in Newcastle especially young people

Greater CALD community in the western area but no local services or jobs

Too many cars on the street will make driving difficult

Increased road traffic

More cars needing parking - congested roads, parks

Loss of public open space - with increased housing density access to open space is even more critical.

Loss of bush, quiet places, uncrowded places.

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Noise increasing - traffic & balding

Acts against minorities (segregation)

The pricing out of young people/at risk/elderly/low income households - Too many expensive apartments

Not enough low cost housing especially for people on CentreLink

Increasing inequality of opportunity

Increased need for services for older people

Isolated, homebound older people lacking support

Will there be enough facilities for aged care

Lack of support for youth, including youth venue, all ages gig venues - mental health support

No youth services in western suburbs

Police/other local body involving on weekend checks. The streets are lonely - teenagers hanging around on streets at night

Pollution

Less smoke and methane gas

global warming

Reluctance or delay in adoption of renewables, battery storage & electric car charging points

Extreme weather events

Energy insecurity

Sea level rise

Better "E" course collection/dropping facility. It's gonna be tough/job hard in future

Waste collection activity must be more segregated then just "3" for example "diapers"

WALLSEND WORKSHOP HELD 25 JUNE 2017

History should be preserved where possible - buildings - written down - photos - once gone - means a part of Newcastle is gone

Close/lose historic culture - preservation

Increased traffic creating specific local bottle necks

The duplication of Minmi Rd due to the increased traffic for the increased development

Bottle neck at Link Road lights in morning and afternoons is dangerous

Increased population moving from Sydney creating crushing road challenges

The lack of change to funding organisation of public transport will further congest the CBD & surrounding areas creating more & more issues regarding parking, roadways & affordability

The lack of interest & training of youth in aged care coupled with the growing ageing population.

Increasing number of people moving to regional areas for housing affordability, etc.

Cluttered housing putting too many people central & not expanding surrounding areas sufficiently. Will end up like Sydney. Traffic, pollution, crime etc.

Climate change affecting health

Climate change increased need for loss of green spaces in the city

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Australia's selling of our energy resources. May effect Newcastle's coal industry

Unemployment caused by automotion

Youth unemployment

Youth unemployment - The lack of ideas & systems in place to lessen such issues & the lack of effort to change it.

Building run down creating a feeling of Newcastle being 'run down' delapidated.

Railway - system mess

Energy price increases - opportunity for alternatives in LGA

Job growth in western suburbs/decentralise Govt business

International Airport with Tram link

More open space in city area

Affordable housing/living

Housing affordability is needed now, and in the future

Population expansion/bridges (remain) not replaced. In 100 year flood washes away Nelson St businesses & lives lost.

Population increase - will require more housing - better transport required - congestion - power usage.

Housing availability not keeping with population growth

Public transport will not cope with population growth - plus it's not favoured by everyone. Cars need to have parking available - cheap, and conveniently timed meters.

CBD developments increasing demand & at same reducing car parking availability.

Over development - grey cheap construction

Major housing development in Blue Gum Hills - increases traffic gridlock, unless more walkway, cycleways, increased public transport

NEWCASTLE WORKSHOP HELD 28 JUNE 2017

Unsympathetic inappropriately scaled and designed infill development

Increased traffic that distroys - amenities esp - poorly planned roads, rail & bike

Light rail - removal of buses from the city - ineffectual route servicing who/what??

More people = more traffic - transport upgrades

Increased population - inadequate road networks - ageing infrastructure, water supply, sewerage.

Lack of long term parking stations (similar to council car park).

Lack of parking, need to encourage cycling walking & public transport

Light rail on Hunter Street will encourage traffic onto King Street. This street is a dead end at Newcastle Beach!

To date planning the city's transport has been car centric. Some roads into the city are already experiencing grid-lock.

Drainage because of the old mines and their subsidence in some cases the curb and gutters travel the wrong way.

Gentrification - if not limited will weaken our diverse urban mix

Potentially too rapid population growth

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Over development - population growth is realistic and can be managed with careful planning.

The Hunter economy changing from a dependency on natural resources to a resilient & inclusive economy based on the service industry.

Unemployment. Mining down turn etc.

Too many multi-storey residential developments and resulting issues re traffic and parking.

High density housing - impacting traffic flows - no appropriate public transport for moving of people.

Housing shortage & availability & the move to units & multi level living

Real estate prices growing rapidly. Will be too expensive to buy or rent

Concentrated employment creation - regional decentralisation commercial rather than industrial

Decline in manufacturing - less jobs

If more large employers are forced to move out of the region

A lack of support for local businesses would make it harder for workers (lunches and coffee) and residents (dining out).

Poor connection to Sydney rest of State by public transport

A rapid service train from Newcastle to Sydney. And by rapid I mean in under two hours.

Transport changes too small!!! - connect light rail to beaches & shops - connect Newcastle to Sydney, Hunter Valley & rural NSW

More bikes - less cars. A train to Sydney that will take a bag or a port

What public transport can deliver must be: flexible - diverse modes - guaranteed -Council can't buckle.

NSW Government push into Western Sydney could lead to lack of opportunity for Newcastle if its people don't stop the negativity and opposition to change.

The State Government must follow through with long term transport plans

Less government monies to expend on our city needs

Amalgamation of local councils giving less control

Changes to Government Policy (international, Commonwealth, State and regional).

If we lose our beautiful parks & open spaces

Distraction of existing Heritage/parks/facilities

Cost shifting from Federal to State to Council

Self-determination. Novocastrians need to be responsible for their own destiny (i.e not Sydney/Canberra)

Total destruction of mature Norfolk Pines and replacement with trees that will take years to mature.

The destruction of public recreation area in Foreshore Park - loss of public space

Global warming will affect crop yields. Environmental damage is destroying arable land

Climate change, pollution, over crowding

Climate change and environmental threats/particulate pollution heavy industry.

Climate change - end of coal mining port & shipping opportunities - extreme weather events - flooding, temps & mosquitoes.

Climate change must be a top priority for every new & existing project

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Climate change affecting the way people live, work and play
Housing affordability is a critical issue
Cost of housing and cost of living in a big city.
Cost of living/housing affordability - Newcastle will become like Sydney if we don't manage it.
Increasing housing prices are making it difficult for 'ordinary' people to live in inner Newcastle.
Housing affordability in Australia will continue to impact on Newcastle and its housing prices
Cost of housing increasing dramatically - even in outer suburbs
High general cost of living through council rates, electricity, water, real estate etc
The CBD will become an exclusive enclave for wealthy retirees. The gentrification of Newcastle CBD will kill the very heart & character of the city.
More residents moving into town with the wrong expectations of what living in a city entails.
Coastline erosion
Immigration, overflow of people = road congestion. Parking issues
Inadequate provision of parking, i.e. carparks, onstreet parking & insufficient parking in new developments
Parking/transport into city - lack of - expense
Increasing residential & retail & commercial population in city causing bigger traffic issues/congestion/foot traffic on paths.
Parking in the city, parking near the beach, parking in Honeysuckle area will become more challenging.
Traffic flow, esp along Honeysuckle Dr and through the Stewart Ave intersection.
Over development - too many high rise, shopping centres etc
High rise buildings blocking light & views throughout city & hiding Newcastle history & heritage
Urban Sprawl - lack of density in new CBD (West End) for commercial buildings
Rapidly increasing housing density in Central Newcastle - more congestion on roads - challenge is to balance the use of public spaces.
Cost of living pressures especially for people on lower incomes eg. Rapid house prices
Population growth that is not well planned leading to inappropriate housing stock, lack of connection, and poor provision of public space.
Rapid population increase and population density in inner Newcastle - pressure on services, transport
Uncontrolled expansion: may lead to - more traffic - housing limits - pressure on services i.e. GP Access
Finance to live & carry out normal activities (mortgage repayments will consume funds)
Lack of recreational resources (Pools/parks etc) in new development areas
Minority groups opinions - are not always the views of the majority - Council may get a wrong idea.
Waste management and water management (waste/run off/potable)
Concern with NCC overriding rights of a community for a V8 race
Destruction and desecration of heritage monuments due to V8 Supercars
Effects of the 5yr contract to have V8 Supercars in Newcastle Heritage area

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Get rid of Supercars & other community intrusive events

Decisions made by NCC or NSW Govt without appropriate community consultation. Particularly those that negatively affect residents.

NEWCASTLE WORKSHOP HELD 5 JULY 2017

Need to integrate with newcomers!! Make Ncle 'Friendly' Safe people capital.

Reductions in public services funding (e.g health, education)

Reliance on technology - advancements and more dependence

Parking in city

Poor parking within CBD and impact on people living in CBD and people travelling into Newcastle

Climate change. Need focus on infrastructure. High density living in East Ncle

Climate change, extreme heat, flooding, rising seas, drought periods longer, water/dam levels

The light rail doesn't go to plan

Light rail, parking, transport

Poor connected transport systems

Transport - extensive - diverse - connected - locally, regionally, internationally - if not in place before; & ready then population, growth liveability is doomed.

Lack of public transport

Traffic "chaos!" Cars: Buses!

Road & traffic congestion/inadequate social infrastructure

Congestion if public transport fails to improve

No improvements in public transport

Restricted/undeveloped light rail infrastructure

Too much activity drawn to city centre (ie Uni) without transport infrastructure or change in car-habit.

Unemployment if coal sector declines - still a mining town, need to change that

Changes in technology & jobs - challenges for organisations, communities to provide services expected by residents. Businesses to remain relevant.

Decline in extractive & support industries that aren't replaced by other industries eg. Solar panel production, education, innovation

Transition away from coal - new jobs

Failure to maximise our tourism potential

Unappreciated/unsupported arts community

Resistance to change that hampers livability because it delays development

Lag in sustainable energies

Supercars - 3 mths of chaos per year!

Supercars - 10 weeks of barriers, trucks, road closures, noise pollution

Businesses closing, struggling due to Supercars

Super Cars!!!

Politising of decision making at every level of government leading to short term decision making

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Unresponsive council - more humanist approach needed
Issues with ageing population in city & younger age groups being pushed to outer suburbs
State & local Govts to work/plan in isolation
Development - can be good but has to be balanced - maintain open space, environment, local community
Population growth + dwellings in the city centre
Lack of good planning in the emerging city in Newcastle West
Inner city congestion - New developments with no parking
Increasing population NOT catered for by current infrastructure ie poor planning@ particularly at state level
The scale of the city will change to more high density living
Transition from town to city
Increased high density - more high rise living
Lack of public space & amenities
Loss of native bushland and natural creeks - quality of life eg. Bypass road by RMS George McGregor part destroyed should be on pilons not cut & fill
Affordability - rent - property - transport etc
Increased price of housing
cost of living & housing affordability
Housing affordability
Affordability - Sydney/OS investors affecting N'ctle prices & N'ctle life choices
Population increase with people being forced out of Sydney due to property prices. Housing - affordability
Increase house/property prices
Homelessness - property speculation, investment pushing up prices. Trend - Houses as investment not homes. Increase affordable housing
Growth - real estate - price increases = homeless people

2.4 Online Ideas Wall

What's your big idea for Newcastle?

What's your big idea for Newcastle? Ideas posted and 'voted'	Up Votes	Down Votes
A superfast (or even 'kinda fast') train between Newcastle and Sydney.	43	2
A purpose built public park for food trucks to service year-round. Landscaped with seating, lighting, bins and shade. Could be used to activate a troublesome area (or areas) in the CBD at night.	35	0
Ban traffic and convert road running through Hunter Street Mall into a bi-directional bike lane.	34	0

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A clean, efficient, and interconnected public transport SYSTEM, involving bicycles, buses, and tram. I still can't believe that to go from the CBD to the hospital or university in particular places you have to wait for a bus every 30 min./1 hr. and the trip will take you more than 45 minutes. This is the only city I know which using your car is cheaper than public transport, it doesn't make any sense.	34	0
Bike lanes in the CBD.	33	0
Extend the upcoming light rail system to the major precincts of our city- the uni at Callaghan via mayfield, the hospital via MacDonald Jones stadium, the airport this should alleviate any parking issues. Sculptures along bathers way. Improved cycle ways connecting inner city suburbs to outlying suburbs. More street art. Vertical garden covering the foreshore tower, much like how Singapore have achieved. Place making of our suburbs to create unique environments in each precinct .	32	0
What about classy and clean public toilets and change rooms, with soap and a way to dry your hands. Public toilets in Lambton and many other parks are really horrid.	32	0
Ban the plastic bag!!	28	0
bring more local art into Newcastle! Bland buildings are out, let's brighten up the city and support local talent as well!	27	1
Water fountain/bubblers in all public spaces to fill water bottles, water dogs and for people to refresh. Encourages more people to carry water bottles to help reduce the impact of buying plastic bottles of water.	27	0
A complete revitalisation of Hunter Street Mall with new paving, lighting, landscaping, wayfinding and public domain. The transformation of the tired Maitland Hunter Mall to The Levee is a great example of what's possible.	26	0
Sculpture by the sea for Bathers Way	24	2
Ban plastic all cafes should provide community storage spaces for recycled cups and keep cups and for recycled bags. Let's ban plastic in our community. It's unhealthy for human consumption and a horrible and unnecessary waste product.	24	1
100% renewable energy Newy is 100% doable. Let's go!	24	0
Green infrastructure - adding roof top and vertical gardens to new or existing buildings. Tree-planting along our coastal beaches.	23	0
As Dumaresq Street is a designated bicycle thoroughfare into the City via the Fernleigh Track, please upgrade the current painted line (bicycle lane) into a protected bidirectional lane so that city-bound travellers do not have to dangerously negotiate parked cars, opening doors and close passing vehicles. The road reserve appears wide enough? Thanks!	23	0
These. Everywhere. In the CBD of course but also inner, middle and outer areas. Other cities are embracing it. Council is doing some good work, but a lot more needs to be done in the name of safety and convenience for people on bikes and in cars (and mobility scooters!), and to keep up with the projected inner city population growth.	23	0
More community gardens and urban farming plots for neighbours to connect with each other and grow food together.	23	0

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(Photo courtesy King County Parks Your Big Backyard)		
Williamstown to be an International Airport, with flights to Fiji.	23	0
We should have more street art and murals around the city on big blank walls and on buildings around big streets so when you drive past you can look at a more colourful city.	21	1
Newcastle urgently needs more crisis housing for the homeless. No questions asked housing for everyone. Safe housing is a human right for all of the community. Temporary housing needs to be built urgently to house our homeless....we need more housing urgently.	21	1
I think lighting the beautiful trees along Glebe Road between The Prince Hotel and The Union St Corner at The Junction would make a lovely entrance into inner Newcastle. They could be solar powered.	21	0
Pedestrian and cycle only areas throughout the city like in Amsterdam allowing for activities like this: (Nashville Pedal Tavern)	21	0
Turn Queen's Wharf tower into an iconic pillar of light with a new architecturally designed LED facade.	19	3
better safety for cyclists! And more accessibility for those who are in wheelchairs. Often the gutter has no ramps attached on footpaths and it is ridiculous for the most accessible path to be the road (as there aren't changes in the road conditions that enable wheelchairs to use them).	19	0
Install free outdoor fitness equipment around places like Merewether beach so people can workout outside and enjoy the weather. Health is incredibly important for Newcastle citizens but some do not have the financial ability to invest in this. The council could assist these people while also creating a place to enjoy the beautiful sites of Newcastle and meet like minded people. Everybody deserves the chance to improve the quality of their lives.	18	1
When new residents choose to move to the CBD or when developers are building there - make it clear/part of the DA acceptance that it will be noisy. That there's a working harbour, that the pubs will (hopefully) have live music & crowds of people having fun. This will stop our city's character being lost. And attract the right people/developments. Then everyone can be happy!	18	0
Whale watching platforms at The old bowling club site at King Edward Park, with some coin operated binoculars	18	0
Would be great to see outdoor fitness stations in multiple locations from Merewether ocean baths to Newcastle foreshore and also around the Newy park run track in Wickham and Carrington	18	0
I would like to see Newcastle CBD a private vehicle free zone. Just use trams, buses, bikes etc.	17	1
It would be a great investment for a green future!		
Lighting. A city without dark corners is a safe city. In this age of LED lighting it is more affordable to run than ever. Well lit areas may encourage people in to these shared spaces - making them safer.	17	0
Place a free waterpark for children at the foreshore similar to the current one in Townsville. It will attract more families to visit the city and will make it more appealing for tourists with children.	17	0
Encourage/facilitate the planting of suitable fruit trees & vegetables patches on suburban verges (and in inner city pocket parks) instead of lawns; and trees that	16	0

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grow too tall under power lines.		
I would love to see the old lawn bowls area at Gregson Park turned into a bigger and better community space especially a community garden and picnic area. Solar panels on top of the building as well!	16	0
I think they should put a cleaning table for fishermen at Horseshoe beach. A lot of people fish in that area, so this would add to the cleanliness, ease of use, and attraction to the area. Some public toilets are also needed badly in this area. The area is busy with people who fish, walk their dogs on the dog beach and visit the park nearby. The age of people range from very young to very old. It is often people have to leave the area just to find a toilet.	16	0
More crosswalks around the Merewether/bar beach residential streets to get to the boardwalk without having to wait for rush hour traffic (ex. crossing Frederick Street). It might encourage more pedestrian/walking.	16	0
Forshore park, turn the dirty pond into a water playground, then extend the childrens playground to meet up with it. such a beautiful area up there, but it is a bit boring for kids.	16	0
Instead of a second airport at Sydney, upgrade Newcastle airport and upgrade the rail connections between the airport, Newcastle and Sydney.	15	1
Work with The University of Newcastle's printed solar panels sheeting innovative technology to work towards The City of Newcastle being powered prodominantly by renewables by 2030. Let's start now with solar powered council ammenities & bus stops shelters to improve visibility and community safety.	15	0
Themed street parties in different suburbs to celebrate our culture, heritage, diversity, etc.	15	0
Remove confusion of Bike pictures on roads. NEVER ride close to parked cars (even when bike pictures on roads confuse you). Unseen children can open car doors and push you into traffic. NSW Road Rules 153, 144 & 247 advise to ride the safe way (usually 1.5m away from parked cars). They look like bike lanes, where you should ride your bike. But they are not! Even The Uni active travel pages agree: newcastle.edu.au/activetravel .	14	3
Bicycle friendly cities have dedicated cycling lanes on roads, at pedestrian crossings and on wide footpaths. Cycling is respected - it's the easiest way to get around. In contrast Newcastle cycling options are prohibitive. The cyclist must always give way and take the least navigable route - tolerable for recreational cycling but not reflecting genuine commitment to transit-cycling. Small changes to existing infrastructure will promote cycling by facilitation AND by changing public attitude.	14	0
A Newzzt start up which offers an Uber-like taxi service, but instead of cars use tiny electric mopeds that can carry 2 to 3 people at a speed of up 45 kilometers per hour. This was trailed in Gothenburg, a comparable size city to Newcastle. This service could be available to everyone in the inner city, via an app for prices comparable to public transport while importantly helping to reduce emissions.	14	0
Better local public transport, such as small free buses which would take up less room and be safer than the huge buses we have now which are empty during the off-peak times, Also local public transport needs a fair socially inclusive pricing system so all the community can travel in our community.	14	0
Also, buses need ticketing machines on them for passengers who have not filled their Opal cards.... seems so stupid to be late because buses don't have		

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machines on them...		
More live music venues + permanent open air stages in CBD	14	0
Thank you The City of Newcastle. I really appreciate all you are doing with the Bathers Way, so let's do it even 'Better Together'. A permanent Sculpture Park that rivals the best in the world (Sculpture in Pilane, Sweden & Vigeland Park in Norway). Our Sculpture Park & Harbour Eye could be integrated into what we already have on offer WILDLIFE, NATURE & UNIQUE ANCIENT LANDSCAPE. Newcastle, the best southern city to live and visit.	13	0
<p>High speed rail to Sydney. So many people live in Newcastle and work in Sydney. Also rail times to Singleton that make sense. Think of all the mine workers who could catch a train to Singleton then a bus... but the train gets there at 9:45am</p> <p>Also less road blocks at Nobbys please. Every weekend I'm stopped because of some triathlon or car race.</p> <p>To improve tourism to the coast. A rail line down the central coast would be so great. And relieve the M1 if cars. See Wollongong for example</p>	12	2
Get rid of four way stop sign intersections. They are terribly confusing, especially for people that come from areas outside of Newcastle.	12	2
Help bring big name acts back into the city instead of the vineyards	12	1
Inground composting dog toilets in all parks and beaches to help support the responsible disposal of dog poo.	12	0
I would love to see some iconic signage similar to that in Amsterdam, maybe utilise the multi-coloured Newcastle logo (see image).	12	0
<p>The statue of two figures in the foyer of the Newcastle Regional Library would be better placed outside the building so it can be fully appreciated.</p> <p>The statue in the foyer is lost.</p>	11	0
<p>A big clock at Newcastle's ocean baths and beaches would be a fantastic addition for beachgoers, surfers and swimmers.</p> <p>I suggest a clock similar to that on Avoca Beach. It can be seen from a long distance while swimming at the beach.</p>	11	0
The Hunter Street Mall should be modernised to reflect a more coastal theme. We are a wonderful coastal city so the mall should be light and bright. Lots of colourful paving and vegetation to make the area more inviting. Night time lighting would be huge improvement.	11	0
TOURISM!!! Give tourists and holidaymakers more reasons to visit The Hunter Region - Tourism generates an opportunity for economic growth for the region and financial stability for sole traders and small business owners/operators who may currently be experiencing financial hardship.	11	0
Town planning for Youth Hubs and Free Youth Activity Centres to keep our next generation off the streets and involved in community projects and growth. Give them a sense of belonging and a reason to be a proud part of the Newcastle Area. Give our children the chance to lead the way towards a brighter and happier tomorrow.	11	0
To help with cleaning of local areas and making it more pet friendly, I would like to see the installation of dog poo bag dispensers would be great with a bin located near by. They do this in Tasmania and works great and helps keep local area	10	2

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clean.		
To encourage more bicycle usage get the buses to have external bike racks on the front and back. Oversea they have much better options than the ones used in Victoria and Canberra.	10	1
Have a parking ticket that can be used all over the city ie u buy 4 hrs that can be transferred from 1 location to another by popping ticket in the meter when u change location the city is spread out people move all over the place dont have change or run out of change run out of time & don't like getting booked less likely to come back to city bad for business	10	0
CityCycle bike hire scheme like Brisbane. The first half hour of every ride is free and you can return the bike at any bike station 24x7. https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/sports-leisure/cycling-brisbane/citycycle-bike-hire	10	0
Newcastle railway station could be made into an unique swimming centre. The platform can provide the drop off into the pool. It could contain kids friend pool and attractions similar to Manly aquatic centre. Newcastle centre needs to continue to be an entertainment hub if it is really going to thrive.	9	3
A bush running track through Arcadia Park in The Hill, with exercise equipment in King Edward Park. Its already partly built.	9	1
An App-based minibus system that works in parallel with the current bus system. If you miss your bus, or need to get somewhere fast, you can use an App to call a minibus to your bus stop. In the early stages, few people will know about the service, and so only a few minibuses will be needed (strategically placed around the region). As popularity grows, more minibuses can be purchased. As the service grows, it can encourage people to sell their car. facebook.com/groups/travellingpublic	9	1
Extend Steel Street in Newcastle West across the old railway corridor over to Honeysuckle. This will enable an alternative route for people leaving Marketown area to reduce traffic from Hunter and Kings Streets.	9	0
Community food forests with organic food trees and raised beds for organic gardens for annuals and herbs.	9	0
More public toilets built using passive solar design and using environment methods reducing the cost of community maintenance. Composting toilets using worms farms to digest waste in public spaces Toilets need to be open so communities can access toilets in the evenings in public spaces.	9	0
I would like bigger or more skate parks with covers over them so you can ride when it is raining or when it has rained and the ground is wet. Especially at Lambton skate park please.	9	0
Heated indoor pool in CBD	9	0
A huge playground for kids (like the hopscotch playground in tamworth) that's is covered from the sun.	9	0
Bring some color back into Newcastle city. Make the buildings more vibrant especially along hunter st. Bring back the edge and quirkiness.	9	0
Currently if you want to find out what sporting grounds are closed during the week (eg for soccer training), you have to call Council, and listen to a long list of Park	9	0

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names be read out on a recorded msg - and if yours is a long way down the list alphabetically, its easy to get confused about whether your park is open or closed, and you have to call back. It would be so much more efficient for people if this list of park closures could be uploaded to Council's Facebook page, website or an app		
Parking. Parking is continually taken away. Honeysuckle is due to go. The disgrace that now surrounds nobbys. U put a car race to show off the city yet reduced the car parks to go there	8	6
How about a city for people not cars. Such as in Varanasi {India} Kathmandu {Nepal} where everything you need as in shops are either pedestrian friendly bazaar -Varanasi that snakes through medium rise flats and Kathmandu with little open squares ten minutes walk away. So build a pedestrian friendly city. Ban the car. Especially from the mall. That is more than pathetic. Or look to Berlin how units can be built in park lands served by the underground. It can be done. Let us lead the world.	8	1
More live music venues for bands, venues that are not restricted by sound to help push the arts back into Newcastle.	8	1
Community halls or spaces for cultivating healthy activities. Newcastle has many new and ageing community members looking to share safe group activities	8	0
What about combining a convention center with the cruise terminal at the west end of honeysuckle. My colleagues and I regularly travel to other parts of Australia to attend conferences since there is no venue big enough to host them in Newcastle. One day a cruise terminal, then a Pink concert followed by a conference bringing together Australia's top doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and scientists to discuss and present the latest discoveries in cancer treatment hosted by HMRI.	8	0
More toddler friendly fully fenced playgrounds - there are currently only a handful around the Newcastle area but they are wonderful for mums and dads with young kids to get out and about on their own without worrying about their young ones running off. Consider including Seating for parents and shade.	8	0
More dog parks	8	0
Better public transport and / or parking around Honeysuckle restaurants.	8	0
Big Ferris wheel at the foreshore, free water parks like the one they have in Southbank, Brisbane or the Darling Quarter in Sydney. Or Sculpture Trails like painted kangaroos or emus spread all over the place so people have something to keep coming back for like in Port Macquarie's Hello Koalas. I Love Newcastle sign aswell at nobbys lighthouse or at the fort. Though more parking spaces will have to be allocated in order to accomodate the public.	7	3
A contemporary Sculpture Walk-Ride, Park and Centre. The walk-ride could be a visual link between Civic, Queens Wharf, East End and CBD for locals and visitors from around NSW, Australia and the world. How about an international standard Sculpture Park among local native vegetation at The Foreshore? And what about a Sculpture Centre of Excellence at the historic, much loved Newcastle Railway Station. Perhaps the public-art project could be a done in conjunction with the University of Newcastle..	7	2
Just a suggestion while the light rail is being installed in the inner city is to make both Hunter Street and King Street one way with traffic entering the city via Hunter Street and exiting via King Street. At the moment Hunter Street, King Street and	7	2

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Wharf Road are a nightmare at peak times.		
QR Codes are being installed on the ground all over Europe and are such a great way to communicate information to the public. The QR code attached is one that I designed to link directly to newcastlensw.gov.au, but it can link to anything you want. Simply scan the code with your phone app and it links you to the information. These could be placed at historical sites, train stations, bus stops etc.. the options are endless! I personally design and sell these, please contact me to talk more!	7	1
Upgrade the ladies toilets at Newcastle Baths - they are hideous as they are and the Baths is such a popular tourist destination that it is a bit embarrassing and reflects badly on the city...	7	0
There is a growing body of research that seeks to understand the relationship between arts/cultural development and economic development and points to the importance of building centres of creativity in order to drive job creation. It is clear that the economic future of newcastle and the hunter valley is not going to based on digging holes in the ground. It will be based on innovation and diversity. So let's get creative! How about a newcastle equivalent of 'sculptures by the sea' at nobbys	7	0
Any shopping areas eg mall and west end need modern, clean and easily accessible toilet and baby change areas to be competitive with monolithic shopping centres. Environmentally friendly even better!	7	0
I would like to see the council provide funding and work with groups such as Transition Newcastle to provide low cost classes, workshops and events to the public. We could learn things like upcycling/mending clothes, sewing/knitting/crochet skills, cooking skills, how to manage compost, how to make our houses and gardens sustainable...the options are endless. This will also encourage a sense of community, learning skills that maybe our grandparents would have known but haven't passed on.	7	0
Basic human right to travel in safety and not put others in danger. We can be more happy with a transition to an ethical World's best practice city planning and transport. Ethical habits are using appropriate technology. All cars above 30km/hr in residential streets are a danger to pedestrians. Car focused cities (with urban sprawl) make people unhealthy (body and mind), causing social isolation and internet, homes, food & other infrastructure too costly. #EthicalCityPlease:PublicTransport&	7	0
Organic waste collection	7	0
An integrated wheels playground, with things like A kids learn to ride bike track, with signs, traffic lights and intersections. A gravity track Skate park With areas for all ages and abilities A bike hub with basic maintenance workshops etc and a social enterprise cafe where donated bikes can be done up and traded for volunteer hours or sold	6	1

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<p>Improve/increase the number footpaths around the LGA. This would make it much easier for all age groups to get around. Young families with prams, the elderly using mobility equipment. Anybody wanting to walk to the shops, who currently may have to go on the road because the footway is so uneven. Willing residents in local streets who want to participate could pay for their share of the path via their rates over an agreed period of time.</p>	6	1
<p>Weeds are a problem wherever people are, because we disturb the natural ground cover and our pets spread seeds.</p> <p>Similar to fire warnings, I am suggesting a permanent sign erected at the entrance to walking tracks that encourages people to pull out a specific weed, including pictures and instructions (e.g. gloves recommended). The target weed can be changed regularly.</p> <p>I have evidence that it works. https://www.facebook.com/ben.heslop.37/posts/10211637296380637</p>	6	1
<p>Cycling revolution. We need to start planning and building a city that makes cycling safe for everyone. We need connections to the suburbs too. Could incorporate the ability to take bikes free on public transport.</p>	6	0
<p>King Edward Park needs a cafe/restaurant area desperately especially for tourist visiting Anzac Walk. As Shepherds Hill cottage is finally being restored this would be the logical place for a lovely tea room and garden cafe. Also a great income earner for council to put \$\$ back into our park and bathers way completion works.</p>	6	0
<p>Make newcastle the 2 international airport to Sydney with high speed train OR high speed ferry its not far from the harbour</p>	6	0
<p>Can you upgrade our green waste collection to include food waste? It is such a waste to send this nutrient rich resource to landfill.</p>	6	0
<p>Many people don't like new developments because of the way they look. But in fact, people love development and places that are pleasing to the eye. People pay lots of money to see nice cities overseas. I suggest reviewing development policies to consider how pleasing-looking low and medium density townhouse and infill development can be more easily created. We want a city we can be proud of, rather than loathe. What is pleasing-looking? Subjective, but start by asking the community.</p>	6	0
<p>Creating a Tourism precinct where the old train tracks have been removed incorporating hotels, serviced apartments, art galleries, museums, parks, recreation equipment and entertainment spaces.</p> <p>No high rise buildings to enable the Newcastle skyline to maintain its current appeal. Cycle track to connect the train from Wickham exchange, provision for light rail or other pedal powered transport that is open to public use that connects the transport hub to the cbd and beaches.</p>	6	0
<p>Another transport option from outer suburbs like Fletcher. I'd love to be able to go into the restaurants and clubs but if I want to have a beer it will cost me two buses on the way in and a \$40+ cab ride home.</p>	6	0
<p>More outdoor community kitchens with permaculture gardens supporting low maintenance herbs and community health and human rights for all especially in public spaces such as beaches and parks. Free solar bbq's.</p>	6	0
<p>More low-cost rental spaces like Renew Newcastle that could facilitate the regeneration of locally produced foods craft art and culture.</p>	6	0

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Improve the inner city parking by utilising some of the old rail corridor for multi-level parking. The recent loss of parking is keeping people away and businesses are suffering. Because of the number of people now living in the inner City, parking is now harder to find at night and on weekends than it is midweek in business hours. The public transport system is inadequate and not effective enough to be used as a convenient alternative to having your own car.	5	2
Mayfield West is home to Stevenson Park which hosts hundreds of children from across the area for sport. The addition of an adventure playground would activate the park for local residents and attract additional spectators to the ground.	5	0
SculptureByTheSea Newcastle beaches are perfect for it and it would bring a lot of tourists.	5	0
I love the idea that we could have exercise stations around beautiful areas with high foot traffic like Merewether walk/beach or the Foreshore. I was hoping that it would be some really interesting equipment like Santa Monica Beach - Pull up bars, Rings, Lyra, trapeze etc. But also mix it up with lower impact equipment to be accessible to all levels of fitness. Maybe some shaded areas with Children's play equipment would encourage everyone in the family to get active most days of the year.	5	0
Make a ship cleaning business on kooragang is	5	0
All public, council and new buildings to be 7 star energy efficient, have solar generation and/or rooftop gardens	5	0
Free parking and charging stations for electric vehicles	5	0
With less parking within the CBD & more tourism from our cruise ships and other sources you are trying to encourage people to use public transport. In all my years I have never witnessed a bus service travelling all the way around the Newcastle beaches and other memorial sights, hence the Fort or the Cowrie Hole and many others. Adding such a service especially for tourism or to promote the use of public transport would help many.	5	0
The inclusive health of a city is plainly visible in the way it treats its most vulnerable members, especially the aged. Why not encourage the University of Newcastle to mobilise the universities biggest resource, the student body to enhance opportunity and well-being at the other end of life's spectrum through cohabitation? A win win for all. http://theconversation.com/heres-why-some-dutch-university-students-are-living-in-nursing-homes-68253	5	0
Instead of wasting community resources mowing lawns and planting annuals, the council could plant low-maintenance herbs and fruit and nut trees supplying the local community with safe healthy organic food and supporting community health.	5	0
Free community hubs where communities could run skill shares, meditation classes, share culture. And built using innovative environmental building techniques where the building is built in such a way it doesn't cost money to run or limited money...ie using the passive solar design for heating, using recycled materials for construction and solar and earth heating.	5	0
I'd love a water park with water slides and age specific play areas for big and little kids!	5	0
I still remember Summers at the AquaJet (now the Marketown carpark!)		

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<p>1- I also suggest to expand its airport rather than building a new one in Parramatta. Such new airport will reduce the traffic in Sydney and will give much more job opportunities in Hunter region, so lots of people in Sydney will move down to the Hunter area.</p> <p>2- I would love to see swimming pools like the pool i saw i Cairns. It is very fabulous</p> <p>3- I also want to see a copy of Cavill avenue in Surfers paradise, Gold Coast,no cars but restaurants , cafes , Bowling kids games etc, along the st</p>	5	0
More free wifi areas	5	0
Guided tours of Council facilities.	5	0
Reduce the number of cars that enter the Newcastle CBD daily for work by providing less all day parking in the CBD area and build a multi storey car park at/near the new Wickham interchange. If you park here you get the light rail for free for next 12 hours.	4	2
As part of engagement on the 2030 you should do a physical chalk idea wall - like this virtual one. People would then be free to post what they like as they are passing by... in case they have missed the online opportunities to provide their ideas! Check the "before I die" walls! http://beforeidie.city/	4	2
Turn post office in Newcastle into the library & library into the extented art gallery keep art mafia happy or pull post office down its just repulsive whats happened to it	4	1
Provide affordable transport options from airport to city they could start with shuttle bus from airport to ferry to tie in with the last plane. I am flying in at 930 pmon saturday flight \$65 transport \$55 it was like this 10 years ago still the same	4	1
Get rid of the old traffic lights on the 'bank corner' intersection on Hunter Street to improve traffic flow. A few decades they were vital however they should have been removed when Stewart Avenue was extended to the (then) railway crossing.	4	1
<p>CCTV</p> <p>With whatever strategic development is going on I suggest that both the NCC & local businesses no matter what size have some system to work together and implement CCTV.</p> <p>With the likelihood of this happening any new developments would have far less chance of being overcome by vandals. !!</p>	4	1
Shade sails for parks are very much needed and look fab. Sun safe is so important and we love visiting all the parks in newcastle, almost daily with our bubs. But in summer even before ten and after three we only trip out to shaded parks.	4	1
An annual community bike race with 100 percent full community social inclusion.	4	1
<p>Street Art is such a great way to brighten up the place but can also be multifunctional. This photo shows city maps in Finland and Spain as well as a very creative cross walks in Rotterdam. The DecoMark material used for these is non slip, UV resistant and durable, the only limit is our imagination....</p> <p>Imagine what we could do for Newcastle?! Please contact me to discuss the exciting possibilities.</p>	4	0

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<p>I would love to help Newcastle do something creative with our streets! The photo attached is a crossing in London that was recently awarded Best Decorative Thermoplastic Ground Markings Supplier & Most Innovative Commercial Ground Marking Project at the London Design Festival.</p> <p>They are now running a competition to design the next one: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDeAJkfY3AoYf78SZQCYF0NrEL53DMc12mmNwtfrSQHTbLXw/viewform?c=0&w=1 Please contact me to discuss this for Newcastle.</p>	4	0
We need places that all types of people can share	4	0
<p>Newcastle City - Hunter's Sustainable City - City Greening New DCP guidelines could include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Car Park developments guaranteed at least 25% canopy coverage - how - Development Conditions - Maybe longer time periods on bonds for trees - Guarantee Growth to Maturity. Not limited to Car Parks. 2. All kerb and Gutter in Car Parks have Kerb Cut-outs - Use of Stormwater Flows to Water Gardens, reduce Flooding. 3. City wide Green Corridor Loop - Strategic Planning - Green Loop could include cycle 	4	0
A great modern playground for kids near the foreshore. That can be locked overnight so vandals don't get to it	4	0
<p>NCC should be doing this! http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/explore/arts-and-culture/opportunities-for-artists/creative-space/creative-live-work-spaces Providing affordable living / working spaces for creatives and start ups!</p>	4	0
Community owned and run pet care facilities where pets can be looked after for community members who are ill or are unable to look after their pet for any reason at all. Safe spaces for animals.	4	0
Build Adventure park style recreational facilities, plus picnic and BBQ facilities in every suburb. Not everyone has the resources to travel to blackbutt or the foreshore.	4	0
<p>A library of things Here is a cool example, but it could be done many ways. Even simply as an register/website people could list things they are willing to share.</p> <p>http://www.gatewaycontainersales.com.au/a-shipping-container-library-of-things/</p>	3	1
A comprehensive climate change disaster plan preparing communities our now worst case scenario and alerting communities to the potential chemical danger spots in a worst case scenario. An evacuation map with designated zones and pathways.	3	1
<p>Protection of heritage precinct and buildings. Sympathetic developments within Heritage area. More cultural artworks in public spaces. Disabled Pedestrian friendly areas in city precinct. Good disability friendly public transport options. Expand the Newcastle Regional Art Gallery. Increase green spaces in city zones. Plant more trees. Major improvement to the Visitor Information Centre. Relocate it to Newcastle Railway Station. Adequate parking areas in city area.</p>	3	0
Extend Darby Street across old railway corridor to Argyl Street to improve traffic	3	0

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flow for vehicles wanting to head to Foreshore & Honeysuckle etc. You could then close off Merewether St near Centenary Rd & build a car park between there & Hunter St. At present vehicles have to turn left from Darby into Hunter St and then turn right into Merewether St, this intersection will become even more dysfunctional with the light rail. This suggestion would remove that problem and provide more parking.		
Trees at the beach for shade please! Nobby's and Newcastle beach on a hot summer day are a skin cancer catastrophe. Shade structures are okay but trees would be better.	3	0
Why doesn't the council widen the bend at the Western end of Honeysuckle Dr by increasing the radius on that corner and removing the Elect. pole currently in situ to allow better flow of traffic at 5pm out of the bottom end of Honeysuckle Dr onto Stewart Av. Better than 50% of traffic turn left off Honeysuckle Dr onto Stewart Av. Just a thought. (I have to commute via car each day from Thornton) The congestion is killing me. Thank You Mark Prior	3	0
Provide parking stations along rail corridor with a bike track to get bikes off foreshore so it is safe to walk along	3	0
Provide family change room with toilet so women dont bring age inappropriate boys into female change rooms & actually clean showers so they don't look like some third world slum	3	0
Have a look at Coolongatta and Broadbeach. These places have amazing public spaces including beachfront (in Newcastle would b harboud front). Cycleways/playgrounds/bbq facilities/ seating etc. Uninteruped waterfront for kilometres!!! Encouraging tourism with great public spaces would pay for it!	3	0
<p>Tourism</p> <p>Strategically shifting the docks for all cruise ships from Carrington to somewhere at the West End where there is plenty of room.</p> <p>With more ships coming to Newcastle for tourism this would take out the agony of having to catch a bus afterwards at their current location with the likelihood of building up the West End.</p>	3	0
I was thinking of putting a street library outside but my house doesn't really support it. I was thinking that a good spot would be near the playground in Centennial Park. So the question is how does council support residents to develop street libraries, locations etc. Are there any council guidelines?	3	0
<p>State of the art public housing with shared wifi access, permaculture gardens & appropriate disability access.</p> <p>I could see community kitchens also with built permaculture gardens, in each suburb, creating spaces where communities could come together, & cook together, reducing greenhouse emissions & sharing culture.</p> <p>Providing space 4 human rights free schools.</p> <p>Also, ethical green student housing co operatives supplying affordable housing for all of the community to gain access to education.</p>	3	0
Weekly mini farmer's market under the sails outside Newcastle Museum. This is a beautiful space and not utilized for anything. It's quite a sterile part of Honeysuckle, and the more people that use the area the better.	2	0
A net-protected swimming pool in the harbour at Queen's Wharf.	2	0
Outdoor fitness areas. Our parks are so behind compared to many smaller cities.	2	0

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Newcastle had a great fitness culture time for council to support it better. This is one way. Kids could use better playgrounds too.		
There is no council owned indoor multi purpose centre in Newcastle. Council should construct a facility large enough to cater for indoor sports as well as a myriad of other activities. Maitland which does not have the population of Newcastle has far superior sports facilities for their ratepayers. It is well known that State/Australian and overseas sports events bring huge economic benefits to the city and surrounding areas.	2	0
Have an intergrated tourist promotion for Newcastle Lake Macquarie Nelsons Bay Wineries who ever is runing this is clueless the rest of OZ still think we are a dirty steel town	2	0
Update our green waste recycling system to allow recycling of food scraps (each household issued with smaller food scrap bin). This is occurring in other LGAs across State and Newcastle needs to catch up! Closed system use of the by products would be fantastic - bioenergy from food scraps being used somewhere for the community. Bike share system - bikes at Honeysuckle are ridiculously expensive and underused. More public sculpture- how about Newy Sculptures by the Sea. Sensor park lighting.	2	0
Portugal addresses waste & recycling at the source with underground waste units. Discreet recycle receptors on the surface with large containers below. This system with smart bin technology provides an elegant solution to the problem of recycling in high footfall areas. 2030, may see us like Maroochydore using an Evac like waste collection system but we'll have to address our storm water and rising sea levels issues first.	2	0
More camping in the city urban camping spaces where people can enjoy natural spaces in our community and connect with nature locally.	2	0
More of this: http://mobile.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-07/plate-to-paddock-to-plate/8685012?pfmredir=sm&sf96120976=1&smid=Page%3A+ABC+Newcastle-Facebook_Organic&WT.tsrc=Facebook_Organic	2	0
Hydrotherapy pools that are affordable and accessible.	1	1
A cycle lane on the walkway to Nobby's Head. People walk 5 abreast and get annoyed when a cyclist rings their bell to warn of approach. It's supposed to be a shared walkway and lots of cyclists and pedestrians use the pathway.	1	0
Newcastle city centre needs a family-friendly recreational area incorporating free aquatic facilities and fenced playgrounds with free BBQs etc. Something similar to Southbank in Brisbane which incorporates commercial, residential and public facilities. Will attract local residents, people from the region as well as tourists.	1	0
Shade over the seats on the western wall at Newcastle Baths. Apart from the health issue the seats and wall are like an oven in summer.	1	0
Frederick street needs a safe pedestrian crossing at Berner st intersection so that people can cross to the beach and walkways especially at busy peak times. This would give much better access for families from Townsend oval and allow elderly residents to get to the beach safely.	1	0

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Get the council employees to WORK it took them a year to replace stairs in church park i walked my dog twice a day never saw them they were always in their caravan teach them proper work practices they left silt traps curled up on ground for at least 6 months road below filled up with silt then when they finally poured concrete my neighbor saw them put leftover slurry down the drain which on the next big rain blew 1 metre hole in tyrrrel st OR get people who actually can WORK its my taxes	1	0
Council to consider amended zoning to incorporate an Entertainment & Employment Precinct, which will exclude residential buildings. Workers by day, who will utilise the precinct in their lunch breaks and after work...and punters by night enjoying bars, restaurants and live music (unhindered by noise constraints from nearby residents).	1	0
Make the old military area at stockton into a Sea World type attaction	0	5
Get ready for global catastrophe. Perhaps a party to say goodbye to the good life? Whatever happens, let's keep driving cars and burning coal. http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2017/07/climate-change-earth-too-hot-for-humans-annotated.html	0	4
Build under ground late night entertainment area in 1 place have no other late night licences have mini buses going to suburbs leaving say every 20 min have them so they can be booked 4 groups have a police post there to take care of trouble THEN in the daytime this large VENUE could be utilised as CONFERENCE CENTRE	0	3
A performing arts hub where performing artists are able to create work and rehearse for very low cost. This is sorely needed in Newcastle.	0	0
Sadly some people both in and out of lycra treat our wonderful pedestrian/cycle path between Tighes Hill and Newcastle baths as a racing track. I cycle myself and walk along with many children and older people. Please clamp down on this before someone gets hurt or worse.	0	0
We should be the first city to trial fuel cell and hydrogen vehicles	0	0
Better lighting in Hunter Street Mall at night. In other cities shop lights are left on until 12pm and ugly metal roller doors and the like are banned. This would make for much friendlier environment after dark and would help to establish a greater presence of restaurants and bars open late. Several have already moved in which are open late and are a great success. If the safety issues surrounding lighting are addressed, this may could bring people back to this neglected part of the city.	6	0
Use alternative weed management strategies so no more Glyphosate (roundup) is used. Other Councils in Australia have successfully implemented a ban and it will benefit the Council worker's health as well as the environment.	1	0
More stops for the Stockton Ferry - at Honeysuckle, Wickham, Carrington & north Stockton. This will reduce the need for parking spots for workers in the Newcastle CBD. The ferry would also be a good way for tourists to see more of the Newcastle area.	15	0
Build a commuter car park at Broadmeadow as part of the redevelopment of the sports precinct and run free shuttle buses from there into the city to alleviate traffic congestion. In the short term Council could look at negotiating a lease of the car park at the showground Monday to Friday.	8	0
Improve access from for pedestrians, disabled and cyclists from the Newcastle Interchange to the waterfront. Perhaps a bridge across Stewart Ave with long and easy ramps each side.	3	0

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Pedestrian bridge should be across Hannell St not Stewart.	1	0
There is a pedestrian crossing across Wharf Road at Queens Wharf but none across Scott St to cross to the Mall.	3	0
Extremely efficient, completely accessible, completely AFFORDABLE public transport is a must. However there will always still be a need for people (especially aged care / social groups / classes etc) with disabilities / elderly people to get into the city via coach. There desperately needs to be more places for bus pick up/drop off zones but also close by areas for bus parking. Some drivers are carer or teacher drivers, they need to be with their group to assist in looking after them.	1	0
Upgrade rail infrastructure and divert coal and freight trains away from residential suburbs. Please!!!	0	0
Fence some of the playgrounds and also include a range of toddler friendly equipment in playground redevelopments.	1	0

2.5 Online Budget Simulator

Participants were asked to 'Allocate funds where you think they are most needed. Leave a comment in each section to tell us more about your choices and preference.'

Comments on Infrastructure and Traffic Services expenditure

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Parking and traffic is only an issue due to increasing cars on the road, the stress and infrastructure pressure could be relieved through encouraging active travel with more extensive cycleways
Insufficient parking available currently need to forward plan as a result of increased tourism
Cycleways and footpaths are much less costly than roads and create liveability in a city. If the infrastructure is better more people will opt for this mode of transport reducing the need for expenditure on roads.
I needed to reduce spending on roads and parking to fund my sustainability initiatives. Some of the extra spending on 'Cycle, shared pathways & footpaths' will flow through to Roads & Parking as well. Ideally I could fiddle with smaller percentages than 10% in one cut, so that change could happen more sustainably, over a longer period of time, without severely reducing the quality in any one service area.
Discourage cars and encourage bicycles. Provide safe places for bikes to be parked/stored. Too many bikes are being stolen but Newcastle.
Too many pot holed roads, and too many roads that haven't been upgraded. Croudace road at Elermore Vale is one example where it is far too narrow for the 19,000 cars a day that use it. Downie Lane, Walksend is another example that hasn't seen a frader since it was made.
Parking in the city is catastrophic, I want to ride my bike to work and get some incidental exercise, lets plan for cyclists and solve both problems!
Additional cycleways will need to be addressed before adding in I cannot see the need for additions until a study of usage is completed.
Encourage cycling as a preferred & safe mode of transport with cycleways & local off road cycling paths
Parking is ridiculous in Newcastle city and needs urgent attention! More dedicated cycleways to allow for safer alternate travel.

COMMENTS ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRAFFIC SERVICES EXPENDITURE

Focus on public transport.
Cycle and pedestrian paths are important
safer bike paths well lit for safe travel maybe solar lights so the birds don't get spooked....even under cover for commuters....dry storage for electric bike in well trafficked areas for extra security
Also need to provide for mobility scooters with shared pathways
Encourage more people to use public transport and cycle. Pay less attention to the need for parking.
Increase cycleways and make them safer decrease roads and parking by 3-5% or so to free up money for elsewhere - it's such a large portion of the budget that one percentage point drastically increases funding for other areas
Novocastrians need to embrace public transport. Parking is not the solution.
Outsource via tender and ensure that people capable of negotiating commercial terms (i.e.: nobody currently employed by Council) do it.
Footpaths need a major investment to bring up to a safe standard. City footpaths are a disgrace and many suburbs don't have footpaths.
I would like a little less on cycleways but the same on footpaths
Roads and rail corridors will be complete and require less spend You need to work on connectivity, bike paths in Newcastle are mostly only assessable via busy narrow pot holed streets.
Some proper council duties, however, waste on these services should be cut, council is often over charged for sub-standard outcomes Road works are often over staffed with multiple employees not performing any task, audit on work teams, time in motion studies would achieve much savings here
Park and ride to keep cars out of the city
Money spent on active transport also helps reduce pressure on roads and parking.
There seems to be a good balance for these at present
Eliminate auto traffic to inner city on Sat & Sun. Cycle, walking or mini buses permitted. No taxi traffic to inner city ! Emphasize roads, footpaths and traffic in Wards 2,3& 4. Eliminate flooding problems some ratepayers experience before beautifying the natural attractions. Eliminate cycle traffic from footpaths and narrow road traffic
Surface Condition is alright could be better, traffic volume have increase a shit load with minimal new road construction
Use the state revenue from nsw events and hosting more as the revenue required to maintain and progress in this area
Some roads around the City are very ordinary, lack of maintenance. Parking, needs to be moved to 30 mins free parking. You eventually find parking in the city, most times your lucky to get back to your vehicle in 15 mins. Parking Rangers are hovering over the vehicle waiting for the 15th minute to book you!
Enhancing experience for cyclists and pedestrians will encourage people to leave their cars at home. The current services are poor and in some cases unsafe.
Improving the bikeability of the town will improve traffic and parking.
More parking is urgently needed
ageing infrastructure will lead to long term costs far in excess of present value works
Aim for less cars on the road

COMMENTS ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRAFFIC SERVICES EXPENDITURE

Active transport is vital for future of the city, public health, social connection and the like
Infrastructure spend to increase fixing aged infrastructure across inner city areas
worst problem for the town as it is now
Divert funds to active transport and everyone wins
More protected cycleways. Make them everywhere
More cycle lanes or shared pathways
Would love better integrated or purpose built cycle corridors - I live in the city, and am hesitant to cycle for the lack of these services, even though I used to cycle regularly as a mode of transport in my hometown. Also, initiatives that address driver safety around cyclists - there seems to be a lack of knowledge about road sharing.
encouraging more people to ride and walk is the key to less traffic
Initiatives to reduce the use of cars into the city.
Cars and current roads designed capacities are a landuse that in the future will not be required or considerably less required.
Fewer shared bike paths and more dedicated bike paths. Greater safety for all.
no cycleways. There is no evidence that they are of value
Most of budget needs to be for CycleSafe Network! Do not use Newcastle "pushbike lanes": Do not cycle over the top of the pushbike pictures painted on the roads because they are not bike lanes (too narrow, too close to parked cars and not signposted). NSW Road Rules 153, 144 & 247 advise to pushbike the safe way (usually 1.5m away from parked cars) AND human rights to cycle safely (UN's UDHR Articles 3,5,13,25,26,27,29). Uni active travel webpages advise this also. UoN empowers all people with solutions to pushbike for transport and to find safe backstreet shortcuts. Unseen children can open car doors and push you into traffic. Please remove this confusion, & do like in Newy council's 2030 vision: More public transport and walking / pushbiking (covered cargo electric assist bikes are useful and CycleSafeNetwork) for most short trips to be a viable option for all. Reduces congestion and makes main roads faster. Win, win, win for everyone.
More emphasis should be placed on different modes of transport and to decrease car dependency. This unsustainable form of transport should be slowly phased out as newer technologies and transport options become available. By increasing spending to roads you are only encouraging more people to drive and people to drive more. Let's follow Europe's example and have more trams and bicycles. Due to Newcastle's small size, we are in a prime position to lead the way and become and great example for what Australia's future cites should be.
Universal access on paths and cycle ways
I would prioritise cycle paths over roads as they're better for environment and health
*Investing more in cycle and pedestrian infrastructure and less dependence on cars which are inefficient forms of transport and create more congestion. *Traffic congestion will never be completely eliminated, so why invest in millions of dollars when the problem will never be solved. *park and ride facilities. *Pedestrian and cycle links to local commercial centres, park bike at bus stop and then catch public transport between local centres and CBD. Similar to how Manly works.
Newcastle is an ideal place to cycle and walk: mostly flat, great scenery and close to amenities. It needs to capitalise on this asset.
More cycle ways and shared footpaths means more active travel
Greater investment here will pay dividends for reducing congestion on roads and reducing demand for parking.

COMMENTS ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRAFFIC SERVICES EXPENDITURE

More active transport equals less obesity and enhanced social cohesion
Encourage public transport and clean transport in the city.
Parking fees down by half, safer roads that has less lights, where black spots are make them alot safer for our next generation
Fix the roads. Reduce parking. Increase bike lanes. People can move more and be healthier.
The more cycle, shared path and footpath infrastructure, the less roads adn parking commitment?
more train stations in regional parts of hunter region
Need more parking urgently, people dont want to catch the bus. Only people with no transport catch the bus. PS, no one wants your tram.
Footpaths in the inner city are continually blocked by cars, service vehicles and building site encroachment this needs to be policed for safety so pedestrians and less able people can use the city safely
public transport and cycling must be major ways in which to manage population growth and expansion of the city, while reducing car reliance and its subsequent problems of city parking and traffic congestion.
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Comments on Library Services expenditure

COMMENTS ON LIBRARY SERVICES EXPENDITURE

Need to focus more on digital library investment
Library's are great
Libraries are fine. Money should only be spent when the budget is in surplus.
Love the children's programs currently available through the library
You could stop fining people and they will use the service more..like lake macquarie library also a cafe could be good here....a micro business cafe ...the library provides the cafe facilities and a different person runs the cafe each day micro business..Make it vegan for food safety and climate health!...also have discounts based on peoples bus cards ie cheap meals for those with gold cards :) more computers and longer wifi sessions maybe get people to put books back themselves with help...
Happy with current level of service.
Never utilise then as a university student
One worthy area - and I don't even use it.
More library services means more education which is always a good thing.
I would like to see less library buildings but better quality libraries. Close the small ones. Get a mobile van to travel around to all suburbs and invest in good technology.
libraries are important but I would encourage finding ways to entice more people to use them
Wallsend library is a great hub and should be kept. Close smaller libraries, Mayfield, Adamstown and Lambton.
Important civil service, but funds can be re-allocated to suit changing priorities.
Current library services seem fine

COMMENTS ON LIBRARY SERVICES EXPENDITURE

Open on Sunday and further use of student volunteers in Library. Provide tech catch up for Seniors at all libraries
Fuck the library waste of time and money, we have a "sick" NBN network now..
Becoming outdated
Decrease current level of service. declining level of usage as most access from home/work/school.
I dont use them, but feel the library is a very important resource.
Library services are currently extraordinary. Perhaps invest towards youth activities
People use their smartphones/iPads/home computers now.
Shift to e services on increase. Reduce number of services in inner city. People can drive to larger facilities
library has been upgraded in a few of the previous budgets and doesn't need anymore
it's sad to say but, libraries are being damaged by technologies like kindle. They need to adapt and change there spaces from public open reading and wifi spaces.
Move from current buildings to online, mobile, or co-location based solutions, this has to save money.
Great to have these excellent resources available to all. Always maintain them.
Lost cause except for historic records
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Libraries held outside of educational institutions are redundant. Technology has surpassed the need to spend millions of dollars acquiring and maintaining books. Privatisise the libraries.
As much as I love reading a real book, internet services far exceed that of our public library. Also
With the University drawing students from all over the Hunter region and Australia in general we should increase our funding for public libraries. The younger population are the future and therefore we must ensure they have the facilities in which to gain proper knowledge. The Newcastle library is also in need of a drastic refurbishment!
A majority of residents do not use so why so much funding
*Access to education is a priority and will benefit the economy in the long term. *give people in need, links to education, wealth fare and jobs. *Libraries as part of local communities, *communal offices allowing people to work close to their home. Ride their bike to the library to work and then catch public transport to commute occasionally. *encourage local businesses and entrepreneurs.
Library services are great,but more money spend wont encourage more participation
More books that engage people about civic, environmental and social issues
the library offers community interaction for a lot of the population, who may otherwise not have much social interaction opportunities.

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Comments on Arts and Cultural Services expenditure

COMMENTS ON ARTS & CULTURE EXPENDITURE

Reduced budget for Art gallery as a result of closing The Loft Youth, Arts and Cultural Centre, a vital community service whose closure has been detrimental to local young people. The Loft was one of Councils only commitments to young people.

The museum should never have been moved. You've ruined all expansion possibilities with your short sightedness.

User pays

The museum could do with some more funding to add more questacon like exhibits for older children and teenagers. At the moment some age groups are not properly catered for.

It is really important to put more effort into the arts more events that promote local artist particularly musicians

We need these to support local growth in cultural pursuits plus have offerings for visitors

Happy with current level of service.

Review Civic theatre operation to ensure it is run as a standalone business unit
Explore commerical opportunities for Nobby's lighthouse such as leasing for events or a cafe/restaraunt

The loss of the regional Newcastle art gallery museum has huge economic consequence - I would rather see Newcastle as a cultural hub then a super car hub.

Redevelop the Newcastle Art Gallery! This project will just get more expensive as the years pass by. The City deserves a facility that reflects our important collection.

Charge realistic entry fees for the gallery and museum. Sell off at least 50% of the gallery's collection - what good is art that nobody ever gets to see???

Really need a space were Newcastle's outstanding art collection can be displayed.

modern art is complete trash we should return to more traditional forms of art, art has little meaning when literally a piece of garbage can be considered art

Higher investment in the small the medium arts sector, particularly with grants for local artists to create innovative work.

A youth arts and cultural centre would be fabulous, please include and celebrate Awabakal culture publicly much more, and also women's art and history in Newcastle, these are almost non existent.

Public funds should not be used to fund art, one man's art is another's abomination

Great services. Keep it up.

Arts & Culture spending seem fine

Museum is best kids attraction in Newcastle. Make certain public transport is available in front of expanded Art Gallery during week. Quiz any individual on what they wil do for the Art Gallery. Curtail Council spending on pop up shows on our parks.

Arts is XXXX and culture has no place in todays world, just causes conflict.... because Aussie are soft
Apart from Australia day gotta love Australia day ❤️❤️❤️

COMMENTS ON ARTS & CULTURE EXPENDITURE
Bring to life Newcastle art gallery precinct
Maintain current assets
I dont think I know completely what cultural services in Newcastle are....but a small reduction feels ok (only small)
Our galleries and museums are extraordinary. As an increasing multicultural suburb; invest towards cultural services and education
Council needs to proactively find a major benefactor for this area. This spending can only increase when infrastructure backlog is cleared
these things have had money poured into them over previous budgets and need no more
Would love to see the art gallery and museum's role as small cultural institutions be able to grow and attract more and more artists and exhibitions.
Benefits the select few
if NCC are currently doing in cultural services costs \$10million then someone is taking you for a ride.
Might be time to extend the budget in the area of culture and art. Newcastle has produced many creative people. Keep it up. It makes us a destination.
Make Gallery and Museum user pays and make a profit
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Make the city a worthwhile tourist destination. Not just a place to stay overnight while you go to a concert in the valley! The art gallery and museums are already in extremely good condition and provide excellent levels of education. Therefore, I believe that for the meantime the spending on these services could be decreased.
Increase entry charges to art gallery and museums to make up shortfall. Encourage private sector sponsorship
Too much spent on a minority of public interest
*Encourages tourism *creates a sense of community and brings people together that normally wouldn't * generates indirect income to local businesses surrounding events like civic theatre or Beaumont Street festival. *education *inspire and encourage younger generations *creates city character, not just another suburban town like Gosford.
The older I get the more I see how much arts contribute to community. With an abundance of artists in Newcastle, the council just needs to provide support to showcase these - as well as from the wider community.

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other regional cities make their art gallery a tourist destination. it could be a highlight of a cruise ship stopover, and would contribute towards the budget over time. council should also consider a developer tax on new large scale property developments - a fixed % tax per apartment or per floor space - to be directed towards funding arts and culture development.

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Comments on Waste and Environment expenditure

COMMENTS ON WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT EXPENDITURE

*More options to recycle waste

*encourage composting in local homes

*trade in for bottle and cans, receive 5 cents similar to South Australia.

All good to me

Become an environmentally conscious suburb

Cut back on waste collection services. This will teach people to throw away less and manage their own waste!

We need to lead the way in proper waste diversion and educate people on how to best manage their waste.

Increasing the amount of trees planted is never a bad thing. More trees means less carbon in our atmosphere.

Enhance the environment and biodiversity

Find savings here, waste collection needs to be modernised not maintained

I find the existing process of bulk collection a poor idea and waste of money. Surely it makes more sense to do it all at once?

I want to be able to read more about what these services entail before making changes to the budget.

Improve green waste collection to include food scraps

Improve ways we divert waste in particular the reuse of green waste. Plant more street trees.

INCREASE WASTE COLLECTION ESPECIALLY BULK WASTE AND FOCUS ON RECYCLING (actual recycling)

Introduce a kitchen waste composting service to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill

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Need 3 to 4 free dumping at Maryland per year. May eliminate rubbish being dumped around the suburbs!

Need to really make people responsible for there waste - user pays! come on it cant be that hard - the

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people creating little waste are paying for the others giving them a ride!!!! ridiculous!!
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on street collection is a waste and people leave there rubbish on the street regularly just waiting for someone to pick it up. This needs to stop.
PLEASE put more money in budget for waste initiatives - would love more composting and waste diversion initiatives and community education on waste, both household and other.
Put waste collection services out to tender, and ensure that Council employs people who are capable of negotiating commercial terms favourable to ratepayers (i.e.: sack everyone who has ever negotiated any services agreement ever - they are hopeless). Cut the "climate cam" nonsense and other feel-good garbage that soaks up ratepayer dollars.
Spending on trees and environmental care will reduce other costs through reduced rubbish in water ways and reducing surface heat in suburban living areas. Use of smart technologies required in environmental care
Stop chopping down trees! As more effort goes into waste diversion, more efficient waste collection can occur. Eventually we should get rid of individual bins or reduce collection frequencies
Support container deposit scheme through collections in public spaces. Reclaimed deposits can then be re-invested in recycling programs
Put in place weekly green/food waste collection. Compost created as a result of this could be onsold to recoup some costs
Improve recycling levels through improved education and improvements to recycling processing capability
This should reduce 'red-bin' waste levels
Focus on improving urban forest and incentives for green walls and roof-top gardens in urban areas
Take trees AWAY from the streets. Thus fewer deaths. SMecwith telepoles.
The bulk pickups are not overly used - most people forget to book them or when they are your stuff is left out the fro to for soo long.
There is a need for more tree planting and environmental protection work
There is massive room for garbage service cost cut backs
there is not enough trees, the harbour and throsby creek is one of the most poluted waterways in australia and our bins are constantly overflowing or never seen in puplic places all together. our beaches have rubbish all over them and our national parks areas are being picked for rubbish daily
Trim street trees within reason- not mindlessly chop.
Use of d.a's and tree banking as plants and founds for the parks and tress required as an offset agaiansy new development where great floor space ratios are occurring
Waste & Environment expenditure seems well balanced
Waste collection is spot on. Great system. Recycling education is national/global issue, not local.
We can't put food scraps in any waste service? Dont you guys want free compost?
we need to insist people don't put toxic chemical in their toilets. And support the use of food co operatives through the creation of community food hubs with low maintenance permaculture style gardens around them to support community health and community orchards.
we need to protect our environment and reduce.

Comments on Recreation Services expenditure

COMMENTS ON RECREATION SERVICES EXPENDITURE
Recreation facilities are extensive and sufficient. Greater emphasis should be on the natural environment for more improvement to wellbeing.
The Beresfield area needs funding towards sport development and community sports events.
It would be great to have an indoor family friendly swimming pool in Newcastle city for use in the winter and when it is very hot. It would also be great to have a water park/outdoor pool at the foreshore near the interchange for tourists/residents who live at the beach. It's close to transport hubs (train/bus/lightrail/cycleways) so would be well utilised.
We are a tourist tiwn now, we don't make steel anymore. Spend money that will attract tourists.
Civic Park could do with some simple play equipment
Lots of money goes into blackbutt when there is not adequate parking & parking that is available is expensive. Put more money into local playgrounds & facilities so parents can walk to services, reducing wear & tear on roads, pollution and encouraging active lifestyles. Try putting a walking/cycling path around large local parks such as Adamstown Park/ Myers Park to provide safe places for people, especially children to exercise off roadways (similar to Heffron Park in Sydney)
Plant for food trees for animals and people. Stop planting stupid annuals people are hungry and sick we need herbs and fruit and nut trees.... preparations for climate change also toilets there don't seem to be any toilets anywhere...secure dry bike parking in well lit high trafficked areas...better public transport such a beach and bush buses....and a 5 dollar deal bus to recreational areas.. we also need to insist all businesses have social inclusion pricing to all of the community can participate...
Improve our community buildings to be more flexible in there use and modern to cater to the needs of our community.
Review mowing assets to ensure efficient use Ensure parks are developed with consideration given to efficlent maintenance
User pays. Charge reasonable, market-based fees for use of these facilities.
Again similar with the roads situation, 15.5 million to maintain parklands? That seems like a lot when taking into consideration that there is a separate category for sporting facilities which include sports fields. Cutting park funding should be more careful and measured. Statistical analysis on individual park usage should be done and parks which receive like traffic (traffic per sqm or something) should be maintained less often. The resulting money can be used to improve other specific public facilities. Improving Blackbutt into a premiere worldwide conservation project would be good for tourism as well as improving the appearance of the baths and pools in the region. Community facilities can be used to assist disenfranchised youth and solve socio-economic problems as well as providing the community with usable venues. And as stated before, improving sporting facilities would somewhat alleviate the issue of less maintained parks as when sporting grounds are not in use the public can also use the grounds.
Multi-purpose community buildings that are of a high quality could be used by all sections of the community. Places were people can come together are essential to a resilient and connected community. Upgrade the Newcastle Baths.
What many would like to see is 2 or more DOG PARKS (fenced) around Newcastle. Perhaps Wallsend, Mayfield or Hamilton and a location closer to the beaches.
Blackbutt is AMAZING but not really what Councils should be doing. Recommend reduction in animal collections. Sell Council owned buildings.

Sporting clubs can cover more of the costs of upkeep of sports orts fields
let the free market move in and provide such entertainment options to people for profit
Privatise the pools?
These seem to be fine
Ensure access to community buildings is equal within each Ward. Plan Men's Sheds are available in each Ward.
Sport is a huge contributor to the social, health and economic landscape but is far undervalued by council in terms of facilities. Sporting facilities on the whole are poor and increased investment is needed to ensure more people are able to access quality areas to exercise and participate in organised sport.
Our sporting facilities are embarrassingly poor
current facilities are poor
Sporting facilities need upgrades in the right sequence to deliver significant benefits. Soil amendment should occur prior to drainage. Major benefits flow on from this work, including reduced water usage and costs.
Increasing lifestyle options to improve general health benefits all
need playgrounds like speers point park.
most of the community areas are well maintained at current levels. sporting facilities are over maintained if anything only to be used by a small percentage of the population
Blackbutt increase of 5% - not sure where floral displays are, this needs editing. Additionally painting etc is not correct. ie: frequency of mowing could by reduced..Does not make sence.
Where possible, more user pay of facilities.
Newcastle is internationally recognised by its beaches.
Make the use of buildings and sports a more user pay system.
I cannot believe we spend more than double on the ocean baths (2) and beaches vs the inland pools. That is crazy! where does the money go, I didn't realise you get paid many times over the amount to be a beach lifeguard as opposed to a pool lifeguard, given the beaches have volunteer lifegaurds as well, what the hell is going on here.
We need to fix the iconic Newcastle baths
Blackbutt and similar should only get seed funding. Then they should make a profit.
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Community serviced buildings should be well maintained to encourage further use of these resources. As much as local swimming pools are needed I do believe that living in Newcastle, which has some amazing beaches and excellent access to well maintained ocean baths, it is not necessary to outlay as much to the maintenance of these facilities.
Reduce lifeguard services in winter time
Upgrade current facilities as a majority of resident use take funding from arts and libraries
*Investing in community buildings and transitioning them into multipurpose structures allows for the

spaces to be hired out. Creating an income and allowing building to be self-sufficient. *community building create a sense of community. *local events and group can meet. *the centre of a local community. *More parks and squares around current community centres.
With the Bathers Way improvements now almost complete, funding can be spent in other areas. Are there opportunities for greater NSW and/or Australian Government funding for sporting facilities and community buildings?
Better access to blackbutt by non car modes of transport is urgently required. Low fences required around playgrounds, better swings and better public consultation required around playground development. Also need to introduce play facilities for adults including basketball hoops, bouldering walls, outdoor fitness equipment etc.
Happy Days
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Comments on Community Engagement and Communication expenditure

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There is sometimes too much communication
more detail on pages like this...I don't know what some of these things are? plant more trees urgently and teach communities how to plant climate friendly wind protecting tree barriers to protect against storms...
Happy with current level of service.
Customer service is ok, I think council needs a one point approach and when speaking to the rate payers and not past the buck
Put in place efficiencies on wages (2.5%) and suppliers/goods & serces (2.5%) to reduce administrative overheads overall by 5%
You're one of the better councils at this. E.g. this survey format
I hate the paper that I keep getting from the council - I wish I could easily opt out - I get enough from Facebook and they have my email address - surely there are savings in the reduction of paper production and delivery costs.
If Council sticks to core services only there is reduced need for these areas.
Improving community engagement is always a good thing and cuts in other places allow for a slight improvement. With increased funding to many other areas of council responsibility the improvement of these facilities can serve to alleviate public concern.
I think community engagement should focus also on community development using a collective impact framework. Stop just asking for our thoughts, start working with us.
These seem fine
Why are developers or developer reps always in the pancake building? Start taxing developers once their DA's are approved!
Customers are a waste of time
Minimise customer service to a corporate level

COMMENTS ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION EXPENDITURE

There is limited FREE community engagement projects that are inclusive
Important to get on with the job. Less promotion/glossy brochures required
the community is barely engaged at current levels so wont change much to be reduced
Re organise customer service so you actually provide services instead of catering community forums
Improve customer service
This needs to move to self service online based - I cannot believe it is costing this much now.
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Community engagement is the key to urban living success. The people should always be consulted and have their ideas (or gripes) heard.
Great engagement team. Customer service is great as is.
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Comments on Economic Development expenditure**COMMENTS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE**

Hunter Street revitalization, including public domain improvements to Hunter Street Mall. Make the CBD a nice place to spend time in.
Increasingly there are other advocates to promote Newcastle tourism, not a core function of council
We need to get our heads out the 1800's.
This will happen with the uni building and the cruise ships without much more assistance for the next 10 years, revisit after that period.
Support Renew Newcastle in other locations in newcastle we need more small businesses ... We need to the bike paths, better lighting more visibility and ads for bikes perhaps more bike art, bikes being mentioned on all transport references that go out on council materials and events...as well as social inclusion event details. We need to plant more food trees and prepare for climate change disasters and flooding.
Poorly spent resources
More innovation. More support for small businesses.
Negotiate with businesses who benefit from events to put in place sponsorship agreements to recoup costs. E.g. levy on wineries/cessnock council who benefit from cruise ship passengers on day trips as the ship is attracted by NCC
Necessary for any growing city councils
Newcastle is already booming ahead - slowing to take stock and fix what we have would allow us to better prepare for growth

Not the Council's responsibility. Get out of the way of business and leave it to them.
The revitalisation of the Newcastle CBD is well and truly underway, however more funding for the cause and more initiatives would go a long way in making Newcastle a major Australian city
Economic development should have a focus on keeping young people in Newcastle and providing employment opportunities for young people.
I think Newcastle should focus on industries like retail, trades and manufacturing
Build a state of the art cruise terminal and they will come
But you'll have all that money from the disgusting supercar race?
Let private enterprise do this, make council easier to deal with, and more investment and business friendly
This seems fair
Eliminate any further expenditure on the CBD. Move the Supercars from the center of town to some isolated place with suitable parking
All about moving forward and up. remove the stupid building high limit to....
Build a bigger and better Newcastle and bring bigger and more events and businesses to our great city
I think this is the right level...but I dont know what existing money is being spent on.
Newcastle NEEDS revitalization
Tourism promotion not highest priority
Business needs to invest more in this field. Not local governments primary focus. Support through in kind means
there is to much money being spent on this anyway and has ruined the feel of the city all together
revitalise what you have stop spending money on New stuff that we may not use. light rail into town? Why? Nobody wants to go there. Provide large open spaces with parking. Then they may. Fill the parking with office workers cars and you defeat the purpose.
Need to prioritise the revitalisation and reuse of historic and/or vacant buildings esp. in the city. Better to use and further what is already there rather than building something new first.
investing in revitalising the interchange and rail corridor has the potential to increase tourism.
Initiative to revitalise the city
Why spend money on improving private business, they should have to pay for it (levy maybe).
The supercars will be a major drain on funds
Most of budget needs to be for CycleSafe Network! Do not use Newcastle "pushbike lanes": Do not cycle over the top of the pushbike pictures painted on the roads because they are not bike lanes (too narrow, too close to parked cars and not signposted). NSW Road Rules 153, 144 & 247 advise to pushbike the safe way (usually 1.5m away from parked cars) AND human rights to cycle safely (UN's UDHR Articles 3,5,13,25,26,27,29). Uni active travel webpages advise this also. UoN empowers all people with solutions to pushbike for transport and to find safe backstreet shortcuts. Unseen children can open car doors and push you into traffic. Please remove this confusion, & do like in Newy council's 2030 vision: More public transport and walking / pushbiking (covered cargo electric assist bikes are useful and CycleSafeNetwork) for most short trips to be a viable option for all. Reduces congestion and makes main roads faster. Win, win, win for everyone.
We need more reliable public tranport to service all areas.
With more tourists visiting Newcastle it could potentially bring in millions to the local community. However the campaigns and advertisements need to be done thoroughly. Make sure that the people who work in the industry have lots of input.

Outside of Sydney, Newcastle is the next best option to live. But, we need to make Newcastle a more viable option to relocate to. This can be done with increased job prospects and better public transport services. Over 60% of the states population live in Sydney and more and more people are moving there all the time. This also attracts a lot of our younger generation that are lured there by better career opportunities. We need to retain our skills if we are to thrive!
Greater Aboriginal cultural tourism and presence in the city
Need more economic development in Newcastle east and west to bring back the city centre
*More affordable housing. *Diverse housing typologies for singles, couples, elderly, youth and families. *Denser communities. *revitalisation of all Newcastle's community centres, Wallsend, Jesmond, Adamstown, Mayfield.
promote future industries rather than 'old technology' such as V8 car races. the momentum of smart cities and cyclist/pedestrian friendly cities will attract industries here, the momentum is already beginning, and the pay off will mean less of the council budget needs to be allocated to this area in future years.
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Do you have any other comments you would like to make?

FINAL COMMENTS ON BUDGETS
Love shared pathways, parks and gardens, natural areas and trails for those areas
We need to align our Smart City strategy to be a Green City too - with a focus on clean energy, active travel, and bushland regeneration + nature protection.
More tourism \$ will come to Newcastle if we invest in culture and economic development!
Beresfield is often overlooked when it comes to council budgeting.
The overall aim of this budget is to make Newcastle a leading Sustainable City that is a great place to live.
Please budget for the majority of people in the LGA, not the loudest.
We've gotta to plan for and improve infrastructure for cycling. Parking in town is insane, public transport is a joke. A cycle commuter culture is the answer. If the facilities improve a know residents will get on board. Environmental win and Health win!
More interactive/guided displays of 'best practice' including homes, streets, community gardens etc.
A focus on long terms infrastructure for the community and tourism would be positive areas to focus on.
Newcastle has undergone a huge amount of growth lately - I feel that we need to slow our growth focus and move to putting in place infrastructure that supports at least our current population - connect At least your inner city suburbs to the cycle way so they don't have to drive everywhere - merewether, Hamilton South, then expand to the next suburbs Adamstown etc.
Lending libraries will become less important as most people move to digital and on-line sources for reference and entertainment. Less money on facilities for organised sports and more money to encourage walking and cycling as modes of transport will produce better health oputcomes better safety and more social connectivity for the whole comminuty. We also need to be vigilant in keeping within budget

<p>thanks for letting me fill out the survey I would encourage Newcastle city council to focus less on diversity and multiculturalism just look what its doing to Sydney and Melbourne we don't want Newcastle to end up like that</p>
<p>With the change in society moving to more electronic media, could the current funds allocated be utilised into sharing of information electronically? Outsource some services provided which would enable increase in job growth in community.</p>
<p>I learn about everything. I love being able to understand the way things work, but when it comes to politics and the Government I have never taken the time to learn about it. What I do know is Comparisons and I have lived in 3 other states. Taking ideas, even small ideas, from QLD, would be an advantage for Newcastle in many ways. Public transport to public (free) entertainment...as well as DOG PARKS, which Newcastle has not 1. I would love to see a dog park put into motion. So many residents in all suburbs would LOVE it!</p>
<p>Please divert more resources to safe cycling options separated/protected from fast moving traffic. See Global Street Design Guide and Austroads for road treatment options.</p>
<p>Current budget seems to be fine to me</p>
<p>The john hunter hospital new road better go both ways</p>
<p>Where is the option to remove funding for Supercars?</p>
<p>Some of these categories need more communication to the public about what the money is spent on.</p>
<p>What a great idea.....very complex undertaking. I was tempted to increase cycling more but I think it's ROI should allow for increase over time. Customer service response times here appear crazy good to me (better than Brisbane or Yarra)</p>
<p>NCC must address infrastructure & environmental spending deficits to improve performance in these areas & improve these assets by repair or replacement. The backlog must reduce to zero.</p>
<p>These changes are for what i believe Newcastle needs to become a much more livable cit, i would also fix the road traffic flow in Newcastle cbd and romve parking metres. people are mainly not using the cbd because its a nightmare to drive in there and parking there is \$8 for 2 hours roughly when you can go to kotara or charlestown and park for free for 3 hours and the traffic flows better. there ins't enough mature trees anymore and the building height limit has gone out the window. some large serviced apartments have seemingly gotten private roads which ins't good look either. you used to be able to drive from wickham to nobbies and then round the coast to mereweather and see the water all the way. it is a crying shame we have lost this ability. lake mac has been smart to capitalise on its water features, not just build more high rises in front of it,</p>
<p>Reduce XXXXXXXX wages back to a reasonable amount and cut out all the ridiculous perks that are within the so-called entilments for the whole council top end. Then there will be enough savings to more than balance the budget.</p>
<p>Areas where I would like to decrease funding are not on this list. Some areas for desired increase are also missing. Very limited scope.</p>
<p>Close some libraries and provide mobile services, front door drops for housebound. payment for services. art and museum entry fee. I pay too much for rates and don't appreciate some services I don't use. Cut rates and let the services pay for themselves or subsidise but don't hit me for your bleeding heart.</p>
<p>Looks good</p>
<p>Lets renew Newcastle by adding more cultural events and increasing tourism!</p>
<p>Better under budget than over right - maybe decrease the rates if you want it to balance or just spend even extra on one of my increase allocations.</p>
<p>50% increase in rates due to the special levy is far too much and will cause significant pain for ratepayers, residents and renters now and into the future.</p>

<p>The aim should be to reduce costs by doing things better. The sliders are for very big groups. There should be more sliders Where is the revenue section of the budget?</p> <p>Some of the costings do not seem to be correct</p>
<p>We need more public transport options. Especially now that inner city developments are being constructed without onsite parking. My 20 minute drive to work turns into a 1.5hr commute..and that is not due to traffic. Inefficient public transport is letting this place down. Plan for the future!!!</p>
<p>I feel like more information needs to be given about what services are included before making changes to the budget slider to find out. It makes it harder to know what council actually does with roughly \$150 million each year.</p>
<p>Greater amounts of public performance and place activation in the City. Let's liven the place up a little.</p>
<p>There was no opportunity to review the town planning function</p>
<p>The overspend will be balanced by the additional income generated via the increased number of 'slow' tourism.</p>
<p>My main aim was improving pedestrian and cycle access in and around the city to reduce road congestion and demand for parking. It was hard finding the money to pay for it though.</p>
<p>Exciting opportunity to re-shape our urban form to a model where we encourage people to walk and cycle rather than drive. Sitting is the new smoking!! Let's get active and meet each other</p>
<p>Reduction of parking and road widening in the city but better transport shelters etc is part of the solution. I don't think a huge budget goes into public transport shelters currently!!</p>
<p>To keep it in budget means u can't upgrade anything at all!</p>
<p>It's hard!</p>
<p>Slash everything, Reduce rates.</p>
<p>Disappointed that you only have the outgoing half of the budget for review. Also, preset changes are restrictive.</p>
<p>Newy council's 2030 vision: More public transport and walking / pushbiking (covered cargo electric assist bikes are useful and CycleSafeNetwork) for most short trips to be a viable option for all. Reduces congestion and makes main roads faster. Win, win, win for everyone.</p>

2.6 Survey #1

What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?
They put up with a council who ramrods the destruction of the foreshore park for a car race.
The city layout; the beaches; the ability for future growth
The coastline. Blackbutt Reserve. Developing city centre. cycleway networks. The people are innovative, creative, passionate.
Resilient
The commercial acumen of business leaders
Newcastle businesses and industry
That they come together when Mayor and Councillors are so nontransparent
Great beaches. Big enough to support a diverse community, but not so big that the diversity is watered down.

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

Eclectic - there is a population of longtime inhabitants and new residents who have chosen Ncle as their home

One strength of newcastle is that it has few high-rise buildings. This makes it attractive to walk around.

I think Novacastrians are very resourceful and show great initiative to get things happening at the grass roots level. Community connections and support are also a strength. It's the classic line that there are only 2 degrees of separation between any two people in Newcastle, but this means there are some great networks as well. It is also a really creative community, which makes it a really interesting and enriching place to live.

Newcastle's strenths are its combination of urban area and beautiful beaches/surrounding nature. It's also a vibrant city with a fair bit of cultural activity.

The beautiful coast. Train ride from Sydney. Airport. University. Down to earth. Low stress - little traffic, lower expense

Newcastle is an active city, aided by beautiful beaches, walk-ways & cycle-ways. People are friendly & helpful.

Strengths - beautiful location, great history, great architecture, great natural setting, big enough but not too big

Art (music), innovation, architecture (art deco).

Its demographic diversity. Its easy proximity to just about everything. It's still affordable.

A hard working city of manufacturers, the beaches from Stockton to Burwood, sporting activities at weekends and during the week, the surrounding lake and river, although a dirty one, the valley, generous givers, a growing faith in God and Jesus Christ and his Church.

Want a fair go

It feels like a community living in Newcastle. I've only been here 3 years but have made lots of friends. People are very welcoming and gracious.

There is tribal mentality.

the people of Newcastle and the uniqueness of the surrounds

Certainly not a strong council after the super car debacle and stuffed up Hunter St.

sense of community because it is not like sydney

Natural beauty and relaxed positive attitudes

Climate, location, culture

"People oriented" city. History & heritage.

Geography, coastal beauty, tourism potential, airport potential, proximity to wine growing area. Climate.

It is a good size for a city, good weather, good facilities.

This is a hard question--Newcastle residents are strong supporters of the city but their wishes are frequently railroaded by greed & interests of State or Council governments. The city itself--with beaches, weather, cultural activities--has many inherent strengths.

Relience and adaptability further revitalising of the CBD, including extension to the light rail

cohesion, middling lifestyle

The interest show by residents in the city itself

small country town, atmosphere, everything is at your fingertips.

beaches,walks around the beaches on the walkways,Blackbutt Reserve.Passionate people who want to see Newcastle as a great holiday destination

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

ignoring minorities

Our coastal location and surrounding bush areas. We are not overcrowded (yet) and there are some areas of housing that are still somewhat affordable. We are able to live an unrushed existence. I don't have to travel an hour across town to see my friends ... in fact, I am walking to see one on the weekend, because she lives that close. We have culture (arts, theatre) and sports to experience and if we really want the rush of a big city, than we are only 2 hours drive from Sydney or a few hours by plane (because we have an airport) to a variety of destinations across Australia (and soon the world – won't that be exciting!)

Its people are the strength

Natural beauty Big enough but not too big Exciting changes

very patriotic

Small enough to feel a sense of community, but large enough to have opportunities and growth.

Adaptable, resilient, hard-working

They love "our town"

Beaches, history, hard working community, traffic flow

Giving everyone a fair go.

One of the major strengths is Newcastle undeveloped potential. It's geographical location and proximity to Sydney presents the opportunity to capitalise on tourism, where income does not require exploration of any resources at all. Education is another sector requiring strengthening. Current investment by the Government in transport infrastructure is another opportunity to create a government/public projects that would benefit Newcastle.

Good economic situation.

Our Beaches, Foreshore, Harbour, Parks, Pet Friendly focus these are priority issues to be continued with vital access and parking.

Lifestyle

Good location, close to great areas like Port Stephens, wine country, good infrastructure, services.

Community loyalty and support. Tradition.

resilliance and pride in the region

Newcastle has until recently been developing into a modern and vibrant city that residents and visitor alike can enjoy. It has made greater use of its outdoor spaces and natural environments. Newcastle has great natural beauty and is loved by those who enjoy and active, healthy and outdoor lifestyle. This has recently all been totally ignored with the agreement to host Supercars. This event is destroying parkland and tearing down trees. it promotes excessive alcohol and will pollute our coast. The city will be an ugly construction zone for the rest of the year and for 3 months every year until we get rid of this event.

Ability to adapt to a changing local economy

Location. Intelligent populace. Good community interaction.

They are very committed to seeing the city become a more interesting and vibrant place to live. They are very proud of their city and want to see it progress in a way that benefits all citizens and not just a privileged few.

a COMMUNITY that is sociable and supportive of progress

Newcastle people are on the whole friendly and welcoming. Newcastle people have a strong sense of pride in their local area. Newcastle people are charitable and supportive.

Environment.Facilities

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

Resilience
The landscape, environment, beaches, uncrowdedness
To be able to accept change
help one another good standard of living/quality of life community identifies with the area
Sense of community, pride in place
Resilience Innovation
Identify with area and proud to espouse benefits of living here
Its history, location & people
Newcastle is becoming an international city with great leisure resources. The people are both resilient and strong willed
Human scale, walkability of many parts and suburbs. The people are friendly and approachable.
Ability to bounce back after adversity.
Pride in their city, its beauty (river/beaches) and heritage buildings.
Good local community feeling within local areas.
Location, diverse intellectual knowledge
Compact size
Newcastle community spirit and sense of fairness.
Resilience in the face of horrible NCC decisions like accepting Supercars and running light rail on Hunter street, rather than the corridor. We are battered but not bettered.
Novocastrians are adaptable and willing to change with the times to keep our city great
Has so much to offer. Great location and in close proximity to Sydney for big events. People are more relaxed and very friendly.
It's natural beauty, especially after getting rid of the BHP. The people are friendly with a country vibe.
Resilient, innovative, hard working, strong sense of community
Tolerance, inclusiveness, care
none the area is tearing itself apart
Newcastle: physical beauty of its public spaces (beaches, parks), quirky, funky local vibe expressed in public art, cafe culture, music, restaurants, and a large, passionate Knights fanbase, great dance schools and good local theatre in addition to the Civic & Playhouse. Civic is especially a jewel in Newcastle's crown - what a beautiful theatre! WE should value and restore the incredibly beautiful old building we have throughout Newcastle East and along Hunter Street. GORGEOUS architectural precinct! People: there's been a shift in the past 20 years in the population, with a lot more ethnic variety, which is FANTASTIC! Newcastle still often feels like a big country town - people are generally friendly and there's only 2 degrees of separation, which generally lifts the standard of public interaction, so that's nice, too.
Newcastle: beautiful location at the end of an amazing valley. Generally safe and friendly place to live.
The scale, natural features & amenity, both modern urban Scale, Natural features & amenity; modern & historical urban architectural mix; growing diversity of population; smart & sustainable innovation potential
small town values, a sort of community feel, reasonable sport facilities, good beaches,
Diversity of people, employers, landscape and seascape, port, and higher education and associated research

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?
not much.
Great beaches, improving inner city, community-minded population
Community spirit, innovative, capable of changes. Natural assets - the beaches and bush
egalitarian nature of various large feeling peer groups. Probably a feature not uncommon with large productive centres around Australia
One of the major strengths of Newcastle was the pockets of preserved areas such as Newcastle East and surrounding peninsula. The people of Newcastle have gone to great lengths to preserve the story behind Newcastle for everyone to enjoy. The people of Newcastle recognise the struggles of their fellow citizens and a beautiful structure was put in place on the foreshore for the quite enjoyment of everyone. The people of Newcastle love the foreshore area and thousands turn up on weekends to enjoy the beaches, parks and eateries. The people of Newcastle ban together to support one another and will always lend a hand to anyone struggling.
Community minded, hard working class base, care for our neighbours.
The strengths are their weaknesses - The elders of the community have a very good and solid idea of what works and what doesn't. Unfortunately the youth are blind to what reality they have and have no respect for experience and knowledge as they are too caught up in their own success
Beaches, restaurant and cafe precincts are growing and varied. Arts ventures are novel and/or worldclass.
The friendliness of the city and people
small "degrees of separation"; think big
geography of the area.
People in Newcastle are down trodden by XXXXXXXX planning and foolish government
They are resilient. They are friendly and helpful when someone needs help. They share the burden when someone has a lot of difficulties in life.
Forthrightness and refusal to accept dishonesty
N.C.C. Leaders.
resilience
This used to be strength in unions and the working class but as the population increases and work changes its people are more and more newcomers
Liveability & accessibility of the city, diversity of culture and experiences, range of services and facilities
Sense of community; friends, our care for the environment; our desire to work together to protect and advance our community
In the general region there is some of everything. flat and hills, rivers, lakes, harbours, dams and oceans, city and rural.
they can come together really well to collaborate and share.
Community and loyalty
The community is engaged and passionate
Resilience! Practicality
As a region the Beaches, Sport, Lifestyle, mixture of old and new architecture
Resilient, friendly
People are down-to-earth and willing to pitch in to community. Newcastle has best weather in NSW, excellent beaches, very good education & health facilities

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?
Hospitality
Great location and nice beaches
Coastline and harbor
we love the place & are unanimous in the opinion we don't get treated fairly by either Federal or state governments of any political persuasion
Its not sydney or the central coast, up until recently it was more like a relaxed country town and had its own character. People, relaxed and casual on the whole and without the snobbery of sydney or deference to social status.
Very Community Based
newcastle people are proud and resilient.Newcastle having a wealth of history from the earliest inhabitants to industry which has contributed to the national wealth. The many stories of our colourful past.
the beauty of the city beaches; the resilience of the people; the interest the working harbour adds to the tourism experience; the friendliness of its people; the beauty of its parks both the inner city ones like foreshore park(before the current destruction, King Edward Park and the suburban parks like Jesmond and Lambton;
Resilience
Sense of community remains, whilst apparently generally embracing newcomers. Slower pace than Sydney, whilst enjoying world-class facilities.
Adaptability
Resilient and adaptable
has been a fierce independence from Sydney demands but this is disappearing under a fog of self interest in its leaders
It boasts a local town atmosphere yet has everything you would expect from a big city
We won't be put down by government and big business
Strong community. Proximity to Sydney. Diversified economy.
Resilience
Outdoor lifestyle
Location, cost of living compared to Sydney, public transport into the city
Harbour and export facilities for freight, coal and tourism vessels
River and Port. Voluntary work that that a large no of people do
location.. small town feel with large city amenities....friendly and helpful citizens
We are strong and very loyal to our town
The people of Newcastle are friendly and helful
Our beaches
Friendliness, lifestyle.
Great climate, beautiful scenery, not too big.Peoples sense of belonging
Natural beauty, historic architecture, artistic community
Clearly not grammar ("it's") :-) Coastal, hilly, compact, proximity of Hunter valley, Wattagan mountains & Port Stephens. Easy to get about (not big distances, not bad traffic).
Beaches. Good size city in that we have everything but not overcrowded

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

Communities, creativity, artistic talent, new opportunities, natural beauty, proximity to Hunter Valley, University

Passionate about their city, being part of the community.

It was easy access to the beaches via train getting off with a beautiful park to walk through. You could park outside the shop you wanted to visit in Hunter street and not get ripped off with fees. But that's Newcastle city. Overall the town is relatively easy to traverse, shopping centres provide most necessities and free parking.

The location with both beaches and the harbour. The mix of historic buildings and modern buildings. The size of the city - it is possible to walk comfortably from the West end to the beach. The great cafe/restaurant and arts culture. The small bar scene. We tend to get behind local businesses and support them to grow and thrive.

Friendly people and sense of community. Beaches and harbour.

To move forward from adversity as a united team.

Friendliness, so much friendlier than Sydney. Capitalise on the wonderful community feel that is here.

Newcastle - natural beauty, industry, easy to get around, affordable People are not so different to anyone anywhere else

Smart, Arty, Down to earth, Usually not pretentious people Beautiful natural assets and historical sites

A integrated community. Strong belief in the future of the city.

Compact and comfortable place to live

Friendliness

Newcastle has the laid back friendly atmosphere of a big country town at the same time as possessing the spark and complexity of a vibrant metropolis. Not for Newcastle the harried rushing crowds of Sydney, too busy to notice those around them, but more relaxed citizens likely to stop and chat with people they know or don't know in the street. Newcastle is not too big or over developed. I hope it stays that way.

Resilience of people, adaptability

Understand each persons needs

location, resilience.

Community

they hang in there in all adversity. Stickability.

Temperate climate, ample water and a deep water port

We like to be individual. We don't want to be like Sydney.

A good sense of identity and loyalty to the city

Creativity, practicality, sense of humour, resourcefulness

Friendly. Coast is amazing and we are beginning to use that. Great foodies. Safe to walk around as single lady at night.

Life style. Beaches. University. Hospitals. Shorter commutes to work or leisure activities compared to Sydney.

Strong sense of community and the uniqueness of the hunter region

friendly, welcoming, city is easy to get around when driving

Entrepreneurial, far reaching with tourism in mind

Unique in sense of laid back and still adaptable to a larger city

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?
It music, arts and crafts people who help create a vibrant city. Its natural environment (e.g., the beaches). Its role as a regional city which means there are numerous services or facilities that a smaller town could not support. The University which bring expertise, study and other resources to the region. Like many other places there are many passionate, talented people who make a difference.
Newcastle strengths: * scale - not too big, yet close to population centre of Sydney, * lifestyle, location, beaches, lake, hunter valley Newcastle people strengths : diversity, community minded
Resilience
Coastal City
Community. Vision
The Coal industry and the flow-on effects throughout the community
Hard-working and resilient Strong industries Geographic position - close to Sydney, but far enough away that not competing with it, incredible natural features Laid back lifestyle
Strong sense of community, generally a very friendly place to live
Newcastle provides a great lifestyle, with lovely coastlines and bush reserves. Its not too crowded and housing is affordable. The people are friendly.
The sense of community is the most important quality of Newcastle. There is an attitude that you can do it yourself and there is a strong grass roots movement. Community building activities like markets are very important to the people of Newcastle.
strong commitment to the local area
They have been its easy access, lack of traffic jams, plenty of parking. Beaches and easy access to Sydney.
Our artists and galleries, public libraries, community groups and cafes.
I think Newcastle is unique because it is a city that is not to big and not to small. There are good size crowds, but everything is still accessible for everyone.
Jobs,
Friendly city, thriving arts scene
the beaches and waterways and people who love the outdoors and want to live an active healthy fit life
Friendly, down-to-earth people; laid-back, coastal lifestyle; convenient access to amenities
Novacastrians are loyal to their city
We are independent, we work hard, we love our city and the uniqueness of not being too large nor too small. Most of us are proud to be from Newy and will correct non-Novocastrians when they think we are an outpost of Sydney.
Their ability to work together and where we live
Tolerant, easy to get cooperation. Great environment and not yet too crowded
Resilient, creative, laidback and passionate about the Hunter. Can really pull together and help each other in a crisis
beautiful beaches
Being able to be compassionate, caring, fun community people that will do good when knowing the facts and not being brainwashed
The location, the sights and the attitudes of the people.
Its beauty. Population size means that traffic isnt too heavy. It's where city meets rural. Artistic and musical.

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

Because of its history Newcastle is many meanings deep. This reinforces its complexity, diversity and provides a sense of authenticity. Unfortunately until recently Newcastle has been regarded simply as a industrial city, a site of hardship and mishap. But as more people visit, the city's natural beauty and social complexity are more widely appreciated. This new appreciation helps residents see their city differently as well.

location, variety, culture

easy-going, welcoming, hard-working, like to give a fair go

loyalty

versatility, adapt to change and accomodating nature

The natural environment within the Newcastle region

Community Minded Attitude

Newcastle is a complete mixed bag of built and natural landscape with a diverse range of people. All together in quite a small footprint.

Small city old world charm

A sense of community.

acceptance of change and willingness to make improvement, make a difference to the community and society

local caring, community groups can be utilised by council.

Has natural beauty ie. coast, harbour and fabulous beaches

Its people are its strength (largely ignored). Its beaches and beautiful parks & trees (now gone)

Newcastle people pull together when the chips are down. There is a strong sense of community throughout Newcastle.

Multicultural

Love outdoors and ocean. Riding bikes.

Not Too big, friendly easy to get around, not too much traffic. but has lots of entertainment and heaps to do. great climate

Resilience despite being ignored by the politic powers of Sydney and Canberra

Diversity

ITS PEOPLE NOT ITS REPRESENTATIVES

Community, resilience under pressure and economic changes

Geography, friendliness, historical/heritage buildings, beaches,

community

We are friendly and still have a 'town' rather than 'city' attitude.

Down to earth; More "country" people than "big city" people

Diversity, strong leadership, great economic opportuniti s

Sense of community, progressive welcoming community groups

None that spring to mind.

University - brings diversity and new ideas Proximity to Sydney - well placed as a regional hub Thriving growth of small businesses and innovation Facilities in centre of Newcastle are improving all the time Community involvement in events (eg. farmers markets) is high

Location to beaches and the proximity to Sydney

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?
The size and location of the city
Resilience and adapting to change.
The beaches, the harbour, the parks and ease of being able to move around in the CBD.
Beautiful friendly city without the congestion of Sydney
A strong sense of community
Great hospital university racial mix close to Sydney hospital and university provides oportunities for employment for residents and overseas professionals backpackers
nice happy people base on strong Newcastle roots
Offers a city lifestyle without too much congestion (at present). Offers most major health and community services. Beaches. A fair choice of entertainment. Is changing for the future.
Heritage buildings, openness abd generosity of people
A friendly growing community in a perfect environment
The people have ideas and want to see them listened to. They like the feel of Newcastle and do not want it to be a mini Sydney disaster.
it used to be our Heritage and job availability and job security.
communitybecoming metropolitan without congestionaccess to beaches and Glenrock
The beauty of the area. The history of the area. The proximity to Sydney. The university. The potential for growth. The people are friendly, relaxed, open and they are enthusiastic for change and growth
Historic buildings, beaches and unhurried lifestyle.
Friendly, they're always willing to lend a hand, kind, confident and strong.
Resilience and dedication to certain causes
resilientsupportive
Great location on coast with access to mountains, lakes, rivers. Dynamic culture of live music, arts, cafes, events.
Novocastrians love and are proud of their city.
We are a strong bonded community.
Our resilience. Ability to create opportunities in seemingly thin air.
People's creativity and attitude. And Newcastle location and natural resources
Cannot think of anything I could apply collectively
Heritage
A compact city separate from the NSW capital, Sydney
Very giving community.
Straight forward no frills attitude of the people - the place - its unique setting close to the harbour and beaches - its generally low rise cityscape
friendly, look after one another
Natural beauty and parklands
People - friendly, laid-back, proudN/castle - coastal, a good size, good weather
Newcastle is a beautiful city. Its people are passionate and proud.
Sense of identity

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?
Beaches, historic architecture
Newcastle and its people are no different to any other large Australian city in that they are putting up with incompetent government
Its environs - beaches, lake, wine industry, Port Stevens, watagins, etc.
Resilient inventive people, clean environment, good recreation
Friendly, big country town with city conveniences, the harbour, proximity to Hunter Valley wineries
Heritage, harbour, low rise, open space
Novocastrians have a fierce loyalty to their city and will fight to preserve its heritage, character and independence. We are resilient and good at adapting to change. We resent and will not tolerate being hoodwinked, bullied or ignored. This is what gives the city its strength as a community. Already the home of artists, musicians, etc with a wide and rich offering. This provides a wonderful base on which to build.
Its location. Access to many beautiful beaches and surrounding areas eg. Hunter Valley and Nelson Bay areas.
resilience
Great location and people
A great location with some great people
I believe the majority of Newcastle people have come from a working background and are proud of their city and its heritage. Newcastle's convict, maritime and mining background seems to me to be good bones to build on. It's a different history to Sydney's and maybe needs more exploitation.
Resilience, pride and hard working
Beach, great food/restaurants, active lifestyle, creative community including street/wall art
zero
Cafes, live original music venues. Friendly people most often.
Resilience, patience and determination.
Resilience
beautiful beaches, a lot of support for local businesses
Enjoyment of resources and facilities. Pride in the city. Community spirit and helpfulness to others.
Physical
Close community, beautiful surrounds and environment
Willingness to pull together
Resilience
Location
hard workers, willing to learn new ways
Beaches , Small size
Easy to get around, small enough to be friendly, big enough to have essential services
Novocastrians know that we live in a great city ... we have it all, give each suburb there own identity, with shopping, cafes, things to do... it doesn't all have to happen in CBD, or the big shopping centres, Make these places walkable and public transport accessible
The way things are moving forward in our great city!

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

Surrounded by beautiful natural environment; strong work ethic; ability to adapt and innovate; strong community; university; good employment and education prospects; great architects and architecture old and new

Location, location, location. Overseas visitors love it. We need to share the beauty of this great city.

The natural beauty and relaxed lifestyle are the greatest strengths of Newcastle

beaches and lifestyle

We are resilient and friendly with a magic coastline and

Diversity, innovation (local business), easy going, will help others.

The location with the harbour and beaches, not overdeveloped yet

The harbour and most people being friendly

It should be its people not it's people.

We are solid and supportive of the things we believe in sometimes to our own detriment.

Still has a bit of a small town feel, but with all the amenities of a major center. Beautiful locations, such as beaches, lake, vineyards close by. Down to earth people who still tend to pull together.

Beaches, arts and music culture, history, bicycle friendly geography

Their love and pride for the city, creativity eg Anzac walk bridge, new design in buildings-court house & uni

It has a large country feel, it's blessed with beautiful seascapes and hillsides, and it's people have artistic talent and a level of can-do-ness.

The size of the city is a strength - big enough to have resources, variety and services, but not big enough to have bad traffic and exorbitant house prices like Sydney.

Friendly people, beautiful beaches, great cafe's, sense of community

Friendliness, resourcefulness

Diverse employment and mainly socially active community.

Help each other in crisis

Newcastle is a large country town, where most of it's people have a real connection to each other

Its people have a sense of community and used to care for its future

Diversity and unique offerings (including the natural world)

the beaches

Resilient

Excellent location, creative and artistic young people

Small community. Fairly accessible council. Location is unparalleled. close to major city, accessible by train. Coastal. Has a very prominent university. Good sporting facilities. A working harbour. Close to Watagans, Hunter valley etc. Tertiary level hospital system. The lake. Pretty tolerant, partly thanks to university.

willingness to adapt and change great natural environment Not being too big Interested in arts, music and culture as well as sport.

Everything in a compact area - beaches, arts, the Harbour, great cafes, etc. Weather. Strong community spirit

great location, natural environs and climate. Friendliness and resilience. Great parks, beaches, cultural spaces (libraries, art gallery civic theatre).

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?
People get involved
Beaches, not too congested, year round good to reasonable climate, airport links to other cities, proximity to Sydney. People are friendly, helpful, kind.
Lack of over development so far
Natural attributes, Harbour and Coastline. Gateway to the Hunter Valley and Port Stephens. Resilient and resourceful population.
Community spirit. Pride in our town.
I perceive it as a desirable alternative to Sydney where the lifestyle is better overall than Sydney. It is easy to get around and many new places of interest are developing. It seems to be taking a trendy artistic bend which I find very attractive. The people are friendly and proud of their city although the people I know are surprising well travelled.
Their spirit
Beaches, port, green spaces, outdoor people areas and precincts.
People, fantastic physical environment, proximity of all key features such as harbour beaches lake valley to each other.
Versatility of the people and a city that covers country life and seaside lifestyle
Location
Close to Sydney but not as congested. People are friendly
Endurance and resilience
Diverse innovative adaptable resilient
Heritage, culture, accessibility.
diversity, local physical/geographical beauty, local community energy making neighbourhoods 'activated' (ie. grassroots level rather than from council level).
Beautiful beaches
Newcastle:- coastal location- proximity to lifestyle and amenities- climate- ease of commuting / lack of congestion People:
Clean environment, coastal environment with great beaches, close to Hunter Valley and Port Stephens
Diversity of country- rivers, beaches, mountains, bush, seas.
Creativity, passion, community spirit and caring for the well being of others.
A lot of people actually do look out for others in their community and go out of their way to help others
It's farms and parks and nature land. The history in its towns and architecture.
The view of the harbour and ocean
Nice geography. Strong community.
Novocastrians are loyal, they value their city, they do not accept change easily, they mistrust politicians but above all they are welcoming of visitors.
The size. Not too big. Not too small. Sense of community. The proximity to beautiful nature (beaches, dolphins, whales), wineries. You can get to Sydney if you really want to go.
Beautiful region, nice sized city
Live ability. Medium-sized city with range of cultural events. Coastline. Harbour. Hinterland
A keen desire to improve our community in a strategically planned manner so as to not isolate outsiders and suburbs.

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

Newcastle is currently home to a group of energetic, generous people, who have invested a lot of time and effort to bring the dead heart of town back to life, and make it a welcoming enjoyable place for all sectors of the community. Many of these people receive no material reward for the amount of time and energy they have invested in their community.

large country town attitude, not big city cynical

Big enough to have buzz and vitality, small enough to be friendly and inclusive

Sense of community and fairness

Balance of work and play = great lifestyle city

Same as the strength of any city

Strong alternative community with interest in music, arts and environment.

Resilience

Balance between a metropolis and lifestyle

Many people committed to action toward climate protection - despite lack of political will. We have innovators - our University researchers are amazing and the CSIRO renewable energy research centre makes me very proud of Newcastle.

Great lifestyle city

Diversity, energy and community....

Beautiful City Beaches Generalisation - People are narrow minded. The City has not reached its potential and other regional cities are surpassing Newcastle

Location and facilities available to the community.

Strengths of Newcastle are its landscape and scenery, proximity to Sydney ie close but not too close and it's size. strengths of its people are socioeconomic diversity, creativity,

willing to work to make Newcastle a better place to live.

the diversity of the people is a real strength, along with their ability to adapt with change.

Most local care for others and want to retain a fair go - regardless of the recent vested interests out to get what they can!

Good location with access to Sydney and Hunter.

coastline, river

Resilience and innovative

Resilience, imagination, creative and artistic

Perfect size for test bed

We have a range of natural resources such as beaches that are a good resource.

We stick together

beautiful harbor and beaches welcoming people

Down-to-earthness (lack of pretension) Hardworking, A bit rebellious

Location

Friendly and honest

Relaxed happy place to live.

Friendly, relaxed city living

Community: It's not too big for people to care about each other even if they are complete strangers

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

Sense of unity as citizens of Newcastle; Resourcefulness and familiarity with getting things done without a constant expectation of State government support; celebration of the immediacy of a rich natural environment such as the beaches.

Laid back, educated, interested

Geography, location and there is something for everyone. Who I work for, we have internationals come in 48 weeks of the year. it doesn't matter if one person likes physical activity or the next prefers the food scene, or the next have an eye for art - there's something for everyone.

The ability to change and adapt to reasonable ideas

wanting what is best for the future in our area

Community feel, friendly people. Not a sterile city feel. Beautiful gardens and harbourside. Calm, quiet inner city. Amazing beaches.

Determination

Small town warmth. Ease of travel

Community minded. Creative arts industry is growing including visual art, drama and music. The people. The place / environment

Community spirit

Community

Its diversity of people, beautiful harbour and ocean.

beaches Blackbutt Glenrock, Hunter wetlands, minimal traffic congestion and easy free or minimal charge parking no excessive high rise Bathers way, Fernleigh track

Diversity and ability to accept change

Geographical beauty is a strength that is being eroded with Council's economic imperatives

Their community spirit when the city has a critical event, and the we can do it attitude.

Amazingly rich heritage that is valued by the community along with fabulous natural beauty.

Diverse & multicultural population

Artistic and innovative Proud of the city

Passion of residents

Community togetherness

People having time for one another, keeping its friendly atmosphere (unlike Sydney).

A wish for integrity in decision making. A strong community spirit.

Small city by the beach. Lovely buildings. Not too many high rise. Lots of free space for people to use. Friendly people. Getting some good pathways for sightseeing around Newcastle.

Proximity to Sydney. Natural assets such as the beaches and harbour.

sense of community

Being Novocastrians, pride in the city, frustration at the way the city doesn't get just deserts, pleasure in its beauty & facilities, pride in its transition from industry & BHP, concern about its future socially and economically

Community, together we can be better - please listen to the people not big business.

Big enough to have some great culture, small enough to be a community

It's laid back atmosphere, down to earth people, physical attributes such as the beaches, being the gateway to other areas such as the Hunter valley and Port Stephens

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?
community
Community, physical geographic setting, foreshore, heritage elements, accessibility, creative response.
Development potential.
location and outdoor lifestyle.
The lifestyle, friendliness, common goals
Welcoming city. Great beaches. Beautiful valley that needs to be preserved and protected from further mining.
Newcastle has a quirky, individual character which is under threat from NCC. Beaches, cafes, pop up shops. Friendly people
Diverse ethnic groups, variety of commercial activities, potential for sustainable growth
People = creative, innovative, relaxed, dedicated Place = Natural beauty, beaches, vineyards, touristic potential
Community and natural beauty
Caring community, green space, creative residents
Passionate about our community and supportive to our residents
Small enough to have a community feel about it yet big enough Population is manageable and our natural landscape is attractive.
Down to earth, genuine people.
Patience
Pleasant and friendly people. We smile at passers by and chat with strangers on transport and in shopping queues
Newcastle's location - proximity to coast/beaches, vineyards and its great cafe/dining atmosphere. Resilient and friendly people.
Resilient
Friendliness and adaptable
Beautiful location. Good size.
Diversity - ethnicity, socio economic, values. Believes in a fair go for all. Hard working. The beaches and access to nature. Fairly safe place to live.
Diverse, kind, down to earth, resilient, imaginative arts and music .
Easy to get around Close to water and activities Very level social structure Un crowded restaurants and cafes
Creative and passionate people.The variety of events, character of different places.
Natural landscape.
pride in local identity
Strengths of Newcastle include its geographic characteristics (coastal, moderate climate, beaches etc), diversified economy, strong sense of being a community, education assets. Strengths of people include skill mix, mixture of ethnic backgrounds and passion for the city (this latter can also be a weakness - too one-eyed and the tendency to be paranoid that the world - esp Sydney - is against Newcastle)
Flexible open to change, surprisingly creative in an environment that has been hostile to creativity. Very strong sense of Independence and egalitarian attitude to social matters.

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

Our networks (community, business, sporting, volunteers). Our pace of life. Our natural environment. The scale and density of our current built environment. Ease of physical access across the city.

Skills expertise and innovation

Newcastle has all the main things you need while still being a manageable size. it's a quick drive to almost anywhere

Beaches and sporting activities

The community's sense of place and how proud we all are to be Novocastrians. Newcastle has the best of everything, Beaches, Lake, Mountains, Wineries, climate and proximity to Sydney yet still having the feel of small country community.

The Beach, ocean and nature in general.

Beach environment, quality health services, generally inclusive attitudes.

Newcastle occupies a unique space. Not a country town and not a major city. It has a long history and is place of contrasts.

It's a great city spoilt by the V8 super car desecration of Newcastle East.

natural beauty of coastline

Not as congested as Sydney and people are friendlier

Safe, clean environment. Diverse, resourceful community.

strong work ethic. Tight community values. regional sized city

A wide range of facilities. Improving transport requirements for business and the general public. Major infrastructure such as medical and shopping centres etc

Facilities, beach, parks, wetlands

Passionate, metropolitan, developing

Friendly and supportive of each other.

Common identity (Mostly)

Our unique setting, natural beauty and access to beaches and parklands.

Beaches, Harbour, lifestyle, affordable, friendly...

pleasant physical environment, coastline, lakes, wetlands friendly people

Newcastle beaches laid back vibe and the fact that it feels like a big country town, for Newcastle's size you still know your neighbours.

easy access to beach. green open places. not BUILT UP. VIEWS - open and laid back people

The beauty of the coast, the airport linking us to other cities and the university are Newcastle's major strengths. The people are creative and innovative and are extremely passionate about belonging here

Passionate about our city and want the best outcomes for our fair share of funding

Newcastle is a complex city owing to its history and industrial background. Socially it is progressive and optimistic. Its natural advantages are well appreciated by its residents but little known by people from elsewhere. Some who visit Newcastle for the first time are surprised and describe it as Australia's best kept secret.

People are friendly.

Hardworking, willing to have a go people. Idyllic coastal setting, gradually becoming modernised.

Natural features: coast and beaches, River, Heaton Ranges, Port Stephens, Lake Macquarie, proximity to Hunter valley, Barrington tops, Myall lakes. The community spirit, Musical and art, Historical places and structures.

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

Coming together
The area is beautiful, people are friendly and want to work hard
The size of the town which is very liveable. The natural environment in the town. The down to earth nature of the population. The relative social equity in the town.
Strong identity
Community
The diversity of the people as well as having a (mostly) cultured and artistic side.
Intelligent, innovative, relaxed
The strengths are certainly the beaches, Nobbys, Newcastle and Merewether, these are fantastic and should be promoted, especially in tourism but unfortunately this is not done, and unfortunately the CBD and along Hunter street certainly do not scream wonderful tourist destinations. This area needs to be cleaned up, methadone clinics moved out further, or more discretely situated not main streets, heritage buildings e.g. Old post office needs to be cleaned up and redeveloped instead of left to decay and house the dregs of society.
Newcastle is very beautiful, its assets include its wonderful beaches, heritage architecture, industrial history, its proximity to Sydney and the Hunter Valley. The people are friendly too. We love it here.
Community, a strong local identity, independence (as a city we are unique and can stand on our own feet without needing to be reliant on Sydney), a rich history and heritage, a creative population (lots of artists, designers, musicians, craftspeople, dressmakers, other creators), also an active sporting population (hockey, basketball, football, tennis, athletics, etc.), rich natural assets (Blackbutt, parks, beaches, ocean baths, open spaces, views) and a clean and beautiful environment, diverse types of urban spaces, a range of good community facilities, generally affordable, not overcrowded like Sydney.
The people's willingness and push to change for the better. Newcastle is a unique spot - with beaches, vineyards, rivers, lake and the bay surrounding it. It has a lot of character, and is one of the most diverse cities in Australia - with a mix of classes all together.
Beautiful wide open spaces. friendly people who value each other and good food / healthy lifestyle
resilience
Creativity, innovation, the people love their city, a "have a go" attitude to business, the natural landscape and lifestyle that results, the smaller scale of the city and access to Sydney, the Hunter, Lake Mac and the Northern Coast of NSW.
That is such a melting pot of cultures and background learning of each other. That the city has a great mixture of environments (beach, city, harbour, bush, etc). It's a city of innovation.
Location, optimism, love of spaces, beaches, historical buildings
Still beautiful in the centre of town with so many lovely old buildings and a nice relaxed feeling
Community spirit and environment
Newcastle beaches
medium size city
the community support, the cafe culture, the coffee, the food, the beaches, the lifestyle.
Beautiful natural and built environment, down-to-earth people with plenty of community spirit.
The country town feel
Diversity, community minded, laid back
beautiful scenic views, and people wanting the city to improve
The small businesses growing, the great culture and active lifestyle of the people.

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

The good people don't like what Newcastle Council is doing to the city. ie: chopping down trees / cutting the railway & over kill development.

Relaxed, creative, coffee and beach culture. Newcastle is a fantastic place to live a quality life. Also, regenerating old spaces is also a key strength of Newcastle, such as the mall, etc.

Location, natural beauty, old centre with beautiful buildings, community feel, potential for art

beaches

Hardworking

The people are its strengths

Resilient, adaptable and genuine.

To stop voting labour parties back into council.

resilient

Community minded

Beautiful enviroment, more relaxing than Sydney

Sense of community

coastal position; history / heritage / improved numbers living near cbd

Newcastle is a diverse town that is growing very quickly. It has so many amazing features that are being under utilised for lack of facilities.

Diversity of industry, geography and people. Small enough to get around easily yet large enough to provide world class services.

Lotsof people caring about social connection, healthy living, natural living.

Beaches, harbour, bars and restaurants, markets, street art, proximity to Sydney and hunter valley

friendly and inclusive people, a city with great beaches and surrounds, very liveable

Tourism, we have so much here. We love our city and are passionate about everything about it.

Warm, energetic and creative

Newcastle people are resilient, adaptable and creative. Newcastle has a beautiful coastline, natural and historic heritage.

Newcastle has a strong small business industry that is supported

Newcastle has a great community that sticks together. It is diverse and resilient. High life quality

the beaches & harbour (the beauty) and the relaxed easy going nature of most of its people

hard working, conscientious

We come together in tragedy, and to support local people when someone is going through a hard time.

Great beaches, great coffee and pub culture

Innovation and creative hub. Keeping industry alive.

Resilience, tolerance and adapting.

The we can do it attitude and sense of community to help others

Resilient in moving from a "steel" city to a progressive vibrant city to be proud of. Many Newcastle people stay in area and marry and partner with local people retaining great connections and supports for residents Newcastle has stunning areas for recreation and entertainment. The outdoor areas from beaches, parks, reserves and state parts, bike ways and constant connection to Lake Macquarie council area all link this area to a progressive city to live or visit

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?
Creativity, diversity, community.
Beaches. People are not great.
resilience, general pride in the city
Terrific natural resources, diverse peoples.
Location, port, community
The geography and location of the city itself is a real strength of Newcastle - naturally beautiful and diverse. The community is not stratified by extreme wealth and privilege, and that is another strength. The original city centred around the Hill has a beautiful scale and has the livability of Paris - but this will be destroyed by high-rise buildings and their shadows, as seen at Newcastle beach.
Friendliness, sense of community, big enough to have major infrastructure but not too big (goldilocks city)
uniqueness as a city scape surrounded by river and ocean and heritage area
Adaptable. Resilient
Community spirit and involvement & support in activities and events
Mainly they are very proud to be 'Novocastrians'
Mostly friendly, community minded people who look out for each other. It has a beautiful coastline and so many wonderful places to explore relatively close by. Blackbutt Reserve is wonderful. (Coffee!!- wonderful-across the board)
Its diversity, situation and accessibility to surrounding areas. Its beauty.
Friendliness, a sense of pride and community, hard working, love their city
We fought to save the trains our politicians are deaf.
Newcastle is a vibrant place to live consider this - best beaches, the most beautiful lake - the bush - it has everything. Our people are here when needed, pull together in bad and good times.
The beaches, eateries, wineries, close to Port Stephens
Good climatic conditions for its people, not hot in the summer & not cold in the winter, because it is so east it is surrounded by sea.
Newcastle has the best beaches that rival anywhere around the world. The people are friendly and courteous. Close to Port Stephens, vineyards, M1 to Sydney, Central Coast. It is a mecca for sports, yachting. Beautiful Lake Macquarie.
Resilience, abundant natural assets and opportunities
History has shown of the strengths of this city's people. However, we have shown a complacency regarding our current and future priorities. The take over of our city's assets and infrastructures. By local and state authorities for better or worse. Mostly worse.
It was a big town feel pride when we was a steel city
Vibrant, relaxed, scenic,
Very proud of our town
we can live with all the bad decisions made by all the people in power over the last 25 years, thats how strong newcastle people are
Newcastle is not too big, not too small! Novocastrians are kind, patient, actively involved and fun-loving. The community is a surprisingly cauldren of creativity!
UON, Mining
Resilience and loyalty - getting on with the job

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?

Great walks and parks for people to be active.

Our coastline and the safe bathing areas including Newcastle and Merewether Ocean Pools. The close proximity to many tourist attractions. A very safe harbour and moorings. What will be in a short space of time our reputation as the "University Capital of Australia". The kindness, tolerance, and support of the citizens.

Great city - no hassle and bussleIdea tourist destination with many attractionsPeople are laid back and willing to accept anything

Strong community

A friendly city - not to big -

Newcastle - Stunning natural beauty (Beaches, harbour, coastline)- Gritty, dirty, working class soulPeople - entrepreneurial spirit of locals - making their own opportunities- hungry for new experiences & businesses- proud of their city and history

I think we have some very talented people, great beaches and shopping centres, quite good roads, housing is quite affordable still

As a medium sized city Newcastle offers a range of employment and educational opportunities, while retaining a community atmosphere.A great climate and natural environment.

Not good the ones i know

Size of population; potential growth;good sporting facilities; positive attitude to problems; healthy lifestyle

Diverse and beautiful in people and placesIssue: the loud and vocal minority. No one with guts to see what should be done and do it.

Skilled Workers

It's a beautiful, not over busy city with a great Beach and lots of cafes and galleries. There are some beautiful historic buildings in the city and there are some great natural vegetation areas like Blackbutt Reserve. It is hopefully multicultural as well.

i do not know

Open, friendly, still some of the old working class principals survive.

I love going to my friends, I like all the shops. I don't like how Newcastle is packed, and all the people in Newcastle are nice I guess.

The strengths of Newcastle and its people is its food

Beaches, Aboriginal Community, Beaumont Street, Street festival out the front of gallery

Hospitality, beaches, festivals, markets

#A good sense of community as long as you are of XXXXXXXXXXXX.

Becoming professional and expanding breadth of people here. 15 years ago it was just a blue collar town and not nice to visit. Cafes and development along the coast are great. Major strength is beauty of the area

A key strength is that Newcastle and its people are ready for change. They have the skills, passion and drive to embrace and make this change a positive experience for everyone.

Affordable lifestyle with working harbour, stunning beaches. Resilient and talented people.

Beaches, community

Beaches, diversity of business, education and forthright people

Beaches, laid back lifestyle while still having great education and employment opportunities. Not too far from Sydney, awesome health services and having our own airport.

Survey #1 Q2: What are the strengths of Newcastle and its people?
Community spirit. location - beach location will draw young people and keep them here.
Eclectic and diverse.
Emerging City
Friendliness, caring for one another and community spirit. Newcastle is in a beautiful part of the world and has a great climate. Newcastle is very livable. It is just the right size to offer all the services and opportunities of a city without the traffic and congestion of a massive place like Sydney. Strong community of creative people.
good weather coastal location
Great parks,friendly community
location, size
Newcastle people are very proud of our city
Not too big, not too small Still affordable however this is changing and becoming more unaffordable Lifestyle Geography incl beaches Some good amenities - sporting, free baths, museum, art gallery, library etc Locality
Our diverse skills, experience and passion for contributing to positive outcomes in Newcastle
Resilience and Pride
Respect for nature
Willingness to put up with labours hold on the city

What challenges need to be considered so that our city is succeeding in 10 years?

Survey #1 Q3: What challenges need to be considered so that our city is succeeding in 10 years?
Councillors who ramrod very poor decisions through council. i.e the destruction of existing green space.
Connection with other cities (Sydney, North Coast), vocal negative minority given too much attention
transport networks. access to affordable housing. good leadership. natural disaster response. encouraging more tourists.
Change management plan
Finding a capable XXXXXXX
Amalgamate council with Lake Macquarie. Join the city
Truth transparency and sack the Council
Environmental awareness. The coal industry is still very prevalent in Newcastle. Newcastle could become much more environmentally conscious and have a big impact in the Hunter Region and beyond
Ensure due diligence and community consultation for changes - but also, get on with the job of making our town even better

Survey #1 Q3: What challenges need to be considered so that our city is succeeding in 10 years?

Newcastle needs to ensure that there is land set aside for public transport corridors.
For many years Newcastle seems to have stood still in terms of development and infrastructure improvements. Now it's going gang busters with major developments going up left right and centre. The challenge will be to achieve 'progress' for the city and bring it into the 21st century while also maintaining the unique heritage of the city and ensuring accessible open spaces are retained to make people feel connected within the city.
Better access to schools and day care. More jobs. A bigger emphasis on safety is necessary, both antisocial violence related to alcohol and present on busy areas, and car-related violence with dangerous drivers' behaviour towards cyclists, pedestrians and other drivers.
Sporting facilities and infrastrucutre
Pulling out the train to the beach with no real replacement. Can't get to the new university precinct - no parking, no train. Anti night life agenda. Becoming much more expensive.
Growing adequate public spaces, to encourage physical activity and shared leisure - the key to the heart of connecting people for a strong community. The right balance between public spaces & private development is a great challenge. Reducing coal dust is a major issue for Newcastle.
Fast rail to Sydney, negativity and can't do attitude shared by many, a council focused on stopping things not progressing things
More parking near museum and especially Crown Plaza hotel
Loss of history/character with rapid redevelopment, air quality (pollution), public transport.
Public transport. Protection for heritage buildings and streetscapes. NOt too much high rise. Maintenance of parklands and trees etc.
Bring back the engineering manufacturing base, that is, all railway stock, ship building, high tech such as the manufacture of renewable energy producing plants, electronics, bioscience, medical science and any industry that can produce products to gainfully employ Novocastians.
Good leadership
More employment required.Restaurants charge too much for mediocre quality.
Include outer suburbs in the planning. There is some greater planning and project in the inner city and Merewether but not much beyond that.
poor planning/timing of infrastructure re transport, parking ..no consultation with business and communities only after decisions are made
Get rid of the current council
Language barriers/ traffic problems/ Parking problems
Transport and parking.Restrictions on growth placed by outdated council boundaries and political structures
Lack of attention to the wishes of those without the big bucks
Unbridled development & population growth. Lack of considered long term urban planning. Destruction of built heritage.
Population is undecided is they want to live in a city or a ghost town.
Better public transport and parking options

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The main two I can think of are transport and parking. As more people are using e.g., the new university building and the new courthouse, better & more frequent transport will be needed. I live off Stewart Ave--with schools, TAFE, businesses nearby, all available parking spots on our street are taken by 8. As we are an easy walk to Wickham Station, I can foresee people taking the train to Sydney parking on our street for the day or our street being used as a "waiting area" for picking up arriving passengers.

further revitalising of the CBD, including extension to the light rail

fight campaigns that destroy cohesion - like supercars

Getting a fair share of resources and funding compared to nearby Sydney

traffic management, have a look at sydney

People who don't want progress - object to changes. Lack of parking is a major problem. Lightrail and bus timetables need to cater for workers and visitors to the city. Also ensure the suburbs have good infrastructure - a lot of money is spent in town.

extend light rail

Councillors who don't look to the big picture and halt progress over minor issues ... the world is changing, and so will Newcastle, just accept it and move on!

elected officials who politicize the planning process

Economic diversification, more tourist draw cards

listen to the people

Move away from coal. Public transport.

Industry that is hi-tech and flexible. Power costs are rising, environmental concerns are growing more restrictive for industry both in terms of pollution and public perception

Equity for all people in the council area not just east Enders. Enhance transport and parking

Better transport

Public transport, keeping development smart & innovative

Stop propping up only the developers needs; ensure infrastructure is considered in all proposals (parking/transport/roads etc; at their cost not residents or council only)

Passion above politics - that is a start. Vision above political correctness. Lack of the above disengages and does not inspire more people to get involved in a positive changes. Local media seldom highlights local achievements. Although there is some progress, often the minority groups are hampering it for their often personal reasons.

Climate change, rising sea levels

Newcastle needs to look long and hard at its Heritage and stop pushing it away but overshadowing with ugly modern buildings, the integrity of the Heritage Architecture is being overlooked and disregarded.

Moving away from a resources/coal based economy and creating greater diversity in the businesses operating in the community.

Get rid of party politics in local government, getting people to accept change, helping with all forms of addiction, cheaper housing.

Retaining Newcastle's unique characteristics and public areas even though they may not generate income.

decreased coal throughput in the harbour pragmatic approach to development that isn't as dramatically influenced by vocal minority groups

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Consult with residents - meaningfully. it is not that difficult. Think about what is good about Newcastle so it can be improved, not destroyed. Look at what other cities have done- Hobart, Bilbao - these cities attract visitors every day of the year, do not promote unhealthy lifestyles, dangerous driving and hoon activity. Have some vision.

Infrastructure keeps pace with growth.

Politicians should follow the peoples desire, before siding with the Council employees.

We need a much better public transport system that is cheap to use and gives good fast access to the places people want to go.

the need to reduce our impact on the environment, especially in the area of waste and littering

transport

We need to be involved in cutting edge innovation. There has to be a future for young people that means employment and quality education. We have to tackle social problems and provide plenty of activities and facilities for our youth so that they don't feel forgotten.

Transport. Parking. Pollution.

Pace of technology change

Newcastle City Council

public transport and cycling

increasing influx of population leading to overcrowding

Parking areas and ignoring the small old minority in the Dead end of Newcastle that don't want change.

technology - improved access to wi fi tecnologia in public places/buildings; affordable housing - increase availability reducing the gap between rich & poor; Comprehensive transport plan that includes private cars & parking eg. park & ride centres with shuttle buses...lots of land at old BHP site for parking lot!!

greening the city. We have lost countless trees due to storms and now the destruction of the Foreshore for Supercars. No re-planting has occurred in the city since the April storm. The parks and streets have been defoliated by council.

Parking availability low or reasonably priced weekend activity for families

public transport, bicycle pathways, roads, inner city parking

To make more attractive as tourist destination. A lot of work to be done in clearing graffiti, rubbish in streets, provision of public facilities - Victoria BC is an example of a good tourist destination

Better parking & access

redefining the business of the city and become more forward looking. cease the stop activities every time something is promoted

Control/minimize traffic and car increase. Public transport/bikes/walking need to become realistic alternatives.

The ability to plan its own future without state government and party political interference.

While development is needed, it should be in appropriate areas and not undo the special nature of its historical areas. Our historical areas are already becoming a tourist attraction with walking tours.

The usual whingers, whiners and complainers who will not be happy until "their' preferred decision is made.

Traffic in the city, incl parking, new cycling tracks, light rail

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Transport
Having a city council that is transparent, honest and collaborative with the community it serves.
To move to a greener economy: there are some good beginnings but more please. To make decisions for the people, not for developers and wealthy enterprises.
Good quality sensible public transport between the surrounding cities, and the suburbs of Newcastle, to the beaches and the city of Newcastle. One mode of transport no forced changes to different modes of transport before you arrive.
Avoid high density housing. Improve parking facilities to ensure visitors are catered for.
Getting rid of the old copper phone networks and replacing it with best money can buy. It's an investment in our future.
Employment and opportunities, especially for young people to build careers and stay in the city. Clean air, soil and water - reduced reliance on polluting industries like coal and the fertilizer plant.
Care of environment, integrated transportation, maintaining unique Novocastrian culture, ensuring we don't become a mini-Gold Coast
unity as a region without political party politics
People: I want to see more public displays of multicultural integration. For example, when there are civic events - like Anzac Day - there should be more than just an Anglican priest at the podium giving a blessing or a closing. We have Buddhists, Muslims, Jews, Hindus - every civic event should include them. I would like our multiculturalism to be assumed - that is, festivals and events should reflect the diversity of our community. I can foresee that integrating the new residents of Newcastle with the Anglo-Novocastrians needs some specific attention and intention. Some integration will happen naturally in schools and on sports fields, but celebrating our diversity and displaying how it contributes to the community at large needs specific effort. Newcastle: Transport - the stupid light rail that is supposed to run down a portion of Hunter Street in its pathetic 2 kms line is going to be a problem. An integrated transport system ought to have started by providing rail to places we actually need it - like out to the John Hunter Hospital, where there's vastly inadequate parking, like to the airport at Williamstown, like to the Uni to the new Uni buildings in town that also were PLANNED to have inadequate parking, and is supposed to be served by the poorly planned light rail. The main challenge will be to get the decision-makers in Sydney to address the real issues in Newcastle, not the ones that get them another bit of our public land to sell off. Re: transport - we should start to build actual bike lanes, separated from the car lanes by a concrete meridian. Art precinct - the Art Gallery ought to be expanded as per the plans under Ron Ramsey, and nightlines and pathways between the gallery, the Civic Theatre, and the Newcastle Museum should be opened up, and events among and between those 3 institutions should be scheduled and coordinated. How about starting our own Vivid with those 3 focal points? Jobs: I'd like to see Newcastle take more of a lead in...
Biggest challenge is the older generations stagnating the potential future of this city to the disadvantage of the younger generations.
Sustainable, innovative growth & development which maintains/leverages/promotes the city's best natural assets - clean beaches, great open space, parks, and bush land reserves, attractive working harbour precinct and effectively address transport infrastructure needs - Parking spaces, extended light rail (not on a Hunter st), continued excellent work on walkways and cycle ways
infrastructure, public transport, social venues for all, reasonable priced venues
Keep the green spaces we have and improve them by long-term strategies that preserve the best of what we already have and what can create
not piecemeal development stop suburbanization
Inner city rejuvenation, rising house prices, public transport and its use, sustainability programs and policy. Image of an industrial city and re-use of former BHP sites. Reliance on coal industry and port.

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Help people transition to the concept of multi modal transport
Fix the CBD train line debacle. Short sighted naive politics has left a lot of distrust.
The major challenge is the Councillors at the Newcastle City Council who do not put the people before the profits. A good example of this is the Supercars event that is planned for November. The Newcastle City council has supported and allowed the destruction of the Newcastle East peninsula. Mature trees have been ripped out and parkland fenced off for the erection of a racetrack and associated buildings. There has not been any consultation or transparency. I have attended a couple of council meetings and was disgusted by the behaviours of the Councillors not only towards those sitting in the gallery but also to each other. This event is going to end up costing the people of Newcastle dearly and I cannot understand why the council did not encourage a purpose built racetrack that did not rip through the heart of a suburb. It is totally unacceptable that a council would allow vehicles to travel at 280 kilometres an hour within 3 metres of a child's bedroom and family living area. The council has allowed for the removal of traffic slowing devices which has placed the people of Newcastle at risk and I feel it's only a matter of time until someone is hit by a vehicle. Since the announcement of the Supercar event there has been people hooning around the streets at high speeds intimidating pedestrians and taking joy in this. I cannot see the city of Newcastle moving forward with the current people sitting on the council. We need representatives that actually care about the people of Newcastle and what is best rather than railroading and bullying residents.
Freeway to airport. City & suburban transport infrastructure.
Those with the power and control of the industries particularly the creative industries need to answer for their one minded destructiveness and predatory natures in only supporting those who do what they want and as they say. This is just supporting the bullying nature that Newcastle should be trying to shed
Public transport improvements and a higher profile and focus on climate and sustainable practices.
That we don't have a whole lot of people opposing development
targeting of minorities with label "terrorist"
Control of road traffic, public transport upgrades
A landscaped transport corridor strategy for the trams with better use of Hunter St and Wharf Rd
Jobs for everyone who needs one. Keep the cost of housing and living down. Stop greed from making life harder for the disadvantaged. Helping the homeless that are on our streets.
We need Councillors who respond to community concerns
Council meetings run for the improvement of the City. Not Councillors arguing for their own factions!
inner city living
Limit rapid population increase and traffic congestion by encouraging cycling, small motorcycles, scooters for intercity transport as in european countries.
Improving public transport across the city - number and frequency of services; improving ageing infrastructure servicing the city; adopting technology to improve accessibility and communication
We need to value our precious buildings like the old post office and our beautiful train station both of which will crumble from lack of care
The youth indifference and change of traditional values. They are permissive, disrespectful and not centred on service but on a means to an end without quality. Morality is low and values are eroded way back to the dark ages- yet some think it is moving with the times!
we are being a little overtaken by greed - some inequalities are emerging - the haves have more and the have nots are increasingly not considered
Suitable infrastructure for an expanding, revitalised population

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Ensure access to all resources for all Newcastle residents, in a fair and equitable manner.
Local transport, employment
Car-parking - it's the single largest issue that the Council and State Government have failed to effectively plan for and yet would have the greatest impact on the vibrancy of the city. The Council must remove its reliance on paid parking.
Traffic, pollution, transition to knowledge based economy
Transport
More parking in the city. more parking at railway stations. better cycle ways.
Getting rid of the V8 race car from the city and having the trees replaced.
Moving forward with change in a more efficient manner
get rid of idiots who take away services such as a train to the old Newcastle station, Toronto line, Belmont line wallsend Line, Cessnock line.
Main challenge is not to end up part of the amorphous mass of the sydney central coast sprawl which unfortunately seems to be the path we are on.
Need to think about the big picture....losing a few trees to gain thousands of dollar with the V8 supercars
A comprehensive integrated public transport system. One that includes our airport that must include more international flights. Definitely a cycle network.
Improve tourism opportunities by using the Council's single most valuable asset the Art Gallery, by redeveloping it and appointing a qualified Director to it. Transport, both local transport (the tram is not going to provide what is needed) and transport connections to Sydney and other major centres. Parking needs to be provided in the city. Finding a better venue for supercars (they should not be in the east end)but there is room for them in the area, perhaps Kooragang; improving facilities in the outer suburbs, including things like parks, streets, cycle ways, etc.
transport and parking and transportloss of coal exportschanges in energy generationrising sea levels
Aging population, under employment
Employment opportunities; sympathetic maintenance/development of iconic heritage buildings and built and natural features.
revitalisation of the CBD including a variety of retail and commercial space.
Start listening to the people, stop telling them what you want them to know
to shake off the Vichy style acceptance of the occupiers of our city form Sydney
Newcastle needs more technology integrated into the city. Might I emphasise 'integrate'. No need to knock down buildings and trees to make way for the future, find a way to integrate it.
Macquarie Street influence and local reps sucking up rather than standing up
More career opportunities. Faster link to Sydney. More government jobs.
Derelict buildings, Changi g technology
Transport options and heritage restoration
Incorporating better transport to/from the airport, over coming done of the entrenched opposition to improvements and change (e.g. the problems with the figs, and how long it took to fix Merewether surf house) - there are still purple who have too strong a voice who would rather let the city go to ruin than have improvements come in or feel with a little bit of construction noise
Get a decent council to efficiently run & not be for Mereweather & the "in town" yuppies

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Develop an effective internal transport system
start with fining litter bugs
old fuddy duddies and small minded people need to think about the future, not just today and tomorrow ! they will be dead!!!!!!
Too much development in inner city suburbs such as Adamstown putting extra strain on local schools, resources. Too much overcrowding
Unemployment and under-employment of all ages
Green spaces
Public Transport, creating a Safe Cycling and a Pedestrian friendly town Addressing climate change
Employment, transport
Integrated public transport. Parking. road infrastructure.
Unemployment, resistance to change in some parts of the community (eg, Save Our Rail, anti SuperCars mob).
Keep it occupant-friendly: easy access to beaches, good public transport, good pedestrian facilities, good cycling routes. Keep it as a place on is proud to live in.
Traffic control and parking in the city, the cities main traffic arteries and city wide public transport options. Creating jobs after the demise of the manufacturing industry and jobs associated with the mining boom.
Narrow minded XXXXXXXX council, coal industry
over-development, without much thought of consequences.capability/interests of those making lasting decisions
Maintaining efficient transport corridors, and much better public transport.
Traffic flow and parking. We live on Honeysuckle Dr and it becomes seriously congested every afternoon. The traffic flow at the intersection near the new Wickham interchange is terrible...it can take 5 changes of lights to be able to turn from Stewart Ave into Honeysuckle Dr in peak traffic. I'm concerned about the impact on this once light rail is running (I'm not against light rail, fully supportive of that). Parking in the city is becoming increasingly difficult and walking/light rail is not always an option. Some parking stations, esp one nearby to Honeysuckle, are necessary.
Redeveloping Newcastle East, the city centre and Newcastle West
The city needs to get there infrastructure right on building developments and public transport.
Cheaper parking and lots of it - even better would be free parking.
Links to Sydney, public transport, improve multiculturalism, accessibility of city centre/honeysuckle
getting the rail back in the corridor
Non-local & foreign investors
Employment opportunities, less reliance on fossil fuels, more renewables.
Over population and urban sprawl
Keeping and adding to green areas using native plants
The welcome move of University campuses to inner city Newcastle needs to be accompanied by much more affordable accommodation for students and other low income people in the inner city.The charm of inner Newcastle should not be compromised further by high rise buildings.The growth of smart jobs needs to be encouraged.

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The challenge of running supercars through Heritage areas - need to restore Ncle East to previous state (pre supercars)
For Council to listen to people doing these surveys
cohesive integrated public transport. The rise of minority disruptors and their ability to stall projects. Balance between housing density and green space, A trade off with well connected suburbs allowed to have higher housing density.
transport into and out of the CBD. At the moment it is a mess and people are avoiding coming into the city
Change in economic mixOlder people leaving workforce Changing needs due technology shifts
to be honest with the Rate Payers. Listen to the people carefully. talk more discuss dialogue.
Lack of political power and a reactionary population to change. As jobs drift to the big city our lack of fast connection means our youth can not stay if they want a professional career.
Managing to balance progress while keeping our unique character/lifestyle.
We need to become a more sustainable city and not accept second rate solutions to our issues and withstand the pressure of development which views Newcadtle as a "frontier" town which is open for fast second rate development.
Affordable & practical public transport , fostering a sense of community , affordable housing for ALL of the community , meaningful employment opportunities in sustainable industries
Lighting to improve safety. Parking also for safety. Doing up in town but the burbs are being left behind.
We need to look after the environment and protect wildlife and habitat as much as looking after the needs of people.
Same as Sydney but on a smaller scale - traffic, housing, public transport, etc.
Continue to see a revitalisation of the city centre while ensuring it is not overdone with high rise
Restoration of all abandoned buildings, build a 5 star liner terminus
Expansion of the suburbs of newcastle and to retain newcastles historical character
Environmental sustainability - specifically addressing climate change, becoming more sustainable in its use of resources, and encouraging residents to become more sustainable. Improving public transport and bike paths. Social inclusion - we need to ensure that some sections of the community don't get left behind, and ensure that divisions aren't allowed to grow (e.g., mistrust of refugees or youth).
transport is terrible. We need an integrated transport plan. Recent decisions regarding transport, especially removal of rail line to city and building idiotic light rail system that doesn't go anywhere will continue to hold back Newcastle.The dreadful politically based planning process that has lead to the current disaster needs to be fixed.
continue the tram lines to outer suburbsfix drainage problems in close to the city
Cost of housing, parking and public transport
Pressure both State & Federal Governments REGULARLY for funding of GO AHEAD projects
Public Transport, Affordable housing.
We need to make councillors representative of the communities they live in, not just using this position as a stepping stone for their own political careers.Ideally all local government should be devoid of political parties and all should be elected as representatives from the community.

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Create/foster diversity of cultures (including ethnicity AND cultural tenets such as the arts/music) Transport - currently congestion on main arteries, increase active transport (bike lanes, end of trip facilities) More green space - park areas, urban food streets, shade (especially in highly concreted areas) need to attract large/international businesses and firms
Homelessness, low socioeconomic areas, illegal drug use and ICE epidemic
As the city grows there are more and more cars, and less parking options. At Merewether Beach it is difficult to get a park on a summers day. Along Honeysuckle there is a buildup of workers in cars, struggling to leave work every afternoon. I think there needs to be another road linking Honeysuckle and King St. The challenge will be to retain the great lifestyle with increasing population.
I think the city is increasingly being swallowed by developers and risks losing its character, heritage and sense of community. It is important that development is smart, sustainable and increases green spaces in places of increased density. Energy, transport and waste need to be further considered and dealt with. For example the sewage treatment works in Glenrock needs to be upgrading and there needs to be more investment in infrastructure and not just the cheapest option for minimum public amenity.
building the employment base
Parking. People won't use that interchange at Wickham if they have a carload of kids and they want to go to the beach, or take their dogs to the dog beach. Traffic flow. Retention of easy access to beaches and foreshore for everyone in the council area, not just apartment dwellers in the CBD.
Parking, public transport, access to beaches, avoiding high-rise development (which would destroy our skyline).
Making sure technology is kept up to date. As someone that enjoys travelling, a place that welcomes travellers and helps make their stay great is worthwhile
Transport, housing and parking
Parking is a massive issue. Simple measures could improve street parking including not allowing double driveways in inner city suburbs. They can have double garages, but single driveway. So much street parking could be created if planners didn't remove most of the streets to driveway space.
Better transport
not destroying our natural heritage and ambience with ugly badly built dominating inefficient and exclusive development..eg avoid high rise residential and commercial construction on the foreshore
Continued employment opportunities; sustainable house prices; integrated transport networks
Growing from the current size to doubling over the next 10 years
We do not see ourselves as an extension or reliant on Sydney. When NSW State politicians make decisions on our behalf, it is because they think it would be a good thing in Sydney, without taking our own Newcastle identity into account. We need to grow and be unique, not just mimic the high towered bigger cities.
Getting planning right we need develop and we need to grow but needs to well thought out not development for developments sake.
Public transport Better train to Sydney More cycleways and opportunities for public exercise Access to pre-school and good schools to lift the disadvantaged population Services in community for assessment and management of dementia
1.Housing affordability - Newcastle has become what Sydney was 15 years ago in terms of affordable housing. It would be a disaster if we become what Sydney is now
further development Foreshore, old rail line Bathers Way, installation fitness equipment,

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Knowing the facts and not being brainwashed. Need a safe cycle network. Need to stop urban sprawl. not yet opened your mind to the 5 critical issues. 1. Traffic congestion is mainly from poorly planned cities without enough public transport and too much urban sprawl. Focus your energy in the right place. 2. Cyclists are not forcing you to overtake them dangerously, by having to cross onto the other side of the road. Would you walk closely past someone, holding out knives to your sides so one wobble will cut them? see Extra information below 3. Basic Human right to travel in safety please. Cars are more dangerous than you think, 99% of them constantly tailgate, not able to stop if the car in front emergency stops. see Extra information below 4. You have a choice to have a fully covered pedal electric cargo tricycle. You are not forced to drive a car. 5. If an ethical pushbike network of connected safe backstreet shortcuts existed car and bicycles would be separated

Accessible bicycle paths.

embrace alternative technology re electricity. Do not allow high rise dense living. reinvigorate the centre. bring back the train. encourage the arts precinct and the scientific background. ensure people can afford to live here.

Resistance to change at one level and mistrust of developers and politicians at another level.

slow to act Council traffic flow, attracting tourism

mobility.

we need to be united as a community

sustainable employment, healthy environment, good public transport, connected bicycle paths

Increasing population, density, providing, maintaining & upgrading essential services & infrastructure

Lack of culture, outdated design style

With our Southern city somewhat at capacity and struggling to move its people around, we need to learn from the mistakes of this city, and cities around the world instead of proceeding through growth in the exact same manner. Urban sprawl, public transport and density are matters that can be learned from, and government needs to resist economic pressures and grow in an appropriate restrained way.

We need places for people to park. We need psople to vote for candidates who'll support the community rather than vested interestsUniting a community that's been divided by govt's allowing Supercars to rape east end

Developing a feeling of safety when moving around at night

technology; transport (not convinced this has been done well); community - not enough consultation or consideration - not enough!

transparency of decisions

Better shops in the CBD, less fast food and accompanying smells ie. in Hunter St Mall

Transition away from coal based economy

The council needs to respond to the desires of its people and not the greedy corporate sector and developers. I actually feel that this is a beautiful city being destroyed by XXXXXXXX corporate interests. No more supercar type events. Make it an eco friendly and arts city and tourists will flock in all year round. Do not create another Gold Coast. We need strong leadership.

Do not allow over-population, either in the CBD or suburbs. Over-population will remove the feeling of community and well being.

Education, new job and establish nes infrastructre to attract the torrirs

Bicycle ways and an end to car-centric tyranny.

Consider population growth and its impact on accessability and pollution

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Wastage at the top end of town, managers and staffing without delivery of service. Council needs to be considering the Newcastle public more in decision making rather doing things under the guise of job generation and tourism.
Transport and jobs
PUT IN AN ADMINISTRATOR
Employment for all ages, Networks to connect outer suburbs to the inner suburbs through good transport links
Traffic, congestion in various areas especially with projected building developments in the inner city, limited access to the foreshore, public transport...is the light rail really going to work?
maintaining heritage, existing amenities, bad over-development
Ease of transport from the outer suburbs to the beaches/city centre. Associated with this is that "Newcastle" hosts people from LakeMac, PortSt, Maitland and Cessnock. So NCC needs to consider the implications of accommodating those outer areas.
Ensure we balance housing and new developments with enough carparking in the CBD
Increased diversification of economy
Better integration of public transport, development of community assets like libraries and protection of heritage and parks.
A vision for the city centre. What will it do ... apartments, offices, shopping, etc.
Employment, particularly youth employment. Finding new jobs. Increasing whole community engagement. Public transport overhaul. Increased focus on cycleways. Increased focus on the suburban areas of our region that seem to miss out on current council focus.
Need to get the transport for the city right. Not sure that light rail in Hunter street is the answer. Extend light rail to the suburbs.
Infrastructure
Overcoming resident resistance to change
Generating employment Providing good quality housing and not just providing same old housing lead by what the developers say the market wants - it is normally what they think they can sell easily - the market wants adaptable housing
CBD by-passes, with the huge amount of proposed high rise CBD development and the significant increase in population, the CBD will become a vehicle parking lot. The Council, although it says the traffic studies will overcome any congestion, are very, very wrong, particularly when the light rail commences, the CBD promises to become a traffic nightmare. The Council is being blindly led by the nose by greedy developers in a money grab.
Better public transport system, cycleways, keep the green space and trees
Addressing poverty, youth disenfranchisement, and tourists/ holiday makers that disregard cleanliness and orderliness
Transport, too hard to get to city housing low cost housing need airport upgrade fast train to Sydney
Remove the state Government input Base all plans on the Newcastle LGA not just the city centre. An LGA survival policy Recognising that Newcastle is only the second largest city in the Hunter
Gaining the support of the people to change or accept change. Promoting the advantages of establishing large businesses/firms here rather than in Sydney. Job creation. City won't grow if people have no money to buy, rent, spend. Balance between development, retaining historic buildings/places and urban spaces. Providing a very flexible public transport system that combats the entrenched view that a car goes from A to B when and as determined by an individual's immediate need.

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maintenance of heritage buildings and character in face of development. Two should work together
To plan carefully to avoid the pitfalls of places like Sydney with traffic excessive High Rise etc
More real consultation from the decision makers. To just consider one side is immovable and the other is right is the challenge for big ego leaders.
jobs
Access, transport and parking in city centre / beaches bringing mall / hunter street back to life Tram line - current proposal seems a waste of money and will be detrimental to traffic flow along Hannell and Hunter Streets
We need to encourage young families to move here. Encourage small business and smart technology industries. We need to entice government offices to come here and to entice big business to make their headquarters here.
How to have a city without a rail connection and ever decreasing parking.
Traffic management. Culture change within the Newcastle community - changing from town to city.
A burst in population and of tourism. Need to cater to an increase in traffic, parking and public transport accessibility faster than the current pace.
Access to public transport
inner city living homelessness
Stop the Sydney govn making ridiculous decisions on our behalf
Infrastructure to enable and encourage people to be active participants in culture, physical activities like cycling, walking, water sports
Public transport *and* sufficient, affordable parking in the inner city.
Public transport, intercity link roads, education, health, environment, entertainment, sport and social issues.
How the world is evolving. Things like how transformative good (fast) internet can have on a person and community. How transport will change as things like smart cars enter the market.
Profit driven development
Transport into the city
Keep heritage
The city is succeeding now. Improve access across the whole city, with much better public transport, and improve access to Newcastle from the region it serves.
To keep everyone in the giving mood.
Recognising the places that are working - that encourage connection to the city and other hubs where social interaction is easy, incidental and supportive of neighbourhoods
transport and other infrastructure
Not enough attention to King Edward Park. Vandalism of Foreshore Park to provide for a car race.
Coastal free parking with 1, 2 or 3 hour limits, improve health services, more cheap housing, easily understood public transport, better cruise ship facilities
Transitioning away from traditional industries and sources of income, ensuring we embrace new technologies so the future is positive for our children. We need to welcome change, be empathetic towards those who are less fortunate and provide a means to help everyone in the community.
Inner city infrastructure and redevelopment

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Infrastructure for transport and beautifying areas.
Newcastle people need to start thinking like city dwellers rather than town dwellers
Improved transport, greater exposure, more tourist friendly
Changing economy towards knowledge workers, high car dependence, climate change
Clean up in town, make it somewhere people want to come to, need some kind of larger store like the old DJ's, something people cant go elsewhere for - once in town people will also go to other stores.
stop building high rise and high density, conserve heritage buildings, don't build out open space
Embracing necessary change without losing our perspective - the value of our unique city centre and its streetscapes, sense of space and accessibility. To continue to foster the broader life of the city as the population increases and the demand on sporting and cultural facilities grows. Establishing appropriate transport links throughout the urban area for private and public transport. This will need to include car parking for residents, business, recreation. This should be in addition to encouraging public transport use. There is the real danger of a downward spiral - people don't come to the city centre because there is not parking, therefore businesses, cafes, bars, shops etc either don't come or trade for shorter hours or with inferior stock/service, therefore nobody catches the bus/light rail as there is no point in coming to town, therefore there is no demand for ... and so on. I believe there is a real danger of this happening, even as the city centre is revitalised. Maintaining the economic viability and special character of the various suburban communities.
Promotion of tourism. Ensure public transport system is reviewed and works well especially light rail system and connections.
council dysfunction. party politics more important than the common good
Poor quality councillors more intent on their political futures than managing the needs of the city
Economic and logistical issues, particularly with the growing and again population
It's sad to see so many of our children having to move away from Newcastle to make a living. I would love to see the Federal and State governments make an effort to move some of their departments to Newcastle (and the Hunter Valley). We need more diverse industries to be encouraged to set up here.
Dealing with and increase in population requiring better transport options, health services to cope with the demand, and education needs and social services.
Night time economy. People feeling safe in the night time. Addressing violence that sometimes happens when alcohol is involved but acknowledging and addressing the culture which encourages it (boys have to be tough etc.)
change peoples attitudes from Newcastle it's a XXXX whole
Domestic violence and violence in general; youth unemployment; lack of professional opportunities.
A willingness to change, be open to new ideas and overcoming beaurocratical organisations.
Continually voting for Labor cripples any potential progress
reduce the amount of people living without homes or not in proper housing and drug use. I think we need to make newcastle safer, lowering fights, drunk disorder, rape, drug offences
More consultation with residents and stakeholders.Less importance pid to those who just want to line their own pockets and who are motivated by self-interest and greed.
Reinstate the rail line into the centre of Newcastle. More public transport up and over the hill. Connect bar beach to city by public transport
Try and help people realise that change is good
Keeping up with the infrastructure required particularly out in the developing western suburbs such as the Wallsend/Fletcher area

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Change the attitude of the NSW State Government towards Newcastle eg. Art Gallery, Transport Plan, etc
Traffic
The increase of older less mobile people, and quality in everything we in Newcastle do and have
A better Public Transport system. More Public space
Increased traffic, affordable housing , population increase, climate change
Public transport... make it easy for people to get to and from anywhere and it will be used, traffic is getting worse
Public transport in the CBD, cutting the red tape for small business in the CBD, speeding up the process for developments, eg the post office and king edward park bowling club have been sitting idle for years. Stopping the strong hold the inner city residents seem to have when slowing down progress.
Meeting the needs of our growing city, such as traffic and housing.
Cost of living; public transport that is user friendly and reliable;
better and more clever public transport; job growth; preserving natural environment and assets; overdevelopment
Stop keeping this area a secret from anyone who can visit. It's time to let others know how beautiful this area is - from domestic to overseas visitors.
We must resist the interference of minority groups to stall the development of our city as a city of learning
public transport so that people for rural towns can easily access the beaches and so that tourists are more likely to visit from Sydney
Getting people in and out of the city and providing other means of transport includingore dedicated bike paths etc.
The huge problem of parking especially given the light rail. The lack of meaningful community consultation before decisions are made. The need for more bulk bulled medical facilities. Ensuring our beaches remain free. Protecting our local environment. Finding a soloution to over crowding in schools with pitiful federal funding.
Don't allow Sydney developers to spoil the open nature of the city
Clean up Hunter St
Traffic management, development
To overcome negativity and reach consensus on the things that will improve our lot
Adequate infrastructure throughout the region to support growing population.
activate spaces at night, look after the homeless, curb drunken violence, more cycleways
Injection of money to stimulate growth n the inner city
Transport in and around the city and suburbs. The roads are now choked with cars. There are insuficient bus services, and light rail for the last 2 kms in the CBD with a capacity of 600 pasengers per hour is not going to deal with the new University site in Hunter Street that will bring an additional 4,000 to the CBD every day, one half to two-thirds of which will want to arrive between 8 and 9 am. The maths doesn't work. The council needs to stand up and be strong on this matter to make Newcastle a workable city.
To overcome political views that change 180 degree depending on where they sit

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A growing population will put pressure on infrastructure, housing and services; A lack of diversity of employment opportunities and economic growth industries; need to make good planning decisions for transport, housing and sustainability
people tend to be resistive to change. Transport to the hospitals and university (in the city and at Callaghan) needs to be improved. More cycleway and cycle parking
Making a greener, healthier and more equitable city
Improve motor vehicle traffic flows during morning and evening peak periods and manage anti social activities around local shopping precincts e.g Market Town, The Junction and Hamilton.
What threats lie ahead in the current climate
The ordinary people need to have the same rights as the wealthy developers
the state government actually listening to the wants of the people. As a novocastrian I feel we have been cut out of all decision making concerning the cities future
How to retain the unique identity and connected community
traffic congestion
Sydney's ability to obtain more than it's fair share of the states financial input
Pollution, degradation of environment. Increasing heat. Employment, overdevelopment
Transport: a disaster. City parking inadequate. Poor planning by council & state govt. re these. Inappropriate high rise buildings planned around inner city, which will detract from the charm & quality & character of the old town, while not adding to the quality of any future vision. Unsafe conditions still in many places for bike riders. So much mature tree felling that it's unlikely the city's beauty will be able to be restored in my lifetime. Transport & services or amenity for the elderly & disabled are being reduced, making it harder for those groups to live comfortably in the city, & to access the CBD or foreshore.
Climate change Ageing population Poor public transport and transport network Shrinking employment opportunities for youth and low skilled people. Massive technological change
Managing and stimulating population growth alongside economic growth; transport (public and road)
A careful look at infrastructure Eg bike paths, roads, public transport, access to the city esp parking or much improved public transport.
To undo the huge mistakes by all of the players in putting forward the transport fiasco. No light rail is necessary when you can have trolley buses or even electric buses. Also make these routes be all inclusive of the whole of Newcastle e.g. Round Nobbys and down around Honeysuckle. (See the Terry Hampton plan.)
Improve holistic transport services (train, tram, bus and exchanges that work across all of those types and to all areas - ie not just inner city with public transport but also in and around outer areas as well as good links to CBD). Better parking and flow around and through the CBD. Better and faster links to Sydney and airport (such as fast trains). Also need to look at job opportunities in Newcastle and the hunter across all industries so that there is availability across career life cycle (ie, entry level, through to upper management and everything in between).
Massive push for overdevelopment by foreign interests subsidised by us. The cost to taxpayer of new uni campus drives construction of towers for foreign students and or their guardians to buy as is their right under existing migration visa law.
Much improved public transport system. Housing affordability. Managed growth without diminished lifestyle quality. Upskilling of workforce and provision of new jobs - encouragement and incentives for business and industry. Realistic funding and development of educational institutions (eg TAFE and University).
PARKING....can't say it loudly enough.

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The top priority is definitely the ability to get work, so that especially young people and families can prosper here. It is a place that would also attract retirees who can access the delights of Sydney easily and overseas travel. I believe health facilities are already well developed but they need to be maintained and increased. The attractiveness of the place also needs considering. It already has delightful old worldy and heritage homes that should be preserved as well as the historical commercial building that are amazingly still intact. These are great assets that need nurturing. Plant plenty of trees that automatically help create ambiance and attractiveness.

State govt funding north of hawkesbury

A cheaper and better public transport plan that brings people into the city without having to drive a car.

Biggest challenge will be to reorganise the transport conundrum. There is going to be too little public transport and no central parking for those coming to the city to use public transport. Any available parking (minimal) will rightly be used by inner city residents. Council has improved facilities at our beaches but has not addressed the access issues as these areas rightly become more popular. Eg regular bus services to key centres to alleviate parking at the beaches

Real town planning, not just city centre planning

Public transport that's fast and reliable.

The challenge is to push aside the anti progress groups and get Newcastle moving and improving

Our city is becoming an enclave for the rich. I feel that ordinary people are slowly being pushed out by the are oval of the train and expensive shops and restaraunts. How long before all housing department residents are moved out. It is not an inclusive city any more.

Walking cycling infrastructure and public transport need to be improved

Transport. Balance between residential and retail in the city.

faster and more efficient train line between Sydney and Newcastle. 1.5h maximum Newcastle to Central station, minimal stops along the way (for eg. Cardiff, Fassifern, Gosford, another stop). Community consultation prior to staging significant events that affect local communities in massive ways eg. V8 race in a heritage and conservation area.

How run down the city centre looks compared to our beaches

Growing population requiring services and infrastructure.

Bringing people back to the City - I rarely go there because there is little for me to do there, it is not pretty or welcoming. Parking is a big problem and, unless light rail is free there will be even less incentive to visit the city. Accommodation for retirees wishing to live independently is severely limited and is generally to be found in the least amiable of place to live. Lambton Pool is badly in need of an upgrade particularly to the changing and showering facilities. It should be open all year.

Poor infrastucture, lack of transport, lack of cultural identity and tourism. Lack of Aboriginal identity and tourism/branding. Lack of promotion of things to do in the region outside of the vineyards.

Lack of opportunities in leadership roles for women and people from diverse backgrounds.

That giving the city a greater variety of young people activities could be an advantage to the community

Transport, energy, parking, small business investment.

Newcastle needs to move beyond it's coal industry and it's country mindset and think globally and inclusively

Newcastle needs to be residential by using the buildings already there and stop blocking the views by putting buildings on the water front

We make stupid decisions like hosting a super car race. Completely unfair on the affected locals.

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A workable NCC. That when public meetings are called to drive advice for the City then the advice given is followed. A genuine integrated transport plan that is acceptable and workable. Dispelling the belief that Newcastle is controlled by developers and vested families.
Improving public transportation. Getting people out of their cars and reviving neglected areas of the city.
Proper transport system including bike paths, extended ferries and rail to the city
Public transport to and from the city Centre. Preserve the historic significance of the city. Tourists come to cities for the history and culture as well as the beaches and food/wine. Don't overdevelop. Save the Post Office.
Critical is the establishment of an integrated transport system connecting all suburbs with shopping and business precincts. Moving on for the good of the community and not be halted by poorly planned project leading to fragmentation of community support.
How to create a city where people aren't dependent on cars and can get around easily by bike
The challenges Newcastle faces immediately centre around the way people from other parts of the country and the rest of the world perceive us. Currently Newcastle is valued as a wonderful place to live and visit due to the immense natural beauty of its coastline and the nearby lake and valley, and for the welcoming atmosphere developed here by its creative community. My fear is that this appeal, to a broad range of visitors, will be damaged by the narrowing of perception to the town that hosts the car race. It is a small interest group, for a very short-term attraction to the town, and the work being undertaken to facilitate the race seems out of all proportion to any benefit to the average resident of the LGA.
parking in the city.and in the university city precinct
Needs to be kept people-centric, not get carried away with monolithic projects to the glory of some architect, corporation or past or sitting council
over development particularly of inner city/honeysuckle area and lack of open/green space accessible and efficient public transport
Even spread of improvements and services
Increased population density brings advantages in services and facilities - need to be well-planned and managed
get rid of the buses, increase light rail access to all suburbs
Adequate connectivity between places of work and homes. Jobs in new and emerging fields. Support services for elderly. Climate proof suburbs, esp in relation to flooding
Loudest voice typically gets heard - for example pro super cars and pro development on rail corridor abusive towards those who oppose (the majority)
Sustainability Climate change
Revitalising the CBD and attract tech entrepreneurs

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Switching Newcastle's energy usage away from coal-fired power to renewables. NCC has been doing a great retrofit work on Council facilities - keep it up and finish the job until all buildings that can be fitted with solar panels are. - We need to move our economy away from exporting coal and toward jobs-rich renewable energy manufacturing and generation. People want to make things again.- There is a trend toward property speculation and houses becoming financial play things rather than homes for people, and this is making it more difficult for poorer people in Newcastle. We need a housing strategy that considers low-income earners, the homeless and people on the brink of homelessness. Council can play a role in this. As high-rise buildings go up in city-west, Wickham etc it is important that housing that caters for the less well off is planned in. - Support for the Arts - we need more spaces for artists and creatives. Physical actual spaces that are close to town. Newcastle Council needs to take stock of the loss of the Newcastle Art Space on Parry Street - a thriving art hub in the centre of our city. A city full of rich people and investment properties is a sad and impoverished place.- Newcastle transport being privatised by the NSW Government is a travesty. I support Council's calls for an integrated transport plan for the whole city and any calls for the reinstatement of public services. Don't even start me on the silly light rail and axing our train service. :- Better planning for cyclists - especially into the city- It would be good to see better protection for the old character of suburbs such as Tighes Hill, Maryville and Islington and any of the remaining old buildings in Newcastle city. There are too many incidents of charming old homes being knocked down and boring concrete bunkers built (often large and overshadowing their neighbours). These houses may not make the 'heritage' status but overall these suburbs have strong and beautiful character.

Transport inc parking

Overcoming poor transport options including increased road traffic and poor parking....very limited public transport. Also, overdevelopment of inner city suburbs where local character is being removed and little, or no, social housing.

Revitalisation of Hunter St

State and federal funding for infrastructure. Newcastle city council approving development applications in a timely manner, without worrying about the small majority of protesters that don't want change!

How to grow without losing what currently makes the place great. How council can work better with other local councils and with state government.

put politics aside to work together.

How to continue to revitalise Newcastle so that it is a place that people want to go. Sufficient public transport and facilities within the CBD and broader Newcastle area.

That the Council is above the influence and corruption of the developer lobby (pretty much what has happened in the last five years)!

Good transport infrastructure

Nimby's, car culture

Move with technology. Don't play second fiddle to Sydney and stand out in our own right. Maintain our heritage and our history while moving forward to continue to build our continually evolving new heritage. Don't get dragged down to the "make money, and be always growing, at all expense" mentality of Sydney.

Generating support for innovative projects and ideas

Vocal minorities stopping or slowing progress, eg over zealous heritage

I think the boundaries of what is newcastle needs to be looked at. Areas like Beresfield and Tarro and right next to Thornton and Woodberry but in different Council areas. How the boundaries with Lake Macquarie are set up and confusing to people. Providing regional consistency.

Have a maintenance/replacement infrastructure program in place that is realistic

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future development and parking issues are a big major. jobs and infrastructure build a future for the city, tourism is poorly promoted, bring container ships into the port, promote and encompass the hunter valley wineries and Newcastle as the starting point for that destination, engage the community give them buy in on major projects and sporting activities. get rid of the beurocratic attitudes within council. encourage more accommodation for tourism
The fact that we are a 'safe' labour area means we rarely receive much from either side of government- Labour doesn't need to woo us & Liberal knows they can't. While ever this is the case our resources from State will always be minimal. So we have to find ways to do a lot with a little. Meanwhile Sydney siders are discovering us & we are in constant danger of losing our identity & culture as we become just another outer suburb for Sydney. Then there is climate change & we the biggest coal port receiving few benefits from this massive movement of coal.
Jobs, nighttime economy, venues, accommodation
Transport, traffic, bikes, cars, pedestrians. Community housing.
I really think we need to invest in more public transport infrastructure aside from the light rail which is not going to be able to cope with the number of people wanting to use it.
Parking and public transport
Parking Over supply of apartments
PUBLIC TRANSPORT This urgent and must be transparent with the community at large free
Possibility that Newcastle will be "discovered" within this time and the requirements that this influx of people will need; the opposite possibility that Newcastle doesn't grow and the State govt still holds back investment; there is also the challenge of responses to global warming causing the coal industry to slow down possibly extremely
Move past the bogans, continue to develop businesses in the downtown, integrate the shore tontown, bike lanes
Traffic management. Newcastle from Darby St eastward is practically a peninsula. Darby Street/King Street lights needs attention. Whether it's widening to open an extra lane for traffic turning left so cars go straight ahead on to Hunter or remove the turn right on to King st - I don't know - as it is it will only become more of a bottle neck.
Innovative leadership and a bipartisan council that is responsive to community concerns
keep public spaces maintained regularly. be mindful of developments
Avoid fast cash, big business, high rises and ugly apartment buildings.
Labor and green party
Community over corporate interest
Options beyond cars! Hub and spoke buses, more often
I think that Newcastle needs to acknowledge that it is more than the suburbs that surround the beaches. The western suburbs of Newcastle continue to be neglected in all future planning. Considering the population of the west this should be addressed. Transport and traffic congestion ways to reduce the need to drive into the city should be explored. Offering direct frequent routes into the city by buses could help with this. The changing demographic of cultures and religions and how this can be embraced.
Public transport network linking all areas, not buses
better public transport (not being achieved by current light rail plans)
Well connected transport, tourism increase, more business and industry

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improved access to the city ,cultivation of art / coffee / environment , trees greening Newcastle , transport plan for city ,fixing up and using our iconic buildings eg Newcastle post office and Old court house
Even further diversity and active participation in renewable energy and greening the city
Population growth and tourism need to be balanced with community needs and infrastructure.
Make the city friendly and functional for all Newcastle people, not bend to the wills of the hill trying to stop sports events or concerts
good infrastructure and things to be done quickly and not to drag on- i.e. - the light rail scenario- still done have any
Funding, overcoming populism and driving for a rich cultural identity, losing heritage
Congestion, lack of cohesion in planning, loss of identity, loss of open space, rapid spread of population to outer regions, diverse use of sites
Divesting from coal whilst protecting our local economy. Reducing waste. Improving public transport into CBD & better bike paths
Creating environment where people feel secure in need for change. Building resilience in attitudes and action is essential for liveable city
Infrastructure - roads and facilities
Public transport and parking provisions
Isolation of community members, land grab and over-development, over-working.
a historical legacy of lack of integrity and transparency in decision making.
Too many high rise. High density building making it an unattractive place. People can be noisy and not respectable to others. Less parking and lane closures into city. Making it more difficult for residents and visitors coming into town. Roads becoming more congested to get in or out of town due to light rail. Poor planning and long term insight to functionality of city. Asphalt footpaths are in poor condition, trip hazard as well as retaining heat and causing city to be hotter and unpleasant. Better public services. Tram needs to take people up hills, not on small flat service. Councils needs to consider impact it makes on community.
Inner city infrastructure, better public transport, fast train to Sydney
promote development of the inner city areas
Transport infrastructure to and within the city, alienation of areas from the whole, keeping an identity not making Newcastle yet another big city, maintaining and improving uniquely Newcastle features,
Infrastructure to cope with the growing population especially transport. The way the rail changes have been dealt with is a disaster with still no good result in sight.
climate change. growing city
We need strong voices in council who don't let outspoken minority groups ruin the town by their whining, otherwise nothing will get done!
preserve heritage and character
Public transport, parking, public amenity, retention and support of the heritage and community aspects of our city while incorporating sympathetic development and growth. Promotion of renewable energy, integration of smart technology.
Achieving quality well considered development which benefits whole community in long term and not interests of developers looking to make quick profits.
Accessibility to the city public transport

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work out a better solution for lightrail
Put an end to mining, make covering the loads of coal trains compulsory. Public transport is pathetic and got worse with the cutting of the rail. Access to CBD will worsen exponentially with the elimination of thousands of parking spots and 2000 students and staff coming to the CBD without direct train line. Stop wrecking our heritage areas with destructive non-viable commercial ventures such as the supercars.
We must avoid becoming a boring, bland, commercial space. Parking in the city and surrounds has become a nightmare, due to complete lack of forward planning and removal of the train line. Who on earth removes a train station immediately opposite the new uni building and law courts????
public transport connectivity between main centres/destinations to enhance social and commercial viability
Nimby attitudes - inner city residents group XXXXXXXXXX Stifled night time economy No live music
Get rid of events like Supercars and make Newcastle an environmentally and community focussed city
Providing public transport and community spaces while allowing for growth-ensuring development does not reduce liveability of city for residents. Transitioning from a coal exporting city to a renewable energy city.
The Challenge is to include the suburbs, disproportionate attention, money, development is Newcastle concentric. I feel it could become a Exclusive expensive Suburb with a 3K private rail to a interchange at the end of a spur line
Maintaining a community feel
Employment opportunities and public transport because traffic is getting much worse. Also we need to fight harder for our fair share of funding from government as we always play second fiddle to Sydney.
old infrastructure, not enough funding from state and Federal government
Read carefully and think hard and do not conflate capital works, development and privatisation with corruption.
Parking for private cars in the city and some suburbs. Security when walking at night in many areas.
Securing funding to grow infrastructure and transport options.
Better, more frequent public transport - like every 15 min from very early in the morning. Better cycling and pedestrian infrastructure.
Consultation for major projects, community input
Transport, education, new industries
Changing from a coal based industrial area. Attracting funding as a safe labour seat. A working class resistance to progress and a distrust of business. Developing new industries and new jobs.
Redefining success around sustainability rather than growth. Creating the opportunity for meaningful work for all. Engaging youth and giving them a say given likely marginalisation due to ageing population. Housing the homeless and accommodating more refugees should be priorities. Use uni tafe to facilitate city wide approaches to engage people in imaginative job creation. Invest in sustainability. Create maker centres eg Newcastle tafe. Make all sporting ovals free.
Improve the standard of food in restaurants Better communicate to ratepayers what construction projects are underway Reduce the impact of night shipping movements
Effective public transport. Effective and safe shared pathways. Continue to rise along side major capital centres, not to continue to be in the shadow of Sydney, financially and lack of suitable design. Sustainability - embracing renewable energy alongside technology to become the Smart, Sustainable city. retain its quirkiness and creativity.

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Accessibility. Parking. Transport. Diversity. Art. Culture. Music. Night life. Safety. Some public and commercial properties look abandoned and uncared for, which is disappointing for house proud locals and small businesses engaged in the community. Parking.

Integrated efficient transport is vital

Coping with growth in the CBD and nearby areas, dealing with key infrastructure deficiencies (eg Adamstown gates, getting rail freight out of the city)

1. Lack of employment due to shrinking industrial sector and disappearing coal industry jobs. 2. Boom in housing price that lift prices so high that create a bubble in Newcastle, Lifting rents also. eventually creating a sell off and a crash leaving Newcastle in a bad position. 3. In flux of baby boomers and retirees into the city, so money coming in but nobody actually bringing business into the city to create jobs.

Increasing population density. Over development in the inner city. Housing prices becoming unaffordable for Novocastrians (as our wages lag behind Sydney wages, Sydney investors purchase Newcastle properties). Increasingly more difficult to access areas (e.g. inner city, Callaghan university campus, Kotara shopping areas, Honeysuckle). Supporting vulnerable members of our community including homeless, recovering drug use, socially disadvantaged.

Environmental impacts, reducing carbon emissions, increasing renewables and attracting clean tech businesses to complement our research strengths

Upgrade sporting facilities and park land

That not only does our council and major developers think about its current progress but about how it will affect our city practically for future generations both with its architecture and infrastructure within the transport, education, business, jobs and tourism sectors.

Increase in infrastructure to accommodate families. Things such water parks, playgrounds, and others. This will increase traffic and improve Newcastle's perception, which will cause more improvements.

Social inequality, public transport, climate change, workforce/business changes, housing affordability, homelessness, substance abuse.

retaining young people. young people move to Sydney and Melbourne on mass because the jobs aren't here and there is no nightlife

Overcoming the damage to the city by the V8 debacle.

Public transport should be a priority

Good transport alternatives other than cars to access the city. Car parking is going to be at a premium and multi story car parks are ugly.

Scale-able integrated transport planning. Transparent climate change planning.

Growth control, jobs, transport integrations

Improved access to the Newcastle Airport and beyond ie Light rail. Adding of dual carriageways together with adequate street lighting. ie Nelson Bay Rd

Improve parks and gardens, encourage native vegetation.

transport links to major cities, attracting large employers/companies so young people don't move on to capital cities and can find meaningful and professional employment here (more NIBs etc)

Parking

Priority No. 1 - All our polis (National, State & Local Govt) need to START TO look after Newcastle's interests (meaning the residents') first - not their particular party's. Priority 2 - Consider the unique advantages (and disadvantages) of Newcastle (incl the lower Hunter) and maximise the former and address and minimise the latter.

Too much over development driven by greedy developers and XXXXXX council.

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Facilitation of balanced development; Political partisanship & maturity; Communication at all levels;
development that allows the city to expand and advance drawing from its intrinsic beauty. collaboration with local community and city managers overseas to enhance town planning while retaining and developing infrastructure that facilitates daily life for locals
Public transport is a big one, especially with the population concentration expected to occur in the eastern suburbs of Newcastle. Not only this light rail but also more reliable buses to the outer suburbs. Public transport to Sydney, whilst the train ride is nice the 3+ hours it takes is ridiculous. More Sydney siders will head towards Newcastle due to excessive housing costs in the capital.
not taking \$\$ on jobs to just get city moving. taking time to consider the outcomes and views of the people constantly updating their opinions.
I see the main challenge to our success to be the small vocal minority who are opposed to change, new infrastructure, development and innovation - and the labour and green Councillors who give a voice to these XXXXXXXX minorities and therefore prevent or hold up suitable change from happening and moving us forward
Employment opportunities
Developers need to comply with the overall goals of the city.
We do not need a big influx of people until we have better roads, transport and cycleways
Provision of housing affordable for the younger generation, overcoming resistance to change by a noisy minority. Getting the priorities right on how to best spend limited dollars.
Preservation of heritage structures, Need for art and public sculptures. Change priorities to public transport, cycling and walking and provisions tfor walking and cycling and put proper economic costs onto to use of motor vehicles by increasing charges and minimising provision of street parking at the beaches, CBD and inner city suburbs to 3 hours or less.
Go further than the beach and harbour
Improve acceptance of change
More local and state govt. services in the western corridor of Newcastle. Most services are based in the inner city suburbs. More council social and cultural infrastructure and events in Jesmond, shortland, wallsend area ie Theatre performance space in wallsend, library in Jesmond, bigger community centre in Jesmond, playground equipment in Heaton Park, youth centre and community centre in Wallsend.
Land use planning
Parking, roads, jobs, more affordable living and tourism
Keeping violence to a minimum (which comes with excessive alcohol consumption), as well as allowing small businesses to grow - allowing the city to keep being interesting. Keeping the old city feel to combine with the new city architect scape. For the planners not looking internationally to see what is being successful over there (being left behind in most progressive city concepts.)
To focus on satisfying the majority of the communities needs rather than constantly listening to the very small minority groups. These groups constantly stall the city's progress.
The public transport systems needs total revealed, and I don't mean the light rail, will see how well that works when it happens, buses seem to run but finding information in regard to routes, maps of routes, timetables are extremely hard. This is a tourist town, not every tourist has access to the internet, especially if they have overseas phones, who wants to roam and spend a fortune just to find out a bus timetable, even at the stops there are no maps indicating routes, and why is nothing in a booklet form with maps included. At bus stops some do not even have any information at all. Wake up and promote what you have on the door step. CBD needs to have more encouragement for businesses to move in, perhaps council incentives or something.

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Keeping costs down, concentrating on arts and community, creating a more thriving city centre (even if this means a residential city centre district)

1. Climate change adaptation. This really is the most important and largest challenge facing us, but I don't think we have an overall, coordinated, long-term vision around this the way we do for other things. We have visions for being a smart city, what about for being a low-carbon city, or a renewable city, or a climate smart city? These challenges will be physical (unpredictable and extreme storms, intense heat waves, rising sea level) which we must plan for and adapt to in terms of our construction, urban planning and urban greening to address heat islands, health planning, water security and safety, and long-term energy security. There are also huge opportunities for us in embracing adaptation, which many cities have not woken up to so far. We need a comprehensive long-term strategy prepared and released to put us ahead of the game. 2. Affordable housing. If we're going to extend the UON city campus, then affordable housing for students is necessary. While many students find affordable apartments to share in the inner city suburbs at the moment, those areas are only going to become more expensive as more development and investment occurs in town. 3. Long-term, city-wide transport solutions that are under Newcastle's control. A stretch of light rail may be nice, but it needs to be connected across the city in an effective and non-disruptive way, whether that means extending light rail or having other transport options. Transport solutions should also include safe cycleways (ideally separated from the roads -- this has worked very well in Vancouver for example). We absolutely need a Newcastle Transport Authority as recent years have shown that decisions made for Newcastle in Sydney are not always in our best interests (e.g. leasing our port for \$1.75 billion, with the vast bulk of that money being spent in Sydney). We should have greater decision-making authority and jurisdiction over our own city and region. 4. Socio-spatial polarisation.

The end of the mining boom - we need to inspire innovation and create new jobs

transport

Access to services- in particular good public transport. Access to jobs, Carve our identity in terms of what an awesome city we are and what attractions we have for travellers and new residents.

affordable housing and excellent public transport

No rail down hunter st. We have a light rail corridor, but Sydney based planners think we will be wowed by this fucking up of our city. Well not me. It's labour screwing us again.

Developing the right resources to deal with the infrastructure being built: e.g. Parking in the CBD

The challenge of GENUINE community consultation. The worthwhile challenge of putting people, community and social equity before tourist events such as Supercars.

Transport to and around city, car parking for workers, balance between history and modern

To avoid huge apartment blocks and maintain a relaxed attractive streetscape in the town centre. Crowne plaza has created an unpleasant cold windy corridor. The shearing away of our beach front to accomodate the V8 race is unpleasant. We need to optimise green areas, not reduce them.

Go further than the beach and harbour

Transport to inner Newcastle and connecting the west side of Lake Macquarie

Transport

public facilities such as transport to keep pace with expanding urban sprawlincrease in accessible green space given rate of development.

Growth. Traffic, real estate prices, public transport in and out of the city, parking in the city.

parking inner city, improved public transport

Urban renewal must be achieved without allowing a cash grab by developers. Public spaces must be developed, but kept in public hands. Traffic density and speed must be reduced to encourage active transport and healthy communities, including encouraging kids to ride to school and to friends' houses and parks.

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Not letting the eastern and surrounding suburbs become heavily gentrified
Accessibility for those less mobile, parking, public transport, drug use
car parking, you can not build a city just on people who live in it, there will never be enough people to live in the city so it survives, you also need to heavily rely on visitors and tourists ie: families, the elderly and less mobile.
Better parking or transport systems need to be addressed.
STOP BUILDING APPARTMENTS & bring back the RAILWAY!!!
More work and investment in making the city somewhere that draws people in, such as bringing more brands in for shopping in the city and encouraging more boutique like shops. Also, making the city more interesting and attractive to young people, I have recently moved to Melbourne, and think of Newcastle as somewhere that I will come back to when I start a family, but not somewhere that is interesting and exciting as somewhere to live in my 20s. Something that may assist this would be improved and regular public transport systems.
Infrastructure, parking, roads, public transport, loss of old buildings due to neglect, housing, over consumption with waste problems, health issues and social isolation for vulnerable people, greater division between wealthy and less well off, students , elderly, culturally diverse, artists, etc pushed out of centre, increased tourism and how to accommodate them
parking
Climate change, sea level rise, homelessness, unemployment, pockets of poverty with little services or public transport
A sensible outcome to the shammozle of the transport!
How our city works as a city rather than as groups of suburbs.
Making it easier to get into town by car or motorcycle, eg more parking. Everyone can't ride a push bike or catch public transport.
make the city more livable
Transport
bike accessibility, especially through Hamilton Preferably safe, separated to the cars, suggestion: Denison is wide enough and not as busy as Donald St or Tudor St to make an segregated path using Gregson park to cross over to it. You can ride safely from the outer suburbs to railway overpasses in Hamilton. then you have very busy, unsafe roads or a new bike path that you have to constantly stop on to cross roads. till you get to Honeysuckle.
Acceptance
poor look of the mall eg paving and ugly shutters; lack of paint in much of CBD ; cbd travel and parking / supercars interruptions to trade in town / lack of clear visual link between shops and sea /
Because Newcastle is growing so quickly it is important to maintain some of its identity and not become another big city.
Newcastle is growing in population with growth of residential to west and higher density closer to coast and harbour. Traffic/transport is a major issue to be considered to ensure we don't end up with traffic gridlock as Sydney experiences. Better connected public transport to major centres (work, education, sporting etc) along with a dedicated, seperated cycleway network. Get people out of their cars and onto bikes or public transport.
Accessible transport and waiting areas for aging population
Good roads.
House prices, public transport, reliance on coal

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challenges are managing population growth so as not to impact on quality of life and ease of living and getting around. Definitely need better public transport especially to hospitals and the airport.
We need the infrastructure to support the tourism. I went through Byron the other month and it was shocking. I hope Newcastle never becomes that.
Employment in non traditional (ie mining) industries
Newcastle needs to improve its public transport links to improve the economic activity and accessibility within the city. Newcastle also needs to continue to be a leader in renewable energy on a local scale.
Newcastle is developing at a rate that is marginalising the already marginalised
Sustainability is the main challenge. In times of climate change, environmental destruction and sea level rise a coastal city is constantly threatened. affordable living with short ways, socially balanced city, gentrification
employment opportunities and parking facilities for both the employees and visitors. More play areas for children. The mall needs more shops to bring people in also.
parking, keeping our history, historic walks
Managing the minority that has issues with change in the local community. For Newcastle to move forward effectively and with strength, then we need to move as one. But in the same note it needs to be limited so funds are not wasted on the minority group campaigning on issues like fig trees. That money could have been better spent on local community projects.
inner city parking. housing affordability. Maintaining family friendly neighborhoods and preventing developers from creating unsafe and undesirable high density housing in traditional family neighborhoods.
Willingness to grow and change
We need to stop listenening to the minority who are whingers and somehow engage the majority
Political stability is the no. 1 challenge.
How to sustain what we have and put in place great infrastructure - not get rid of like the rail line when years down the track we do not have a working replacement that is better that what we had.
transport remains an issue, especially within the city. The "free" buses are no clearly identified for those of us who do not access public transport often. Also some areas lack adequate services. Parking within the city is very expensive and now with more development taking place even less parking will not support events within the city well, or the businesses that focus on hospitality - so much money has been spent on developing the Honeysuckle and Ncle region and now servicing people to park or get to the city is going backwards. Having more free events in a variety of locations will encourage participation. Get Newcastle on the map for tourism more with greater focus on what we offer - it is there however more funds in this area will support ongoing businesses to grow and reinvest within the city.
I think it's concerning to think that all our focus is on the middle of town and not the wider areas. I live close to the beach but i am acutely aware that just that area represents the whole of Newcastle. The city night life seems to be dying with lock out laws a difficulties for small business owners to thrive (was shocked to hear the Blue Door chain received yet another tender for a beachside coffee shop when other local youngsters also applied.) The public transport system is horrible and if we want this city to grown, movement between our suburbs should be easier.
Transport. Better accessibility to town via train/tram/bus/bike
21st century transportation that links public transport - cycling-walking.
All people's needs to be addressed, not just the majority.
Public transport and car parking

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Growing population, parking in town
Newcastle has to be careful that cars and roads do not destroy life on the street. Street trees and their shade should be valued. We should create a city that nurtures people and doesn't brutalise them. A child walking to school should find that journey beautiful and delightful, not noisy, ugly and dangerous. Newcastle should take cultural infrastructure seriously. The city is being torn apart for a weekend of car racing - what we really need is more space for our art gallery, a better venue for classical music than the town hall stage, and a space for contemporary dance. Liveability, and not high rise, should be the aim. Property developers and state governments shouldn't dictate what happens in the city, a real plan for a livable city should determine what happens in and to our city. In ten years' time my children will be in their mid-twenties - I would like them to be able to have professional careers in Newcastle and not have to leave to find work in the other capital cities.
Providing employment with the decrease in coal mining, increasing housing density.
transport that works; inner city parking; more viable access into and out of city - as a small peninsula (one lane in, one lane out roads cause CHAOS for residents
Need to not be a safe labor seat so we have some money spent on us. To sell off our part & give us a trickle of money & cut the train line so developers can make lots of money is very very wrong.
Council needs long term plans & goals rather than 'mismatch' and haphazard ideas that aren't consulted or thought through
That the community remains bonded together & accepts the ups & the downs.
Don't over-develop the Harbour (although almost too late for that) Newcastle. The city is not just for the rich - too much high rise closes it in. Transport - public transport for the whole area needs urgent attention - needs to be quicker, more direct, less change overs, availability of parking!!! & access to a more realistic \$amount from lease of port.
A better council representation - one with a vision and decision making abilities who will not let oppotunities pass us by.
balance development with sustainability
Preserving livable character & heritage values.
24 hour transport system. Dredge Throsby creek.
Obviously revamping our city. Bring more people into the city to live. Bring ship building back.
Shopping. Housing, schooling, health - hospitals
Less motor cars, more push bikes and people walking more. Good public transport.
Fixing the transport problems. More jobs for young and old.
Transport transport transport Co-operation Access
The one main that needs to be considered and is most important, please listen to the rate payers not other idiots (State Government etc) & listen to the people.
That high rise do not become getos and places of stress as they age
Ageing population, improvement in access to cultural activities, access to affordable dining, space for artists and artisans
Greater spending on public spaces and roadsWith particular attention to improving cycle ways
Fly over stewart ave, fly over at adamstown gates...(removing the heavy rail to civic station put newcastle back 20 years, luckily novocastrians have the strength to deal with that XXXXXX descision.
Parking, open spaces, king st, attracting tourists, more hotels, more inner city trees, improving the traffic congestion on lookout rd lambton, stopping over development in residential areas, more public parks

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Affordable housing, traffic, parking, beautifying public spaces and bringing back bush/local native plants to public parks. Seamless public service. Maintaining heritage while developing as a modern city. Keeping public land and spaces public.
environmental pollution
Ease of access to the city and parking within the city / near transport hubs
More recycling bins in public spaces. Moving towards renewable energy, enough with the coal its killing the planet, we need to protect our planet.
A first class tourist terminal for cruise ships at Dyke Point, including great attention to Cowper St Carrington which gives tourists their first impression when they leave the berthing amenities. Parking - a major parking area close or in the city. Continuous park and ride transport.
Better planning by the government and local council
Better bus routes and no light rail
The transport needs to be attended to. As a non-driver now I am very disappointed in the bus service. It really makes it very difficult to get places at times unless you are on a direct bus route.
Jobs, jobs, jobs!! Education - more schools in inner Newcastle Security - 24/7 \$\$\$ - stop sending to SYDNEY!! Inner city parking - Please build a HUGE paid carpark! Public Transport that sticks to main roads/corridors
Transport, parking and jobs
We need to create employment opportunities for tertiary educated people to stay and work in Newcastle. Public transport needs to be better planned and utilized
Better transport strategy - improved road and rail system More parking in city More employment opportunities for all age groups - young and old
Infrastructure/focus of the future (uni and tourism) Highlight strengths eg Harbour Let go of old Steel City mentality
Accessibility of facilities needs to be provided. Rule 1 = No facility is worth a pinch of poop if people cannot get to it.
We need to make Newcastle xx renewable energy place where solar or wind is used to give energy to Newcastle over any other renewable resource. It needs to be multicultural while serving the religious and social needs of its citizens.
Light rail/Bus services/parking for visitors (We have our own parking in the apartment)
Vastly increase the population of the inner city
The challenges that need to be considered in Newcastle in the next 10 years are the parking, walkways, more bike tracks and they need to fix up the roads and more transport.
Parking, public transport
Parking at hospitals, parking in town, cleaning of parks
There is a culture of distrust for people of a multicultural background, including Aboriginal people. This distrust results in ignorance and racism. There needs to be better education of people on the various minority groups in the area.
Crime and sense of entitlement by those used to this being a small town they feel they 'own'. large number of people on government handouts
address Tourism

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Climate change, sea level rise and increased flooding and drought needs to be factored into planning. Demand for parking and public transport into the CBD need to be addressed. Terrorism may become a problem for large events. The shortage of childcare needs to be addressed. Cycle network is incomplete, people may want to cycle but it is often not safe to. Coal mining and associated jobs likely to decline. Food security likely to become a bigger issue. Rising inequality - haves and have nots

Ensuring the good parts of our city are not lost to developers looking to make a quick buck during this building boom. Ensuring affordable housing is provided in the right locations (close to transport, jobs and services)

Growth - this should be not at the expense of people, should not be controlled and manipulated by Sydney nor property developers. It needs to be sustainable and affordable.

Transport - this includes accessibility options and walking & cycling options, this includes parking as well. Again - not dictated to by State Govt.

Increased employment opportunities for our young, affordable housing and better public transport.

Maintain infrastructure, plan for population group, keep this growth decentralised. Avoid becoming the eastern suburbs of Sydney.

Managing the cost and source(s) of energy, creating diverse and safe public transport options and creating a diverse supply of affordable housing.

Managing the expectations of aging residents within the City Centre that it is a great quite place to live out their lives with the need for nightlife, noise and a lively atmosphere. If you can't make noise and enjoy yourself in the City Centre, its a pretty sad reflection on the City.

Merging of Newcastle and Lake Macquarie

Parking, public transport, retail facilities and coping with lots more residents

Population living in the city and transport

Really think about transport (private and public) including access, parking, numbers of lanes, traffic flow. All issues that if not addressed now, will become massive problems in the future.

shared vision, disruption caused by new works

small population

The cost of utilities and transport for the city

Transport, active transport and parking, enable council staff to work effectively by removing the current workpiti roadblocks

We must consider inovation while retaining historical values.

We need to continue with development

What big picture ideas can you identify that you would like considered over the next 10 years

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A cycle/walk light rail down the old railway line.

Position Newcastle as a cultural hub to increase tourism and community engagement (events, infrastructure, harbour development)

Infill development to encourage more people to live in the city center and stop urban sprawl

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Merger with Lake Macquarie Council
Amalgamate council with lame macquarie. Super city with greater influence. Get rid of current council and inexperienced XXXXXXXX.
An apology to Newcastle Rate payers for the waste of the money on Supercars that they were not consulted with. Compensation for the loss of business, stress and disruption to family life
Green city. Greater promotion of environmentally sustainable practices for big business and individuals.
World class cycleway systemLobbying state and federal govts for proactively managed infrastructure projects (ie roads, schools, hospitals) rather than reactive works
A transport hub at Broadmeadow from which radiate out light rail - to the city, to the Uni, to the John Hunter, etc.
Connected cycleways and support for events like Bikefest, an integrated transport system connecting the suburbs to the city via light rail and a superfast train to Sydney.
Working towards a pedestrian-friendly. This would reduce polution and increase participation and safety for older people, people with disabilities, parents with prams and children.
Public transport linking beaches, university, airport, hospitals & where people work probably with a huge car park - maybe in that space between Hamilton, Hamilton north, Islington and Mayfield. Move industry our of Wickham to Mayfield West/Tighes Hill along Industrial drive. Investing to make Wickham & the City a cultural and an exciting party/festivals & night district.
Ways to 'grow' Newcastle as a cultural hub, encouraging local artistic endeavours and welcoming outside artists to share & display their works. Importance of increasing the lengths & connectivity of cycle-ways & walk-ways, to encourage more physical activity & safer commuter corridors, to save the planet. Careful management of the coal industry and ensuring clean air (reducing coal dust).
More residential in the CBD, finish the wonderful bathers walk, get the light rail completed, more bike paths, more motor cycle parking
Public transport, environmental quality and amenity, sustainable population growth, housing affordability.
Put heritage buildings to appropriate use without spoiling their architecture. More open spaces for public parks.
As mentioned above, manufacturing, don't rely on tourism as the be all end all, it only helps a hand full of businesses, the employees of such are paid very poor wages which does very little to assist the economy of this city. High density housing will only create a ghetto in 50 years time and that's a recipe for disaster.
None to note
Extend the proposed light rail to Charlestown, John Hunter Hospital, Merewether.Parking will be a huge problem without fabulous public transport. It's already a pain and very expensive to park.
Maintaining the villages outside of major shopping centres like Westfield and Charlestown.
build on the uniqueness of Newcastle which is attracting many people to move and live here.having an air of the city being alive
More parking stations as the public transport system will be a flop.
don't make us into a sydney
Push the "University Town" development.Need iconic development not more boxes.Remove unnecessary hight and heritage constraints to allow economic developments to procede.Merge with Lake Macquarie to form a "Super" Council that has real authority and political clout.
Strengthening Newcastle's (non-bogan) culture and natural environment.

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Preserving heritage (what's left)
Newcastle should develop the CBD into a living breathing downtown area - with highrise living, shops, offices and public transport.
Coordinated public transport
The Art Gallery being a vibrant center in a similar way to the Maitland Regional Art Gallery.
More to be done for outlying suburbs ie Beresfield
keep up the infrastructure renovations and include art gallery in that. Stop taking extra rate levies and applying them to narrow interest group activities in the centre of our fair city
A modern integrated road, rail, light rail, bus and ferry system couple with upgraded road systems and a fast train to Sydney
Light rail to Broadmeadow and some suburbs.
International tourism centered around revitalisation. Big events and natural beauty
In town desperately needs to be finished! Our harbour is beautiful but the streets surrounding it are woeful, ugly and dead! I am loving the art culture that has moved in and the bar/café scene ... more of that - not big cooperational shops/brands etc. If I want big, I will go to Kotara/Charlestown/Glendale
King Edward park development Finish Newcastle Ocean Baths
International airport, very fast train between Newcastle and Sydney, driverless cars
expansion of the light rail
Supporting industry outside of coal, how we balance growth with keeping a close community
Flexible zoning, an all-inclusive transport plan that is updatable to service new suburbs. Move some government or council services to less costly premises away from the CBD. Infrastructure that encourages hi-tech industry to come to Newcastle
Expand light rail throughout the city and suburbs, in conjunction with state govt.
Strong theatre district and better use of Harbourside foreshore with open spaces out onto the Harbourside from the Joy Cummings paths with views back to the city as well as out to the sea. A Barangaroo equivalent comes to mind
More cycle ways, forward-thinking ways to deal with litter on streets & waterways, also how do we get rid of street dumping
A focus on new industries to supplement the reduction in coal demand - IT or education or tourism etc - a real focus that helps develop the city and creates jobs
Singapore is one of the best examples to follow: High technology infrastructure, one of the best educational schools and institutions. Support for entrepreneurship. Ability to attract multinational corporations.
Extending light rail
As Newcastle moves towards a Tourist Destination in more ways than one the City needs to be people and pet friendly at every area that is possible, e.g. Restaurants, Transport and Parks and Venues. There needs to be fenced in safe zones for innercity dwellers and visitors to be able to take their fur children to play and socialise, one of the best places for this to happen is on the site of the old Bowling Club that was demolished a number of years ago leaving a vacant space overlooking King Edward Park, if this was fenced and gated with seating and picnic tables it would be wonderful for all family needs.
Abolish Supercars. Trying to leverage existing medical/biotech expertise in the region with the smart cities development to try and build Newcastle into a bioinformatics/genomics/biotech hub.

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Remove, or re-direct the rail crossing at Adamstown. Continue the light rail to Merewether and Kotara. Construct a permanent international standard passenger shipping terminal. Proper cycle tracks linking all major areas.

Retaining Newcastle's historical buildings and sites for future generations.

increasing population density through terrace style developments, leading to increased economic activity in areas such as the CBD, Mayfield and Hamilton. development of former steelworks site into commercial precinct compatible with future industry needs

Get rid of Supercars as soon as possible - a purpose built track would be better. Not on a peninsula where disruption unacceptable. Look at cultural events, art galleries, spaces for all to enjoy that do not impact negatively on entire communities.

Light rail to at least the Uni, but preferably to the near western residential growth areas where a park and ride system could be established.

Better transportation within. More rapid transport to Sydney. Where is rapid transit?

A good fast public transport access to the airport. A fast train service to Sydney, say one to one and a half hour travel time.

better regional cooperation on major projects and programs. Newcastle is lacking a 'Darling Harbour' type precinct and accommodation. if i could have one wish on what i would like to see in Newcastle it would be a 'Darling Harbour' complete with accommodation, events, restaurants. Honeysuckle is just too 'small-scale' to get me into Newcastle for an overnight or even a weekend. i regularly travel to Sydney and spend weekends there but would much prefer to spend them in Newcastle if it could just get its act together and make Newcastle a 'real' destination and not just somewhere for the locals to pop into.

Better use of the harbour for transport around the city and suburbs. Ferry stops at Maryville, Wickham, Honeysuckle, BHP parking, Koorangang and Stockton

I often think Newcastle especially the Newcastle C.B.D needs something that really draws people into the city, I don't know exactly what but some sort of big exciting tourist attraction. I also think the Mattara festival has kind of lost its way, what does Mattara mean to outsiders why would they want to come to it? I think we need a uniquely Newcastle Festival but not another Country Music Festival or Blues Festival.

How we will move around the city? Better transport, cycleways. Challenges of an ageing population.

Public transport
Public Space
iconic buildings
heritage

Sustainability with growth, well-considered development

having open areas for tourists with easy parking or access to these areas via public transport or push bike.

expanded light rail system would be fantastic

The light rail to nowhere needs to go somewhere! How about a decent transport system so that people don't drive and we can turn car parks into parks.

Better use of solar in our city
Assistance for older people to be able to get around free to events/venues eg mini buses, not taxis.

Newcastle could become one of the healthiest cities in Australia if we fully embrace and support that people become more active. This can be achieved by increasing the network of "off the road bike paths" improve public transport to the point where it becomes more convenient than to drive a car and finally encourage people to walk more instead of driving. This requires a rethinking of traffic priorities etc.

Establish Newcastle as a top tourist destination. Provide better public transport. Improve access to city and beaches with better free parking areas

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Better Art Gallery, museum & botanic gardens
more tourism, more IT component, more infrastructure development
Train a) travel times and b) connections to Sydney and up the valley to be a) halved, b) doubled
More attention paid to infrastructure needs in "forgotten" suburban areas.
Transport integration. My children are growing up and it would be good for them as they go into their teens to have a good public transport infrastructure available to them.
Build on the 'smart city' concept; extend light rail; continue to improve connectivity - both physical and telecommunications.
Be more flexible with public transport, i.e. Allow pets on public transport, provide bike space on public transport, remove housing commission areas from prime suburbs, the old post office and other historical buildings should be revitalized,
Transport. Hopefully it will be planned better. The use of the harbour
Improving the environmental credentials of Newcastle. Protecting the health, lifestyle and happiness of the community. To value equity, democratic principles and inclusiveness.
Insist on development with good aesthetic values. The new courthouse and the new Uni building have race and charm. Most of Honeysuckle, and the Royal development are lost opportunities. Here the needs of developers outweighed the needs of the city. A new Art Gallery wing to complement Court House and Uni would bring people to Newcastle for the best reasons.
Maintain the existing old train corridor, the land can still be sold to developers but with a carriageway easement for the train trams like in Melbourne to operate on all the way from surrounding cities like Sydney, to Newcastle city and its beautiful beaches. The environmental impact of running trams along Hunter street is too great, do not do it!
Extend the light rail beyond the more central areas. Take bicycles off main roads to improve traffic flow and make the roads safer for everyone.
Reopening Shortland esplanade around Newcastle South. Reopening the old train tunnel to give better access to Glenrock Lagoon and beach.
Better transport links to Sydney - fast(er) trains. Expand the light rail. High speed internet (fibre) throughout the city, become a leader in high technology - the "Silicon Valley" of Australia. Become a leader in clean energy.
Integrated transport, conceiving a built environment that makes Newcastle an international destination of choice, much like MONA and Hobart
forget the revitalizing of one little area and work for the entire region
It's all about connectivity. Newcastle should be connected to Sydney by a bullet train. Our transport should be considered as a whole - proper, safe bike lanes with light rail extending to the places we really need it (JHH, Williamstown airport, to the Callaghan Uni campus, in a loop around the city beaches). Our cultural institutions should be connected to one another by redesigning the intervening public space and coordinating programming. Jobs should connect students to remaining in Newcastle after study, and our Uni and TAFE system should work together to promote that.
Council being more proactive in allowing residential development to proceed even if a few people do not want it to proceed.
World class internet connection to support the smart city & leading energy efficiency potential of the city/region Increased focus on WSUD/alternative energy sources/smart vehicles etc
great social venues, public arenas, public events, ease of transport, infrastructure
Personal (small) electric vehicles developed, manufactured and sponsored in the city. Use the city centre as a demonstration of the technology that is home-grown and world class.

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learn from other mainly euopean citys like berlin. an eyy opener what can be done with everyone -just about- living in quality public housing. better city planning

Sustainability and environmental education. Development of tourism industry and other service-based industries in consideration of the future decline of outdated unsustainably of coal industry.

Get a vision for Newcastle resources: WATER sales to drier communities; Electricity supply security; an NBN fibre delivery that has any significant speed improvement; Better supervision of mining subsidence, Newcastle harbour port management AND accountability... the list goes on if you care to think about it.

The preservation of parkland and greenspace. The rail corridor being available as parkland and for families and individuals to enjoy. Park and ride facilities to allow the flow of people into and out of the city. The removal of all current council members who act abhorrently and disinterested at council meetings. The preservation of historic buildings and areas. Newcastle City Council being transparent and forthcoming with information and upholding the human right of a persons quite enjoyment of their home.

Complete overhaul of the Newcastle & Wallsend drainage systems.

Space for traffic and equal opportunities for everybody no matter what their political or religious affiliations

Extension of the light rail and increased public amenity on the foreshore.

That we don't have too manytall high rise and forget about our beautiful old buildings

"Love Our Enemies" project - a sustainable end to War on Terror, using human resource increase solutions. In preparation for manufacture of hybrid airships.

Extension of light rail to the suburbs, removal of buses from the roads. Exclusion of large trucks from road network. Large trucks only allowed to enter specific depots at the end of the freeway with small vehicles delivering goods throughout the city. Specific evidence to support this is seeing large b-double trucks attempting to enter Wallsend shopping centre car parks to unload goods.

Restore our Bicentennial harbour Foreshore Landscape currently being destroyed for motor racing circuit.

Continue with promoting a culture of inclusion for the disadvantaged, injured, elderly and migrants.

Replacement of parkland destroyed by Suoercars, with Councils blessing

More information to the ratepayers NFD residents. Not waking up to find things are in place without consultation with Businesses and Residents.

community spaces for the city

A complete network of dedicated cycleways and an increase of spare land cultivation with edible trees, shrubs vines and general fruit and veg production run by a reputable organisation and volunteers. Plan housing with no car throughfare so cars must stay on the perimeters so kids can play out once more. Block off roads and call them play streets.

Smart technology, improved public services infrastructure and public transport

Greater care for our parks, for easy transport around the city, for care of people's opinions particularly those who live in the inner city and those who visit it; parking will become an ever increasing problem unless there is understanding that the cutting back of the rail means that more people are being forced to drive into the city and park out Hamilton.

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<p>Service focus by the public and private servants. Honesty and integrity to prevail. It is not WHAT THINGS we have or not have, but how we conduct ourselves. Police are crooks, the council do not read of Commonwealth constitution, people are making decisions without a majority decision. Projects are getting initiated though nearly no one wants those. Shuttle buses need to transport people cheaply or freely to strategic places like hospitals, unis, airport. We need to eliminate the migrant oppression. I live in a high migrant area, and they have no clue on our values and bully/insult us.</p>
<p>social justice - think the Spirit Level environmental justice - think climate change - what are we doing (... apart from cutting down trees for a car race?)</p>
<p>More arts and culture sponsorship</p>
<p>Replicate the inner city recreational areas in the suburbs. Ensure equitable access to natural resources eg beaches for outer suburban residents. Find a way to offset travel and parking costs for newcastle LGA outer suburb residents.</p>
<p>Use of electric cars like Boris bikes in London.</p>
<p>Develop No.1 Sportsground into a Cricket/AFL stadium so that we can host major sporting events in those codes and potentially concerts in the heart of the city. You could build low cost housing around it as they did in NZ after the last big quake.</p>
<p>Electric vehicle/bike charging network, active transport network, relocation of heavy industry north of the south arm, beach protection, flood mitigation</p>
<p>The great cities of the world have efficient, 24-hour train systems, with frequent services and train capacities varied to meet demand. Australia used to try to build the infrastructure before residential development, but the dollar became the paramount consideration and the 'user pays' concept took over from each generation handing down increased, better, publicly-owned infrastructure, while governments sold off inherited infrastructure. My long-term vision for Newcastle is what Kruschev did for Moscow – a train system (not light rail) connecting Nelson Bay, Raymond Terrace, Maitland, Morisset and Murrays Beach, criss-crossing the area with loops and branches so that, in 50 years time, the great majority of people have no further to walk than 1.0Km to their nearest station</p>
<p>Divert Stewart avenue away from Wickham along old railway corridor and linking into Maitland Rd on railway bridge, replacing existing bridged near Hamilton.</p>
<p>Heavy rail into the city and an expanded light rail service.</p>
<p>Fix up old building in town.</p>
<p>complete the road to nowhere, ie New Lambton to Jesmond,</p>
<p>Stop focusing on city centre, it is out of the way for majority of ncc but its getting lions share. Public transport in suburbs is hopeless but now rail has been cut there is probably no hope. To have to get a bus and/or train to get a tram is too much bother and i would rather drive or not go. Lugging belongings / shopping on and off buses and trains and hanging round waiting in a town this size is ridiculous and retrograde.</p>
<p>V8's. Ticked that box</p>
<p>A lightrail network involving major broader Newcastle. Newcastle also needs a caravan park on the city side to capture the many travellers who pass this city. Some clever cities allow travellers to stay at designated areas of their showgrounds for a fee.i wouldn't like to see the intrinsic feel and character of Newcastle diminished. Our history and heritage should always be considered and apparent.</p>
<p>A redevelopment of the Art Gallery and the appointment of a Director to the Art Gallery and Museum thus advancing the tourism potential. Develop Blue Gum Hills park in Wallsend. Develop parking in the city.</p>
<p>Light rail significantly extended to cover inner suburbs at the very least</p>

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Further development of Williamtown Airport, ideally with a rail link, to provide a genuine alternative to Central Coast, Hunter and Mid North Coast's expanding populations. Refer to employment opportunities above. Park and ride/cycle options (as we see in Houston and many other large cities) will become essential to service the new CBD, the former CBD, John Hunter and Mater Hospitals and the University.

Increased infrastructure to service the influx of residents surrounding the CBD along with car and bus access

Democracy, not a patriarchal attitude that you know best, and that you can sell off our assets (the railway)

an integrated transport system to include Lake Macquarie and a stop to high rise home units with a return to a working CBD

I would like to see Newcastle as Australia's 'Silicon Valley' - mining the hub of innovation. Sydney boasts its financial reputation, Melbourne is known for culture and coffee, I would like Newcastle to be known for its appetite for change and innovation. To try new technologies and initiatives constantly. I have seen how Newcastle is acting as the guinea pig for many initiatives that Australia would like to roll through across the board and I would like it to stay that way. I want Newcastle to respond with "Yeah why not?" when we are presented with change.

fast train from airport to Sydney

Fast rail service to Sydney. Light rail to suburban areas. Improved CBD car parking. Encourage Asian tourism.

Making Newcastle a tourist destination promoting outdoor lifestyle and historic landmarks

Light rail extended out to Merewether and also out as far as the weekend/uniSmart cards for residents for parking, bicycle hire etc.

Tourism & proper use of public spaces with return of railway for a decent public transport system

Effective council that achieves progress without party political friction

people don't want tall building comfortable surroundings are preferred.

higher standard of restaurants(not more expensive)... fill up real estate in hunter street and totally fix the mall ... it is so rundown and dowdy looking

Keep the natural landscape

More green spaces

Being proactive on aforementioned challenges

Developing a coherent planning and integrated transport strategy

Extended light rail (to university, hospitals and suburbs. Complete inner city bypass.

Arts precinct in the GPO building, more innovative architecture like the Hunter St University campus - fabulous!

Park and ride facility, so one can seriously leave the car at the perimeter and take public transport into and around the city, with optional covered carpark for those leaving the car for the day. Good, connected, cycling routes in, out and through the city. Good facilities for exercise, eg good, scenic walking routes (already doing well), exercise equipment in parks (eg Islington), areas by the beaches for public exercise.

Traffic and public transport. I fear the city is going to turn into a car park. The new suburbs in western Newcastle don't appear to have sufficient public transport and we should make these transport networks high density and efficient (rail).

Sustainable green city - solar wind energy regeneration, food bowl, educated, transformation with low unemployment, high tourism

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balancing environmental and community needs for sustainable future and social cohesion
A multi story landmark hotel at Blackbutt's Lookout rd. entrance to cater for eco tourists and John Hunter visitors.
We travel regularly and I always notice when we get home that our city looks messy and inconsistent. Simple things like consistency in street lighting, bins, planter boxes and colours actually do make a difference to the overall look and feel of a place. I'd like to see our city move away from a "heritage" feel to a contemporary mix of heritage and ultra modern. I'm excited about the light rail and would love to see it eventually extended along Darby St towards The Junction. I'm supportive of the Revitalising Newcastle plans, and the long term plans for Wickham. I am not supportive of community housing in the inner city or surrounding suburbs. I would like to see an inner city response to homelessness with shelters or other appropriate services throughout the city. I love the lock-out laws, the city feels safer than it did before them, I believe it is important to continue with those regulations.
Expansion of the light rail system.
Development of the inner city with a good mixture of living and business opportunities. Finish the bathers way .Look at the flooding plan for Wallsend. Push the State government to work the entry and exit of John Hunter Hospital
Do not try and imitate Sydney and other big cities try and be unique. Focus on the artisan industries and family activity places (Blackbutt is brilliant)
Extension of light rail, maintain natural beauty, increase trees in suburbs, indoor aquatic centre!
Rail back in the corridor
Promote natural assets by attracting biking, surfing, running events
Growth in technological innovation.
Renovation of derelict buildings in city area
Keeping and adding to space and avoiding a concrete jungle brought on by high density living
Protection of public parks, headlands so available to all. Proper public transport
OPEN SPACE
A public transport system that replaces the reliance of private transport, including a fast link to Sydney. Better transport options to Newcastle airport.
As there are going to be many more people living in the city we need to protect our current parks and open spaces and plan for more.
Extension of light rail along Gully line to Kotara, and along beaches to mereweather. Increase in community activities to activate suburbs assets such as lambton Park. Closing adamstown and Kotara rail stations replacing with one at Kotara home-maker centre.Cycling network completed
to work towards a more inclusive society. more wiser. more active.
Rapid transport to Sydney (has an easement been identified and acquisition started?)Take the politically imposed restrictions off developing our Port so we can use our comparative advantage to develop a logistics industry. Establish a new university (or a branch of one) so our tertiary education is not at the whim of the new blow-in Vice Chancellor and real competition is introduced at a faculty level.
Creating a new 'buzz city' with good transport options whilst keeping affordable room for cars as well.
A good integrated public transport system with much much better cycleways which are separated from traffic and pedestrians as in Scandinavia
See above challenges

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Better use of the 'trendy' suburban areas, make them pedestrian and consider better parking for these. A SINGLE and SIMPLE public transport system rather than the planned DISJOINTED one coming soon when we will have to make lots of connections and hang around and sit waiting forever for buses/light rail/etc that are delayed due to break-downs (will happen when older or if we can't maintain all these extra vehicles) so miss next connection and eventually don't bother going into town or using public transport.

working with government of all levels and community for health, employment, need for parking, The environment to be protected.

As per above - also transport to airport other than by car. A rail link?

Bus routes need to be more direct to encourage people to use them. Consider park & ride options as in Brisbane.

Fast train. Liner terminus

More of a role in the suburbs of newcastle and less of a concentration on the cbd area. improvement of access to and from outer suburbs

The proposal for improved bike paths throughout the city (the Cyclesafe Network) Environmental issues becoming at the centre of the city planning and service delivery

Light rail in Newcastle would be OK if we had a real network that integrated sensibly with other transport options.

Effective and timely implementation of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

Overall Beautification of Newcastle City and surrounds

Transport Network that links whole area.

Hunter Stadium Precinct.Light Rail.Greater engagement with the western suburbs of the LGA.International Airport.Convert Stockton Hospital into the greatest beachside resort on the East Coast of Australia.

- Extension of light rail line outwards from CBD- outdoor cinema in honeysuckle area

Try to get more cars off the streets. Aim for more dedicated (and therefore safer) cycle ways. Fast rail linkages to Sydney, and north. These are excellent in Europe and could potentially compete with the cheap airfares and reduce air traffic. I would also love to see Newcastle's historic buildings looked after and utilised. I think we could learn a lot from overseas cities, especially in Europe, where they have learnt from a lot more years of growth than Newcastle has.

Increasing green areas in Newcastle as well as their amenity with native planting and landscaping. Improving the standard of the built environment especially in medium density housing. Improving infrastructure like waste management. Securing water resources in Newcastle without desalination. Improving infrastructure of bike connectedness in the city.

It's a shame the railway line has gone, when just about every big city in the world is trying to install one. But given that it's gone, then Newcastle should have a clear idea of where it's going - a Smart City, with a highlight being an app that will show you where there's an empty car parking space, when council is removing those spaces, is not my definition of a Smart City. How about reverting to an Art City

Not losing site of Newcastle's identity.

More cafes, restaurants and make newcastle bigger and help bring in more tourists- Ways to get to newcastle airport

Separated, safe Cycleways. Into the city and across the city. It's the only way to get people out of their cars. The light rail wont.

world class performing arts centre

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sustainable innovative industries that lead by example...supported by efficient and widespread public transport interconnecting heavy rail, light rail, increased ferry routes, safe bike paths, sheltered pedestrian paths and accessbike

Extension of the tram line to suburbs within 10km radius of the CBD; hosting a major event

The current rail terminus and location is terrible. Woodville Junction should have been the terminus and transport hub. Plenty of room and centrally located.

Bringing social activities and public transport to the beach areas. We have the most beautiful beaches here and we don't service them with public transport or activities. Keep the skyline in town low.

Extend the light rail to every suburb

Ensure pre-school education is accessible to all
Improve standards in schools in disadvantaged areas
Network of cycleways linking all suburbs
New model for dementia assessment and care involving Primary Care Dementia Nurses

How to house and find employment for the predicted population without stuffing up the environment. Not enough affordable housing options or jobs

cycle network,

Basic human right to travel in safety and not put others in danger. We can be more happy with a transition to an ethical World's best practice city planning and transport: Clean, healthy, safe communities with safer energy that creates jobs: Stop creating danger to others (only dangerous vehicles need rego; prams and pushbikes do not)! Faster main roads for cars, more buses/trains (screen time and active transport), better pushbike shortcut paths. Please everyone, so we can stop the fighting of motorists vs cyclists vs public transport user. Need to start talking about the elephant in the room, the whole system. No silver bullet on one small part of the problem. More dense cities (affordable housing) are faster (spread out suburbs are inefficient and get people addicted to cars) and cost benefit ratios for pushbike paths show increase in society health and increase in business/shops near them. Train transport through the bush linking up higher density cities. Stop urban sprawl causing social isolation and wasted travel time and making housing unaffordable (Costs quarter million dollars of taxpayers money for infrastructure for new housing developments (road, water, sewage, phone/NBN, electricity etc) If you are unhappy cycling, then you are doing it wrong. (Get electric assist tricycles with trailers if you have to. Pushbiking is as easy as walking, choose the easy gears and build up your leg strength). Don't wait for automated robot cars to stop cars tailgating each other, get the right information, skill up, and be safer than cars now. SAVE TIME: Combine transport with exercise (needed for body and mind happiness every day) Door-to-door on a pushbike (and finding safe shortcuts in backstreets) can be faster than finding car parking/waiting for buses. We need walk/cycle/public transport for active transport to beat the obesity epidemic, etc, etc The only negative to pushbikes is the same as learning to ride for the 1st time, very frightening,

More trees. Restoration of heritage buildings. Bicycle paths connecting all the towns of Newcastle. Driver awareness and education of cyclists.

solar technology.

Innovation, cultural diversity, more engagement with young people, wider range of housing options.

have large scale decent child's playground at foreshore to attract families and spending, like in other major cities
international flights from airport
light rail to airport
red air race over harbour or lake mac
mtb race from king Edward park to harbour
turn the post office into a beautiful restaurant

i would love to see the city with proper cycleways so i don't get knocked off my bike again. specific enough?

community events that bring us together

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a well connected public transport system, the biggest growing area in newcastle is the western suburbs past wallsend is there going to be a light rail service out there; as well is there any consideration given to our remaining bushland areas to stop them getting degraded by weeds, vandalised and a unofficial dumping ground.

Encourage more high tech and innovative industries to set up business in Newcastle and surrounds. With these highly skilled people come highly skilled wages and flow in spending in the area

Big Picture ideas on the reduction of consumption and refocusing personal decision making on the individual and not imposed from the state and above. The reduction of consumption on the house hold scale, individuals consuming less, driving less, using public transport, riding bikes and making conscious decisions driven by their concern for consumption. Governments need to consider how a sustainable city can operate, and the extension and continual building of roads has been shown to not do that. If Newcastle follows the blue print of Sydney the city will continue to grow yes but not in a positive way. I think decisions need to be localised, and not imposed from the state, as decisions made by those who will be affected by such decisions, will generally be more appropriate.

fast rail to Willamtown

Adding to the vibrancy of the city with more bars/restaurants and maintaining our live music culture. I'd also like to see poker machines removed from pubs.

Newcastle could be: the Art Centre outside of Sydney; the Cruise centre outside of Sydney; a technology hub; a community that is valued and consulted and worked with and supported; a safe and clean place to live and work - environmentally and sustainably best practice

Council leading in community involvement

Leisure oriented and green with more trees planted for shade

Renewable transition, move to electric cars

A very large art gallery to support international exhibitions.

A stable population to match the availability of jobs and infrastructure such as health care, schools and road systems to match. No over explosion of high rise buildings and suburban over-development bringing in to the area excess numbers of people for which there is no work, infrastructure etc. Also needed is equal amounts of facilities for the senior population as well as the young and families in the area.

The Bathers Way must be lengthened - work with National Parks to allow walking/riding through to Glenrock and join up with Fernleigh track. Restore Newcastle Baths like Merewether.

improve public transport. maintain our beautiful historic buildings. limit high rise developements

Community engagement and events that are inclusive of all without reduction of some peoples human rights.

Removal of 4 way stops signs throughout Newcastle. Fast train between Newcastle and Sydney.

RE FOCUS ON INNER/OUTER CITY LIGHT RAIL

Inner city bypass completed through JesmondCycle ways throughout the city

Convention centre, a real one not just in a club ie Wests. To widen roads around the foreshore, too congested already! Increase parking in the city.

walkability, accessibility

Even with electric cars, parking in the city centre is going to be a BIG issue and it isn't being adequately addressed at the moment.

Ensure that green spaces are maintained with all the apartments going up. Build a carpark under the harbour.

Delivery of full integrated light rail. Fair share of funding across LGA. Improved environment

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A plan to protect and enhance our parks and heritage buildings such as the post office and the foreshore park
A vision for the city centre.
Building a community that is responsive global needs - refugee crisis, environmental challenges, political upheaval. Stronger neighbourhood/community/street networks. A plan to decrease the use of cars and increase the use of public transport and bikes for commuters. Supporting small business and restricting entry of larger corporations.
More tourism for our historic east end.
Left motor vehicles traveling and parking in the city
The development of more privately run enterprises such as transport and services.
Addressing the challenges as stated above
Tourism and more tourism domestically and internationally selling of the city and what it and its environs have to offer.
Improve public transport, tourism attractions that are available for all, no attractions that involve noisy smelly cars
We need more law enforcement and fines for littering and disorderliness. Less warnings and more action required.
replace the heavy rail line to Newcastle Station. Build a bridge over the Harbour near camp Shortland. Build a coastal light rail from Morisset to Nelsons bay via Swansea, Newcastle Station and the Airport,
The port being able to have shipping container terminal. Newcastle to become the export centre for Northern NSW. Express train between Sydney and Newcastle. How developments in future technology could make some aspects of any present plan a poor investment of time and money.
An overall plan which values heritage
Fast Train, Extensive Light Rail, Preservation of buildings, Consideration of many more fenced dog parks
A modest increase in population and renovation and renewal of the west end to a mixed residential business area. Rejuvenate existing suburban shopping areas into interesting areas for small businesses and residential.
disability parking
Cycling network removing bicycles and vehicle from same corridor (parallel to train corridor / barricade off a traffic lane etc) Tram - needs to go somewhere - Darby Street, Glebe Rd, Beaumont St - OR go nowhere. Edible communities - gardening in verges, plant fruit trees on footpaths etc
Make this a smart tech city. Give tax incentives to small business to encourage migration from large cities to Newcastle. Improve trade with countries. Produce more secondary and tertiary products. Improve the green areas around Newcastle and add new green areas. Build a new art gallery that draws tourism. Promote more tourism to the area. Create art events and cultural events. Build a beautiful and significant art gallery on the King Edward site and make it a key tourism site. Build an extensive tram system and reduce car travel. Think and plan for international appeal
An overall plan with perhaps a theme to make the city attractive and liveable. More high rise is not the answer.
More tourism, a higher percentage of effort going into restoring original buildings rather than destroying them to make way for new ones that don't fit the Newcastle aesthetic. An increase in local shops and cafes profits. More community engagement events. Keeping top 10 Australian ocean cities to visit title from lonely planet.

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Our commitment to the environment and the implementation of sustainability activities.
continued revitalising CBD
Light rail on existing corridors. V8 supercars on appropriate track, not residential area
Connected, safe and scenic cycleways, open space with local and functional (eg shaded footpaths) vegetation
Continue to encourage creative, innovative small businesses in to the city as well as decent markets and other cultural events to encourage people to frequent the city. Decent affordable eateries are a must!
Better transport- inner city and high speed rail. Better recycling and enviroment. Flood mitigation. Public housing.
A city that values a diverse event portfolio that allows opportunity for multiple demographics and that communicates to the community that this also means having events that don't cater to you that might impact your life.
Development that is ethical and focuses on enhancing people's lifestyles and considers and mitigates gentrification from the forefront
More updated and efficient public transport
Heritage as a tourism focus
An expanded Light Rail system connecting outer bus routes and serving travel right across the whole city
Another Sea Wall.
real active transport that is supportive of alternatives to cars
Better transport to beaches. Conversion of Nobbys and Newcastle Baths pavilions to restaurants
Green spaces throughout city.
More youth employment, Less coal dust, more cruise ships, more green spaces,
Environment, infrastructure, local jobs, housing affordability.
Linking stockton to the inner city
Hunter street lower end revamp and beautify
For Newcastle to live up to its reputation rather than continue to trade on its past ie beaches and vineyards are not the only attractions on offer. The council should be lobbying both the state and federal governments to relocate jobs to the Hunter under their decentralisation initiatives as it appears the central coast is getting most of the jobs. 60 plus DFSI jobs are going from Newcastle and Maitland to Gosford by May 2018
A more vibrant and accessible city re entertainment and activities
Second University, Extension to Light Rail
Attractions. Whilst I think we have a beautiful harbour and people will also love it once here, it isnt necessarily a draw card. How about an aquarium? People travelling with kids want amusements. Also why not an Ikea in Newcastle??? Or a Costco?? These are iconic type stores people will travel to get to.
Better cultural facilities, specifically an enlarged art gallery as the centrepiece for a creative and innovative city that will attract people to live, work, visit, study and play.A comprehensive and integrated public transport system including to main suburban centres and the airport.A faster rail service to Sydney

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Urban spread with limitations on high rise apartment buildings in city. Appropriate parking for residents of apartment blocks and adequate parking also for general public travelling into the city. Public housing should be spread evenly around the city not clumped together in large communities isolating residents. Review closing hours of entertainment and hotel venues as well as alcohol supply services at these venues with prevention of hooliganism and safety for all uppermost.

Transport.....local, intra-state, interstate

Speed up relocation of business, including Council to the West End, greater residential density in the East End, Cruise terminal, proper cycle ways connected to outer suburbs.

A viable strategy for the regions economy and the services provided to the community

It would be great to see coal export phased out gradually and replaced by more modern energy opportunities. It would be good to see our harbour open to more cruise ships and container ships. I would also love to see a fast rail link to Sydney so that people in the future could travel to work in Sydney rather than leaving Newcastle and having to buy ridiculously expensive housing there.

An extension of the light rail to all suburbs, ferry extended to Carrington & Wickham Cruise ship terminal. Newcastle as an educational hub with increased employment opportunities to create a socially inclusive city. Keep reducing our carbon footprint with goal to be carbon neutral by 2030.

Project around women feeling safe at night. Addressing and calling out cat calling, safe spaces etc.

cruise terminal and a tram down hunter street

A unique creative cultural hub that incorporates a policy of inclusion regarding our Aboriginal people and LGBTIQ+ people.

Creating a vibrant city consisting of small villages, interconnected with reliable and consistent public transport. Think Melbourne or Europe. A city dominated by small business not American franchises.

International events being held in the Hunter instead of always being in Sydney

help for young teens that are drinking and smoking, help for the homeless

Link all public transport into a cohesive whole.

Better coastal public transport

Make Newcastle the cycle and playground city of australia

A police station out at Wallsend, wider access roads to Fletcher, flood water mitigation in Wallsend

Transport Plan, Parking for Newcastle, NO Buildings on the old 'heavy rail corridor', Art Gallery upgrade, new buildings to a 'respectable' building height, a Liner Terminal, etc.

Regional cooperation

Many beautiful gardens and rest places, GREAT local transport, amenities such as doctors and chemists, physio centres and movie theatres being together....Similar to the way Restaurants now fall into distinct areas....

An inclusive city access to all. Cycle walking trails. Public spaces that encourages people to mingle and interrelate with each other.

Excellent transport, keeping lots of green, public spaces for everyone to be able to use.

give Newcastle suburbs back their "high street" encourage small business to give people reasons to shop in there own suburbs

Casino, light rail down darby street, beaumont st, along the beaches way, etc.

A free outdoor water park such as Southbank in Brisbane over at foreshore park near Nobbys beach and fort scratchley

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smart city development; centre for the arts and vibrant arts and cultural precinct scene like capital cities; centres for innovation; ensure quality design of the built environment and parklands to complement the natural beauty and make this a city people love to live in and visit; bike sharing and bike paths; university and industry partnerships
Promote Newcastle as a home port for International and local cruise lines. We have much to offer and Sydney is a real mess at the moment - strike while the iron is hot.
We must continue to develop the west end of the city and retain the heritage of the east end
ending DV and alcohol dependence problems and youth unemployment
I love the idea of a smart city and keeping up to date with the latest technology. Keeping communities strong and providing necessary infrastructure like playgrounds and sporting fields as well as open space
More community consultation that is acted upon or taken seriously. An electronic platform that would allow citizens to give opinions and developers/local government would be required to support the majority.
Access to and parking in the city
Replace all buses with light rail
More public art
Newcastle peninsula and CBD can be the utter envy of all if allowed to be completed and the future light rail to suburbs a bonus in a future where cars must be banned from highly crowded areas.
Affordable and accessible transport. Flood proofing Wallsend. Adequate resources to outlying areas such as Minmi and Beresfield.
water sensitive city
More walks, Stockton to Newcastle over new bridge, love the Anzac walk, if we can do more great walks like ferleigh track as well.
<p>(1) Newcastle needs high-speed transport to and from Sydney so that the availability of goods and services in Newcastle is as close as possible to same as available to Sydney residents.</p> <p>(2) Public transport needs to be made highly interconnected, efficient and pervasive. Make the fares cheaper, so that it is attractive. Make it free or close to free for teens, so that they are trained to depend on public transport because it can get them where they need to go, quickly and efficient, so that they don't need to own a car.</p> <p>(3) Strongly encourage bicycle usage - create an Amsterdam atmosphere - especially in the flat areas of Newcastle, encourage businesses to provide the required facilities to their staff (showers, lockers).</p> <p>(4) Encourage community groups that engage young people, to provide purpose and positive development in this era of increasing under- and un-employment.</p> <p>(5) Don't let the city get too big. Green belt it to keep it from crushing itself with congestion. Promote mass transit to other population centres that are also of manageable size promoting 'livable' cities big enough to be 'vital' but not too big that travel time throughout contributes to work-life imbalance.</p>
Opportunities for people to open businesses to encourage families to spend time around the foreshore, beaches, parks and reserves.
Newcastle is well-placed to trial some innovative approaches to city design, sustainability, research and development of new ideas, the arts and creativity.
Expansion of Art Gallery. Restoration of Post office. Open space at Newcastle railway station - markets, cafe, music etc. More public art
Less cars, more public transport and cycle/shared pathways for a cleaner healthier and safer environment

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See previous answer and improve anti social activities around State Housing e.g Hamilton South, Hamilto and Dixon Park etc.
Not to overdevelop the city area and the area around the Wickham area. Most people like Newcastle because it is Newcastle, it doesn't need to become a little Sydney
ownership of the port of Newcastle to be transferred to the people of newcastle
Extension of the lightrail to outer suburbs
Better bike and pedestrian connections across the city. A more inclusive decision making process with community at the heart
urban sprawl
A proper art gallery, more sea sse side dinning ,city parking lots and lots of it and soon
Community power buying consortium, such as in Byron Shire. Attract white collar Community power buying scheme such as Byron Shire. Pay attention to making city more liveable especially in the heat. Reduce pollution
As above really. High rise apartment blocks will turn us into another Gold Coast, & I think the big picture could be more about development that is sensitive to the beauty that we have in the inner areas, & promotes rather than compromises that. Need more public space around the areas closest to the inner city & beach, as people are drawn here, & need access & amenities with broad appeal - skate park, playground, shelter, picnic areas, trees, public toilets,etc. The transport is a disaster. The roads are narrow, hence adding light rail to an already narrow space doesn't make sense. The rail corridor & beautiful Newcastle stations could be restored to provide excellent public transport & access for all. The better it's done, the fewer people will choose to drive cars into these crowded areas, & the better off & safer the city will be. The ocean baths are heavily used, & the arts precinct of library & gallery too,& these need to be managed by people expert in these areas,to maximize their relevance & to foster the enjoyment they provide to many. New courts & uni building in the city will require better access than is current, including parking. Emergency vehicles have to have free movement in these narrow streets. Businesses in the city have been seriously disadvantaged by recent developments in these areas. Surely it's important to support local business, & so these need to be accessible to customers. New building should be of a very high standard only, for future generations to enjoy, & not built just because the most economical option was taken. We mustn't again allow beautiful buildings like the Newcastle post office to decline, nor should we allow areas like the old David Jones block to be handled in such a way that many businesses were ejected,& then uncertainty has continued for many years. The company which owns a property needs to be held responsible for its management, in a better fashion than this. The community deserves & expects more. I also hope the council will consult
Integrated transport networks that connects cycling, walking with public trasport (including light rail network to extended to glendale, uni and airport).
Development of Newcastle as a 'university town'; modern effective transport and digital infrastructure.
Integrated Bike paths. Integrated and usable public trnsport, maintiang a small toewn feel with increased urban growth.
Getting the transport system right and providing parking to supplement this.
Holistic integrated transport to CBD from all areas and between areas with Newcastle and very fast train to Sydney and to Newcastle airport.
Historic Newcastle as unique in Australia and brilliant tourist place. Prototypes to development of west end. Unfortunately XXXXXX XXXXX and his Chinese partners have made this almost impossible. The railway being an example.
As in previous answer, plus broadening and development of tourism in the region.
Development of the inner city and the transport links.

Survey #1 Q4. What big picture ideas can you identify that you would like considered over the next 10 years?

I would like the NBN to be in fabulous effective working order to enable business to relocate here. Government incentives would also help, which should be also available for art and entertainment interests. An effective infrastructure for public transport needs to be planned in advance.
International airport, casino, function entertainment centre and finished stadium
More entertainment/restaurants precincts. Informative public transport systems like they have in Europe to aid people to get around. A expansive tram and bus system. development of our history and restoration and/or up keep of our historic buildings for tourism purposes. Development of an arts precinct and a sporting precinct.
Major parking hub ideally in the gas works site at Broadmeadow and then free (or minimal charge) buses following 5-8 continuous set routes
Broad spectrum transit system for all of Newcastle hub and country region. Iconic buildings e.g New university on hunter st across the hunter.
The council and business to consider a future fund as state and federal government won't fund social infrastructure.
Light rail or bus links with the University, major shopping centres, city with major housing estates such as Fletcher, Cameron Park
Reach further with walking and cycling mode share and prioritisation
Transport - how do we get in, around and out of the city?
Fantastic public transport including cycleways/routes well used because cyclists feel safe on the roads.
Modern new look for city centre
Adelaide has a very good free bus service which goes right around the city and pairs that with "Adelaide Free" which provides free wifi to anybody anywhere in the city. Darwin has a fabulous tree-level walk which takes tourists from the harbour to the highest point in the city and is totally accessible. Perhaps Newcastle could consider something like this to get tourists up to Christ Church Cathedral, the highest point in our city. London and Liverpool in England have done fantastic things with their railway stations which make them vibrant and welcoming as well as safe place to wait for trains. will our interchange be as exciting? We need 21st century architecture using 21st century design and environmental solutions. Parking is a desperate problem as light rail and buses will not always be the solution.
Building of Aboriginal culture and identity in the city. Partner with community. Aboriginal cultural tourism
Increased supply of affordable housing in the CBD for low-income households and young professionals.
That maybe sectioning off age groups to do more activities such as youth centres and play groups
climate change
New industry, clean industry, sustainability, health,
Bring back the train to newcastle. Create art centres and more eclectic cultural feel
The cycle safe network could make Newcastle the best city in Australia.
Extensions to the Newcastle Art Gallery and the employment of an Art Gallery Director. The security of heritage buildings so that they are maintained in public ownership and not compromised by unsuitable "development". Extension and consolidation of open space in Law so that it cannot be claimed or chipped away.
Developing the airport to be able to take international flights. Develop the cruise industry. Move away from Hunter's dependence on coal

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Retention of heritage buildings, support of artists and local businesses. A focus on the environment and removing the dirty industry from kooragang. We could be a tourist focus if it weren't for the ugly polluters

Develop a transport hub that connects the city to places such as the Uni and JHH and the airport. Provide free wifi throughout Newcastle. Create and improve public spaces i.e. A public piazza. Conserve important buildings. Create precincts in the city for shopping. Build a better 'Entertainment Centre'. Make better use of the ferries with other harbour stops, eg Carrington and Wickham. Further develop a Cruise Terminal and amenities to improve tourism.

All new dwellings have one off street car park per bedroom. Have a well planned park and ride system integrated with light rail and bus transport. Light rail to connect southern suburb with beaches and business hubs along the current Fernleigh track. Resume access routes for light rail now for future tracks. There is no reason that light rail can't pass through new building sights in clouding using much of the existing rail corridor. Connect airport and RAAF base with light rail. Have a fast passenger rail service connect with Sydney. Govt. to have coal and freight companies establish there own rail systems so as to not interfere with passenger and road assess to the city. Critical is the need to build a high flyover road from about Grey st Wicham to Herburn st Hamilton alleviating much traffic congestion. Much of this is too late as development has taken up much of the needed space.

Extensive linked bicycle path network where people feel safe taking kids on journeys wherever they need to go in the city

in respect of what I have said above I believe that it would be of great benefit to build on the reputation Newcastle already has as a naturally beautiful, creative city. To attract visitors year-round we need to establish ourselves as a southern hemisphere art destination. If we could somehow attract the Guggenheim foundation, or a similar group to establish a world-class destination in Newcastle, visitors would come, year-round. I am thinking of Bilboa as an example, and, closer to home, of MONA in Hobart. There must be other, similar opportunities for galleries such as these, and with our climate and central location on the east coast, we are ideally located to attract many visitors. In the absence of finding a suitable benefactor to establish such a world-class art gallery or museum, perhaps Newcastle could host an annual or bi-annual Sculpture by the Sea event, in King Edward Park, and along above Newcastle beach and the Harbour Foreshore. This would attract visitors for a longer period than the three day car race, and have all the same flow-on benefits for the city, while building on its already established creative city identity, and without any of the safety, security or infrastructure requirements.

extension of light rail..remember the area covered by trams.

I'm happy with what I see on the table for the next 10 years - no other spring to mind

greener city in terms of open space, trees etc and use of green/renewable energy greater access to assets such as foreshore and harbour which makes Newcastle an attractive place to live and/or visit

Park and ride facilities, cycleways suitable for use by commuters, attract at least two major corporates to relocate to Newcastle.

For the city to grow we need to reduce reliance on cars with one person - improved public transport makes for a great & internationally competitive city

big pictures cost money and the government won't spend that kind of money

Free city loop buses/light rail. Beautify the coast - more trees behind the beaches. Greener inner city - more vegetation, including green engineering options. Large communal battery storage systems so solar energy produced by individuals can be shared.

Maintain transport corridor on rail line, extend light rail network, invest in state of the art waste treatment. Work with national government to promote a job guarantee to deal with poverty and homelessness.

Progression towards 100% renewable energy usage by the City and its residents

Tech - keep pursuing the Smart Cities program

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- We need to move our economy away from exporting coal and toward jobs-rich renewable energy manufacturing and generation.
- Returning to our manufacturing skills base would be great for Newcastle's economy and workforce. Climate change should be taken way more seriously than it currently seems to be. Council can play a stronger role in reducing energy consumption, increasing use of renewables and community education on climate change.
- Rising sea levels will be a big problem for the low-lying suburbs very soon. Protecting these suburbs is a big challenge in terms of logistics and funding
- which should come from the State Government - especially if the NSW Dept of Planning continues to approve new coal mines which will exacerbate climate change.
- Visioning and planning for high speed rail needs to be taken more seriously. Where would the inter-city station be? What would development around that hub? NSW Dept Planning and Council should plan for this game-changing transport mode.

Stick to basics

Extensive light rail network, medium density mixed housing and more open space in the city.

More environmentally aware. More trees and shade along the coastline

A major shopping and retail precinct in the city (maybe redevelop marketown). A bigger and better entertainment centre to attract more shows and bigger artists. Finish the light rail.

network of light rail to suburbs.

Increase opportunities for recycle and use of green technology across a range of applications, not just power.

Liveability for residents must be paramount, eg cycle infrastructure, place management, environmental protection.

Build a passenger cruise terminal

Rebuild Queens wharf / get rid of the tower, old King Edwards bowling club site

Hub of technology innovation. Be a destination of choice for innovation

Climate change innovations generated in Newcastle

Fully electric public transport with 100% renewable energy. Driverless car trials and incentives.

How we are an inclusive and mature city. Simple areas such as people taking dogs with them where they go and they being allowed in parks, markets. Having facilities for this such as poo bags, water fountains the accomodate dog bowls.

Updating the surf club facilities

major sporting events disabled athlete games bring small container ships into the port

Integrated transport network through Newcastle & the Lower Hunter- public as much as possible.

I think we need to focus on continuing Newcastle's transformation into a destination for tourists and students. One area that has taken a severe hit over the last decade or so is the vibrancy of Newcastle at night. While there are numerous factors at play, there is SO MUCH MORE the council could be doing to support venues, musicians, artists, promoters, etc. NCC has been absolutely weak a gutless in sustaining Newcastle's nightlife and has bent over and taken a hard long one from inner-city retirees. Cities are meant to be loud and full of life, but Newcastle is goddamn retirement village.

A clean city that has lots of bike and pedestrian space, with clean air (no coal) and renewable energy.

More car parking spaces ie a car parking station for the inner city.

Co-ordinated transport

Rejuvenation of Hunter Street businesses Improved transport & parking facilities

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Preserving newcastle east from anymore high rises.free mini buses that run around dow town from beaumont street all the way through darby st and conne ting all 5 city beachesTh3 old post office being refurbished and used (dont care by whom so long as it stops decaying in front of our eyes). Focus on eash suburb being a hub (village) for its locals where people are more inclined to walk than use the car. Eg a pub, a chemist,a supermarket a suite of bus/ train connections to newcastle cbd and kotara/chaestown. These services to run every 10 minutes. Sensible cycle paths that go where people want to ride and dont disappear at junctions leaving the cyclist to the tender mercies of a raving 4x4 driver. Get peoe out of their cars and being active. We have a better chance to interact with each other which would build the community further

fast train :); changes to coal i.e. huge downturn; great population increase; low investment from State govt

Attractions that put Newcastle on the map like festivals also improve the architecture

Newcastle Ocean baths building utilised. Restaurant, surfboard hire/lessons, gallery etc. such a wasted space; and the surface in front of the building - now tar, replaced with paving. It's shit to walk on after a swim as it is now and probably the worse for burning feet in summer.

Wholistic approach to big ideas that involves and inspires many sectors of the community.

transport

Keep the town community focused and environmentally friendly and sustainable. Encourage small business and restaurants not corporate buildings.

Improved public transport and residential in underutilised existing buildings not just ugly new unit blocks

Entirely transport-related. Have any of you caught a bud beyond Charlestown lately? Take over State bus services.

A park and bus into the city option from Wallsend and Glendale The growing number of commuters from theses areas have no option but to drive. A direct bus route down Newcastle Rd from a parking area in Wallsend could assist thisA water park on the foreshore or in the rail corridor A performing arts hub including rehearsal spaces

continue to revitalise the city (CBD, King Street, Darby St, foreshore etc)

Improving Foreshore and bathers way , growing and looking after our natural and cultural icons

Establish a hub for renewable energy manufacturing

Affordable housing for all. Green space and community space for all. Banning of high rises on the rail corridor

Parklands with shading from trees, garbage bins in picnic areas. Family friendly areas including responsible dog areas to bring people into the area. No more night clubs and wine bars, but support for the ones we have

a better public transport system that services the suburbs and CBD.

Development of a much richer cultural life; development of the arts in particular my number one proirity is the gallery redevelopment. Other arts support i festivals and childrens visual art development, libraries, museum, heritage.

Retain our historic heritage and increase our tourist potential. Apply for super fast broadband (international speed) to make us qualify as a tech city. Give discounts to startups and big companies to come here

Better management of household waste (eg processing compost), local food production, creating a resilient & sustainable local community

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Connecting our urban hubs and fabulous coastlines with green and blue corridors of waterway /native vegetation. This sort of connections will underpin a liveable city - giving background health and well being to our city land its residents - visitors will love this ambience in its industrial backdrop

Support the smart cities concept

I would like to make sure that the Western suburbs of Newcastle are not ignored in future planning. There is more to this great city than Honeysuckle and Mereweather.

Trial 30 hour working week in Newcastle

New development in Newcastle to showcase sustainable buildings. Renewable energy. Sustainable transport. Long term mechanisms for transparent strategic planning. Community genuinely engaged in decision making.

More covered seating and BBQ's in park. Foreshore park needs more suitable play equipment for older children like Speers point park. Kiosk in park run by tafe students or to help unemployed people regain work or experience. Would be used a lot by parents and grandparents taking children to play. Can enjoy a cuppa while watching kids play. Less alcohol areas. More public clean toilets and water fountains to refill water bottles creating less waste. Fixing footpaths with concrete or pavers. More seating areas in civic park with tables.

Fast train connection to Sydney. While you may consider this a state issue - it would have a dramatic effect on Newcastle.

Busy lived in city

Newcastle is known for..., Newcastle offers its citizens, visitors...? Newcastle is important to NSW/ Australia because...?

There should be a 'big picture' transport plan for Newcastle and Hunter in place. We need more recreational facilities, too much pressure is being put on too few.

cars vs public transport, cycling safety, edible plants in public parks and verges

Expansion of the light rail to the university

transport

Development of an integrated and people friendly public transport system. Better parking provision- new parking stations have been suggested by transport studies over the past decades but have yet to be acted on. Protection and promotion of heritage aspects of the city and increased focus on community interaction and places to facilitate growth of community interaction. I'd love to see Newcastle as a leader in clean energy, attractive public spaces, easily accessible transport, vibrant community activities.

Inner city planning. Keep the foreshore for the people and not development.

parking in honeysuckle is terrible, you need lined parking bays so you can fit the appropriate amount of cars in spaces

Increase bus lines itineraries and frequency exponentially. Have a cultural hub somewhere accessible including cinema, theatre, concert hall. Stop high-rise developments along the foreshore. Give back the city to the people, not developers.

More trees and parkland, more diversity, less vast shopping malls. Better public transport.

Public transport eg rail line to airport and shuttle service or similar to main beaches, university, hospitals and commercial centres. Increase capability of solar etc power for homes and companies. Maintain public parks/spaces.

Enhanced entertainment precinct, further smart city investment, continue attracting events like Super Cars. Further efforts to build Newcastle's reputation as a destination

more parks for children with disabilities

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Reduce cars in the city and improve pedestrian and bicycle access. Improve public transport
The central/east area of city to be a quality cultural precinct - supporting a enlarged vibrant art gallery. A city with an excellent network of cycleways like Copenhagen or Amsterdam.
Connectivity of the suburbs to Newcastle most of the outlying suburbs develop pedestrian / cycle way amenities, Develop a public transport network.
More bike tracks. A bigger revamped art gallery.
preserve old heritage buildings and existing open space e.g. reserves and parks, lobby for more funding
The ability to get things done without negativity. To accept not every battle or cause can be won. A statue similar to the Statue of Liberty at the entrance or somewhere in our harbour. A Guggenheim on the wasteland of the BHP. A faster train or 1st class carriage among the freezing carriages of our pathetic Ncle Sydney line.
Population density will increase in the city and inner suburbs as the older cottages on large allotments are replaced by multi level apartment buildings or Villa type dwellings
As above
Affordable or public housing - local government should pick up where state has dropped the ball.
Better public transport with direct routes, a large increase in free parking in CBD, developed as a large holiday destination, free family friendly events.
Active transport solutions
Jobs. Innovation. Integration of refugees. Support for the arts community.
City to trial universal basic income for ncc residents. Uniwlque artistic approaches to attract residents and tourists eg creative arts spaces, imaginative ideas
Spread more detailed information on current and future projects in an easy to access format
a Second University.a city for people and bikes (including morotbikes, not cars.Embrace and develop our local creative talent.Local culture generates tourism!Indoor swimming centre and an amazing art gallery with performance space.
Improved accessibility. Flourishing night life. Protect the natural landscape - eg King Edward Park, beaches. Arts and culture. *Effective project and change management*
Seriously (and in a non-partisan way) look at amalgamation with LMCC.
1. Creative and technological industries need to be invited here, and places need to be created besides the university for them. 3. Public housing in places like Cooks hill, Merewether and hamilton south needs to be demolished land sold and money put into better quality housing in different areas. 3. Close look at Mayfield - Mayfield needs a strong development plan and social strategy put in place. Particularly concerning moving social security and pawnbroking industries away from each other, looking and abandoned shops and third world buildings in disrepair- warnings to landlords and to tennants. people moved on etc. Basically the Gentrification of the inner city needs to be sped up and supercharged.
Careful, considered planning for the inner city - bigger is not always better. Proactively increase the proportion of open spaces and green spaces by choosing not to develop selected blocks of land that are currently vacant or become available. Achieve the expanded Broadmeadow sports precinct. Foster a culture of welcoming, embracing, promoting diversity in Newcastle that includes ages, ethnicity, ability, lifestyle choices, socio-economic status, etc.
100% renewable powered city. 100% electric vehicle, garbage trucks and bus fleets. Making Newcastle a centre for advanced manufacturing and clean tech industries. Having the knights win a premiership...

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We need to let go of previous ideas of the cbd and realise that the 'centre of newcastle' is no longer the cbd - it is probably kotara or charlestown. the CBD of newcastle needs to keep on developing into the specialist retail, leisure and residential precinct it is slowly becoming. Business will gradually move to the civic and west and that is a good thing that will improve inner city congestion

Making our city visitor friendly

That we find a way to bring life back to the city of Newcastle itself. Rather than knocking down buildings that have meant so much to this city having so much history, to make a point to preserve this history and encourage others to do the same by enticing more business back to so many empty shops.

Water park at the mall Water playground at the ocean Get the stair case from the water to the church. This project was canceled before. Please, get the building (old post office) back. I can see people today still taking wedding pictures, such an icon for Australia, left to fall. People love that building, get it back from the ruins and homeless using it as toilet.

Emissions reduction, public transport, homelessness

I think decentralizing govt. departments and private business from Sydney and relocating them to Newcastle would help with creating jobs. I also think event that arnt solely focused on young families would create a more cosmopolitan vibe

Safe cycleway around the city.

Light rail node at Broadmeadow with trains going to Uni, airport, city, etc.

Extension of light rail to John Hunter hospital, the stadium westward and the beaches to the south east. Better connectivity of the existing cycle routes.

Diversity in urban villages - scales of development, architectural styles, open space planning

Drainage, water supply, sewage tratment control and investment, commercial investment oushing industrial development to other regions

Closer liaison and cooperation with the nearby Port Stephens Council. ie Possible providing commonality of departments within each Council

Developed a walk from Merewether beach to Redhead

A lot of green space where Civic station is.

Nuclear energy in our region. Get over the politics of 'don't use the N word' syndrome, and truly look at how we can replace our coal fired power energy with a nuclear based one - and get in first before another more risk-prepared state/region does.

Decent public transport for the city centre.

Old CBD to become the Centrepiece of NEWY...

It would be nice to see more outdoor recreational and dining environemnts cted along the inner city coastline, rather than walled off areas. Given the aspect the city has, there is relatively little exploitation of the views and sea outlook for visitors and locals to enjoy in casual dining outlets. I think there is scope for elevated cycle/pathways to crisscross the city and innner suburbs, at least, without direct connection to roads. such paths could also be built as suspensions along the coast.

Speed rail service between Newcastle and Sydney. International airport at Williamstown.

maintaining iconic and heritage listed buildings.

Improved public transport, a faster train to Sydney and an expanded light rail system connecting not just those in the CBD to the stadium, airport and hospitals

Parking in the city is going to be a huge problem very soon. Needs urgent consideration

Greater integration of activities for both youth and older people. Improved transport connections within the Hunter and beyond.

Survey #1 Q4. What big picture ideas can you identify that you would like considered over the next 10 years?
Mixed accommodation not all high rise and houses for the disabled and elderly
Major sporting complex to serve the western corridor, revamped swimming pools starting with Lambton, excellent multi modal transport options connecting the outer suburbs and the CBD.
Whether the Council should acquire the public transport - buses, regional buses, trams and ferries.
Bringing the outer suburbs in
Connect the city and airport with light rail, move towards digital services and autonomous driving, be a city known for tech and innovation, grow population
Council needs a community development team like a multi-cultural officer, an indigenous officer, a youth development worker and a general community development worker. There is an absolute need for a dedicated multi-cultural worker to take leadership around initiatives to develop Newcastle as a multicultural town especially in the west of the city.
Good tourism to boost the city's economy
Taking traffic off the roads. Keeping some of the old newcastle (buildings etc) to keep some style about the place - in the same breath, not allowing DA's through that make the city 'ugly' (usually cheap ideas). More Malls and fairs/markets. Keeping the water ways and beaches clean. Allowing alternate businesses to come into the city. More idea such as the Merewether Surf house along the waterways (for example: Ku De Ta in Bali & Perth). Keeping green areas in the city (which is already being done). Having a ferry service from carrington/Wickham port. Keeping the city thoughtfully progressive.
Broadmeadow sporting precinct Cruise terminal Extended light rail Extended ferry system
Treat the CBD and beaches the way other seaside resorts have, steal ideas from other places.
We have amazing talent in Necastle. I would love to see more focus on the arts (not only visual arts) but dance and drama - we have amazing schools, but we should try and foster careers in all areas of the arts, after school. Building of a comtemporary performance space and funding to arts/ visual arts. I would also like to see bigger playgrounds around the city, in particular in the city centre. Possibly in the park near Nobbys Beach - like Muddys Playground in Cairns.
<p>1. Urban agriculture/ a Newcastle food strategy -- Vancouver's urban food strategy, which I think could work very well in an adapted form for Newcastle. They have a great video on youtube which shows the way they've connected small-scale frontyard/backyard food growing with large-scale urban agriculture (in partnership with a company or social enterprise in one instance which offers volunteer opportunities for the elderly, recovering or others in need), with a local food scene (food trucks for example) and local farmers markets. Here's the link: http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/vancover-food-strategy.aspx</p> <p>2. Connected, efficient, clean transport for the whole city. If we make it easy, safe, and climate smart the benefits will be huge. But what other cities are seeing is that multi-modal transport strategies are really effective. Making sure people have safe cycleways, physically separated from the car lanes, encourages people from all walks of life to get on bikes or scooters or segways, etc. I wouldn't use the existing bike lanes in some parts of the city because you're separated from the cars and trucks by a painted line on the road -- terrifying.</p> <p>3. Renewable and climate smart city. There are so many awesome and future-proofing things we could do, integrated under one comprehensive strategy.</p>

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<p>To turn Newcastle into a green smart city - with the focus on renewable energy and green practices. To invest in these areas and be the benchmark of a green smart city in Australia. E.g. Solar farms, wind power, energy saving initiatives for households, rain water tanks, and waterless toilets. get rid of Burwood and turn waste into organic matter for gardens. I would LOVE to see the streets lined with fruit and nut trees as part of the current strategy to line our streets with trees. have food swaps within streets, create a community who can live sustainably and use the land we have to live off intelligently. I would love to also see the shift to more appropriate trees to our changing climate. We are now more in a subtropical climate, with wet summers and short winters. We need to embrace this change and adapt to create a landscape that can withstand this type of weather. I see plant choices currently that aren't suitable to these changing conditions and I would love to see more flexibility in this area. I would also love to see the use of natural shade areas along our coastline. what's happened there now with the new structures is beautiful, but I think we could also use natural plants (e.g. pandanas) to create natural shade and a more aesthetically pleasing landscape. I believe the use of landscape and plants can transform areas, regardless of what buildings look like.</p>
<p>We need to make solar energy profitable again through good leadership and innovation to make solar cheaper and more efficient. eg. the story about the new Battery being installed- in the herald</p>
<p>transport</p>
<p>A Tourism plan which is reflective of our unique identity and situation. Counter acting the brain drain-ensuring that our economy is resilient and attractive to new graduates to stay and invest, professionally, in the area. Affordable Housing - maintaining and providing affordable and sustainable housing. Transport - We really need to take the focus away from cars and onto a other forms of quick, reliable, safe, integrated and regular transport- including cycling, ferries, buses, light rail and trains .</p>
<p>Getting rid of this stupid rail line. Voting liberal!</p>
<p>How people move about the city (transport) How we can better market the city to visitors How to keep people coming into the CBD</p>
<p>Tunnel link to airport.</p>
<p>Reduction in height of apartment blocks. Allowances for public spaces for low socio economic people and drop in centres.</p>
<p>Post Office, train station</p>
<p>More commercial growth in the CBD. Bring back high end stores to the mall, ensure that there is more than enough parking.</p>
<p>more cycle ways. Parking stations with bus to JHH</p>
<p>The light rail system and a connected bike network should be prioritised. Traffic calming should be applied in residential neighbourhoods.</p>
<p>Sustainability, trees that shade (not palm trees), less reliant on cars</p>
<p>the big park across from nobbys should be an open pool/playground area like Southbank in Brisbane - more tourist attractions - things to do</p>
<p>Get the tram working again. Keep young people involved in the development and ideas of Newcastle.</p>
<p>The railway brought back & stop all the over kill with apartment's blocking sunshine & making the landscape totally UGLY!!! Stop the greed & XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</p>
<p>I would love to see a full regeneration of the mall, with quality restaurant, cafe and retail outlets in the space. I would also love to see parts of the old train line transformed into multi-purpose exterior rooms and green spaces that would facilitate family's, workers, etc. as well as events. It would be amazing to see the old Newcastle train station transformed into a business space or housing; and the old post office restored and used as a gallery/ function space. I understand these ideas are complex, however they could be key to creating a better future for Newcastle.</p>

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Increase capacity / empower vulnerable group and the young. Social reform by stronger support for families, young single parents, etc, strong support networks, no FAcS kids in motels, create nice public spaces, reduce social isolation, increase community connection, belonging and sense of responsibility for place and each other. People who buy hall mark property have duty to fix up, restore and use within a certain time and have to sell otherwise, connect city through effective, slick and free public transport, avoid segregation, lots of green, flick gambling of clubs, make libraries and art centers epic and places to connect people, affordable housing in non affordable suburbs

more parking

Rail freight line west of Newcastle, electrify Hunter rail line & more passenger trains with un floodable rail lines above sea level rise

The compensation of all East End dwellers for the outrage that has been foisted upon them by the XXXXXXXXXXXX the supercar fiasco.....and the remediation of our historic precinct that has been devastated by the ongoing destruction.

Support for jobs of the future.

Stop making it harder for people from the outer suburbs to get there.

way more cycle ways

More playgrounds and cycle ways

When developing along the Harbour having a "south Bank" or Botanical Garden area near Wickham where people can relax in the cityIt would also be a natural stopping point for people out enjoying the Harbour encourage the Government, when it develops The Store to do something creative, like a building with plants down the outside walls.

Major shopping within the CBD, upgrade of parks and recreation facilities within Newcastle, world class venues

every road going to the old railway should become a link to the harbour / newcastle and nobby's beach should lose the concrete and gain shade trees and grass - other beaches have tress other than norfolk pine sticks which provide little sitable shade

Add BBQ facilities at the top of the harbour foreshore and undercover picnic areas(the the new playground with the red robot), put family friendly events on at the local parks, put night markets and live music events on in the hunter Street mall, throw beach parties in the summer on Newcastle beach with free public transport. Put a kids bike track at Kotara park and improve the park itself with better play equipment.

An improved cycleway network. More off road and on road (separated) cycleways that encourage people to ride to work, for leisure, to sport, shops etc by making them feel safe. Whilst a lot of work is being undertaken with cycle ways at presnt I believe the limited budgets allow for a limited result/outcome - we need to think bigger. More end of ride storage/shower facilities, less cars in the major suburbs CBD's - park on edges and walk/ public transport in. More looped bus routes that operate on short time cycles to CBD's from parking on edges.

Fast highway and fast train to sydney

International airport

as above, better transport management, links to Sydney, the airport, hospitals and university

Create a centre for youth. Create a place for motorhomes to stay for a couple of days. They are our best advert with an outside perspective.

Better cultural centres, big scale affordable housing projects

Affordable housing in the CBD. Slowing down the gentrification of the CBD to make it unaffordable for almost anyone

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Sustainability, Zero Carbon City, family friendliness, walkable/cyclable city, public transport city, enhance life quality, keep alternative culture in town
Free parking would make me more inclined to come into the city and spend my money at the various cafes & restaurants, bars & shops.
tidy up Hunter Street, see more shops, parking
Better infrastructure in Newcastle CBD. To have better facilities that don't cost local people so much money it becomes affordable. EG parking in Newcastle CBD. The cost of the parking is drawing people out, and businesses are struggling. There is a lot of congestion and traffic travelling along the road to medowie. Better and safer roads. Better management of development. We are finding that home owners in suburbs are paying a big price for development. Increased noise, less safe roads due to increased use put on strained existing infrastructure, and more dense housing.
Creating a food and entertainment hub in the newcastle CBD
Creating an environment where it is easy for people to get around, and encourages and supports creativity and innovation. Newcastle could be a world leader
Can we use the old Gas Works site as a Park and ride? Have shuttle bus or Light Rail to the John Hunter Hospital from Ncle and a Park & Ride location
Entertainment & Conference Centre A network of Community organic gardens on street verges in suitable locations
How do you revitalise Newcastle - need for parking or a great public regular transport network.
More things like the super cars race, Surfest type, more major sporting events like the Australian Masters championships - we need the resources to ensure the facilities are adequate and to a standard that sports will want to invest time and effort to come to the city. Large bike racing (road) - we do not have any and can service this (we have proved this with the super cars event). Film festivals that have music events attached. Larger food events that showcase the talent within the region - we have the wine to match and another draw card to being within the city area
TRANSPORT, connection to Sydney.
Focus on tourism, allow a resort to be built. Gold Coast has done a great job of this. People will not come here to visit/live if there are no attractions.
Implementation of one way streets in the cbd that would allow the growth of the light rail system. Improve connection to sydney with hourly high speed trains. this would encourage business both ways. improve newcastle airport overseas connections. link airport by rail to Nth stockton and have a high speed train /bus connecting to ferry terminal at Nth stockton Reverse city rd in the mornings to 2 lanes incoming between 7-9am and again 4-6pm (similar to pacific hwy North Shore)
The old city, East Newcastle, needs to be valued for its particular characteristics and therefore needs to be protected. More attention to be paid to the arts community.
Regional playground
Revitalisation of inner newcastle
The university is key to making Newcastle a smart city. The architecture school should become consultants to the development of the city and the university should become research partners in making Newcastle the smartest and most liveable city in Australia. Take climate change seriously and apply the best knowledge we have to new housing, communication, recycling and energy infrastructure. Take habitat seriously and document our animal populations and their needs - and spread the knowledge around. Look beyond coal and consider remediating the port sites, reinstating the small islands in the Hunter, and creating new waterfront parks and housing on the north side of the river. Take the aboriginal heritage of this place seriously - everyone should know who lived/lives where in the Hunter, what their names were/are, and what their place names were/are. Free public transport, and lots of it.

Survey #1 Q4. What big picture ideas can you identify that you would like considered over the next 10 years?

Develop the port as an import/export port and cruise port destination, encourage the growth of post carbon industries.
preserving city green spaces (as in LONDON) , parklands, foreshore - and not replacing these with concrete spaces
A public transport route into the city that has no traffic lights which has easy access for oldies & disability.
Long term management & planning of cycleways, city layouts & traffic flow.
Efficient public transport for Newcastle & suburbs. A cruise terminal - city side - passengers need to have a better place to disembark. Development of all sporting facilities to increasingly accommodate world class sport & events
Accessibility to the centre of the city. A light rail?! Seriously?! A reason to want to access the city with a dead heart!
Public transport needs to be better integrated, gets cars out of the CBD. Renewal energy, reduce dependence on coal.
Weather shelters honesty
Building a decent indoor concert venue to bring the big acts here instead of the valley.
Shopping Centre in the city area. Health facilities. Employment prospects.
Don't give the motor car any more power. Keep all vehicles out of our parks & gardens.
A cruise ship terminal. A new Entertainment Centre. Better public transport. Finishing the Glendale Transport exchange and fixing flood problems in Wallsend area. More police to the area.
Tourism International quality + size function meeting centres. Airport expansion upgrade? International.
This city is going nowhere while ever Sydney rules. All we get is promises & b/s. We need to be autonomous in our own right. Our local polities weak as they are need to know which side they are on. We put them there, its time they earned the title.
We had good public transport. We have now bad public transport to the city. I hope for great public transport & rail to airport.
Improvement in cultural facilities eg live theatre spaces, improvement in availability of artisan and guild/ craft spaces for community groups
Need to keep pushing for better roads Need to plan for an economy that will not have coal to fall back on
stewart ave,adamstown gates flyover,finish all major road bypasses,charlestown,mayfield airport dual carriageway, UNIVERSITY DR, INDUSTRIAL DR link road,removal of the eyesore steps anzac walk bar beach side,building skate parks in or near all local swimming pools,
A contemporary sculpture walk, park and centre of excellence.
Public transport
Kick starting the city centre (which is already under way) but you cannot forget the outer suburbs which often seem to be forgotten by Council
Moving towards renewable energy, enough with the coal its killing the planet, we need to protect our planet. More outdoor gym equipment would be great.
Get it all together and finalise something
Better facilities for the locals

Survey #1 Q4. What big picture ideas can you identify that you would like considered over the next 10 years?

Build a Park & Ride for CBD workers. Build a huge multistorey carpark - we will pay! Build social assets in the city - make it attractive to go to town. I would love to see people walking around the city - rather than traffic jams & empty footpaths. The city is losing its soul.

The Newcastle airport turn into a huge international and domestic airport, Hunter Street Fully changed and updated, More things to do on Nights Out ,

Newcastle needs to encourage a community of small/medium sized businesses. We need to move away from hoping one big company or project will save the city.

I'm sorry but at age 94 I find the future impossible to imagine. Perhaps some consideration could be given to elderly retirement audiences?

Don't get rid of the smaller shops in Newcastle

Nominate to host major sporting events - Commonwealth Games, big bash cricket; one day cricket internationals. This would require upgrade to a number of sporting venues, including No.1 Sportsground.

Major events in Newcastle Inner City Living Linking of Uni/Hospital to City and Suburbs Link Newcastle to Lake Mac, Glendale etc

Get Councillors and staff to study town planning. A barman must study and pass responsible service of alcohol. A Councillor can be elected in total ignorance of what she/he has to do.

Electric cars in the city and surrounds, more green corridors. Religious places of worship for all faiths. Schools for special needs. University in the city. Free transport between the Junction, Hamilton and Newcastle City. More people using public transport. Housing for low income earners. Housing for the homeless

Fast train to Sydney

Extension of the light rail and ferry services. Build the sensible road system from Kooringang to Hexham as suggested by the people of Stockton. House all our homeless people. Fast trains to Sydney. More local trains e.g Dungog

More shelter at the beach

Newcastle City Council is doing great work to recognise local Aboriginal cultural heritage but can go further with cultural signage, Aboriginal art/sculpture displays. However the number one big picture idea I would like considered is for Newcastle itself to be dual named Muloobinba (place of sea ferns). Newcastle CC should also advocate for a name change of Lake Macquarie given the atrocities carried out by Governor Macquarie.

Selling this as a great place for big organisations to set up business

better public transport

cultural landmarks to attract visitors

continue to address infrastructure maintenance and renewal

Creating a light rail loop in the city centre with radial feeder lines to inner ring suburbs, wind farm on Nobbys Breakwall and establishing a driverless electric car racing series that showcases hunter innovation technologies

Developing Newcastle into a smart city with smart, clean industries is a great idea, combine this with nurturing Newcastle's creative community. Continue to make CBD properties available for use with innovative leasing arrangements. Complete the cycle network to provide people a safe active mode of transport. Encourage urban farming and community food sharing. Encourage environmentally friendly development - green roofs, water tanks etc. Encourage urban forest planting

Enhancement of the city's green spaces, especially along the waterfront, for future generations.

Extend rail to East Lake Macquarie

Survey #1 Q4. What big picture ideas can you identify that you would like considered over the next 10 years?

Make the local government area a city of green villages and suburbs where each one is connected to the next by walking, cycling and public transport facilities. Establish a park and ride/business park at the old Jemina/Shell site that is connected to the city by Light Rail or Rapid Bus Transport. Get cars out of the city centre, without affecting the ease of getting people in and out.

More parking available to workers in the CBD

More public private partnerships, community facilities, stronger consideration of a sense of place (architecture etc.)

Self driving small buses, smart poles, road tolls for petrol & diesel cars and more solar power

Social / cultural and community centres (centres of community, aka vital suburbs - not some mall) away from the now almost inaccessible city centre.

Housing on the river. Solar farms. Manufacturing large scale in the valley.

To be a very sustainable and extremely affordable & accessible place to live in.

To make the city as interactive as possible with good parking services, which should be free, and excellent retail facilities.

Tunnel connection to Stockton

Use rate payer money more efficiently by reducing electricity bills. This can be achieved by Council investing in installing solar pv systems to offset the cost of electricity from the Grid. The total cost per kilowatt hour is now less than grid purchased electricity.

What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

The cost of remediation to Newcastle green space desecrated by the V8 works.

A concrete plan not fluff such as above

Above words is superfluous nonsense

Truthful, honest Council that doesn't live a life of Spin, purely for one's career

No reference to sustainability.

How will the city accommodate its ageing population?

The blurb tells me nothing at all. It is absolute rubbish.

This vision lacks a mention to reducing inequalities so that all Newcastle residents can enjoy their city.

Leisure and sporting pursuits

I don't believe the work being done reflects that statement at all. What is the huge shed with no walls, and hardly any roof, surrounded by double razor wire fencing at Wickham contributing to any of that statement?

No mention of cycle-ways & physical activity promoting good health

Visions are meaningless - actions count

A council that LISTENS to its residents.

Detail, the statement is very flowery, with no distinctive detail of what exactly the vision is or what and where all this vision is going to take place. It's a pull the wool over the eyes statement.

Employment opportunities

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

the vision is great..the practice of implementation doesn't match it..no connected transport, vibrant public places being reduced due to poorly planned, timeliness and integration of light rail supercars etc planned light rail could connect the city, beaches and suburbs such as islington, darby st, junction etc..seems very short sighted.
A decent Council
I don't want to embrace being a new Sydney. I am here because I don't like Sydney and its fragmented community. I also hate the ugly rendered boxes you are approving all over the place and people building these things in their backyards is ludicrous.
Sustainability needs to be included with innovation and creativity.
Attention to being a leader in response to climate change. That's pretty significant!
Where is "protect our heritage"? Not just "celebrate" it. "Smart" is just a bollocks buzzword.
Connected transport is not enough "frequency is the key"
No mention of work and work environments, educational environments
"open and collaborative leadership" should be reworded to include residents opinions and wishes.
All encompassing the Newcastle city area
some ordinary non-weasel words that relate to peoples' actual aspirations
Councillors above petty party politics with the interests of Newcastle above their own personal political ambitions.
i think a work place, such as a city of newcastle, can also be an attractive place or enviroment after workcommitments
Safety
more emphasis on development or re use of neglected sites in the city and on the surrounds.
Less words more action
It sounds nice, but do wonder how committed some are to achieving it
Making it a great harbour city
Ensuring corruption is addressed and rid of
Although it is a great vision, I read it as "Build it and they'll come" The vision is not strong enough to attract people who will come over and make it happen.
Encouragement of business and employment oportunities
At the moment it appears we cannot even adhere to simple things like protecting our natural assets. Look what you have done to the foreshore and Nobbys. No care has been shown to the residents of Newcastle East who are facing unacceptable and potentially deafening noise levels. You are ruining our public spaces. Words mean nothing if your actions are the opposite. You have collaborated appalling with Newcastle East residents.
Practical stuff!
Residents not developers or speculators have made a major contribution to the plan from each Ward. Do not encroach on our Public Parks!
We will make Newcastle a destination of choice which provides a full range of functions and services to attract and retain visitors.We will ensure we deliver our vision in a manner that does not negatively or detrimentally effect the environment and will positively favour change that improves or reduces our impact on the environment.

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

I think we need to have pride in our city and visitors and residents need to see council doing much more to beautify and maintain the city and suburbs I often drive around and see medium strips with weeds as high as small elephants and rubbish littering the sides of bypasses and roundabouts that get no love or attention and graffiti and I think why would a tourist want to come here or come back here. You know you see some city's and they have flower baskets full of blooms on lamp posts and you think how lovely this city must really take pride in itself!
commitment from NCC
sustainable
Sustainability
building a new future.
Protecting natural assets needs to be emphasised. It's all well and good to make motherhood statements like this when they aren't acted upon!
It sounds a bit like non-specific spin. Anything can be claimed to be done in the name of it. No mention of specific assets like post office, art gallery, university. Don't like the last sentence either.
a commitment to achieve results within its financial means without slugging the ratepayer with special rate levies.
No mention of the historical assets (through buildings and neighbourhoods)
I suggest deleting the 'qualifying' words e.g. "We will face the future with" (delete 'we will build resilience'; "We will embrace new residents" (leave out "as an inclusive". .
We will make this a safe place to live and raise our children, and we will provide opportunities for our citizens to thrive economically and socially
Sounds ok but will it be carried out
The actions of the current council need to match its vision statement. Currently, it fails on multiple counts. It does NOT protect natural assets, include the community or foster a culture of care. It has limited and restricted transport networks through removal of parking spaces, endorsement of a gated community enclave during the Newcastle 500, and made Newcastle CBD and Newcastle East a community event unfriendly place. It curtails the rights of elderly or disabled people by allowing them to be trapped in their homes without access to car transport, level pedestrian crossings or delivery of emergency services. The council is NOT open, nor collaborative with local small business or residents when the interests of private corporations and developers are in conflict. The vision statement needs to include a commitment to HONESTY, Integrity and Equity.
A reasonable overall statement but of course the devil is in the detail. What will the look like and how will it feel?
We will maintain intercity connectivity by one mode of transport, enabling tourists and business people easy fast public transport to the capital city of Sydney.
Create opportunities for young people - make Newcastle a desirable place for smart, professional workers of the future.
A leading centre for the arts, culture, food and collaboration.
The "city" does not represent the entire region
Connected cultural institutions (Art Gallery, Civic Theatre & Nc Museum) to create an Arts percent; Uni and TAFE coordination.
Tangible commitment to the vision beyond ever changing local politics
great small venue areas where people can walk around and not have to dodge traffic

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

Places for people to move through our built environment while keeping our existing green spaces. New York city does not build a skyscraper unless they match that with a green space. That should be the minimum that we do in our great city. No link to our Aboriginal forbears and respect for their culture and prior ownership of the land on which live and use.

missing? it's pure amerikan vomit. 'culture of care' what does that even mean? inclusive community- what is that? i don't want my neighbour near me. as houses destroy nature instead of building quality high rises with garden environment might be a beginning.dump the car

What is missing from the vision is a need to focus. Yes transport was mentioned but there was no goal or direction. xxx?

Preserving the wonderful heritage and rich history of newcastle

Foster a culture of care??? Protect our natural assets- the Newcastle City council has just allowed for the chain sawing of a large number of trees in the foreshore area to lay the way for a racetrack to rip through the centre of a residential area. No care was show to the residents of this area and to the people of Newcastle who had the foresight who had the vision to create such a space for the quite enjoyment of everyone.Its all well and good to make up some warm and fuzzy words but its another matter to put this words into action. Unfortunately I have to provide my feedback on this platform as I am unable to gain any meaningful information from the Newcastle City Council who have handed over the East end of Newcastle to the Supercars to do as they please. I would like to see the evidence behind the claims around the economic impact, tourism numbers and television audience numbers that the Newcastle City Council refers to when talking about the benefits of hosting this event. Perhaps if this can be provided it will then be proof of the meaning of the words that are put together for the 2030 Community Strategic Plan.

Newcastle is more than just the CBD, the suburbs must be included in this vision.

I question if it is possible with the culture that is so strong in the Newcastle area

This is a very general statement and could include more

ideas gardening; sustainable systems (Permaculture); maturity; common second language (Esperanto)...

connected public and private transport networks

Reality

How do we pay for this vision?

This statement is almost the opposite of the reality of Council's duplicitous dealings with the community. And whoever created this survey doesn't know basic spelling, particularly the distinction between "it's" and "it's"

Better maintenance of community assets!

Reality of how to stop corrupt rich developers screwing it up for profit.

Sincerity; there are too many cliches and platitudes which mean little but promise much

No mention is there about protecting the history and the novocastrians of many generations over migrants who want to change us. Personal values above the law.

building our city for health outcomes. Dont forget a city is for all people, not just the well off

The terms lifestyle city and vibrant public spaces only apply to oceanside suburbs.Public spaces in the suburbs are outdated and badly maintianed.

Newcastle will no longer accept 2nd best from Government both State and federal nor the University. Near enough can no longer be good enough.

It doesn't reflect a clean and productive natural environment, especially the ocean, creeks and nature reserves

Population size/Demographic vision, Climate, Unemployment, Pollution

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

Protecting our heritage
Cancelling the V8 car race.
respect for our Indigenous people & their culture & respect for our own Aussie culture.
You need to define what you mean by 'city', at present it seems to end at Stewart Ave and Bar Beach. The capability of our leaders to enact it is missing. Connected transport hub has failed already with removal of rail and distinctive built environment also missed the boat, we are looking more and more like sydney every time I go into town. The new uni building is distinctive, unfortunately it is also ugly and will date in no time, possibly has already.
Doesn't say maintain what we have now.
We could celebrate our indigenous history and people. I have had visitors who are interested in Australia's indigenous history.
There is no mention of fostering culture or tourism.
It is implied, but I think it is worth including the specific term 'employment opportunities.'
anymore motherhood statements would be redundant
Stop ignoring us, where are yesterday's promises, eg money from sale of the port of Newcastle.
true consultation and transparency
I just hope the last bit, the leadership of Newcastle, has their head screwed on straight and don't act like children.
Confidence that this will happen!
Some specifics
Achievement of objectives without party political frictions.
by all means embrace like minded people.
Modernising our cbd (the mall) just like the uni is creating great new areas in town. All heritage can be conserved but be done up and become functional...Hunter street is so ugly and it used to be magnificent.
Establishing employment possibilities
This is a motherhood statement. There are many challenges to address now.
Emphasis on improving employment opportunities in the region.
A Council that will make it happen.
Employment opportunities, a city for young people.
Connected transport networks needs to give as much importance to public, cycling and pedestrian routes as to vehicular.
Integrity
much more emphasis on need for green spaces in an increasingly dense residential city
We will maintain "livability" over development
There is no vision or program of maintaining essential services i.e. garbage collection, footpath maintenance and repairs, road repairs, line marking, environmental issues etc.
It is just gobbly goop and of nothing of any value
Bringing the city centre back to life.
build on natural assets

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

Protection of the historic built environment including from new development that overwhelms and overshadows the existing natural and built environment.
Wrecking Foreshore Park is not a good look for an innovative city, especially a sustainable one
Clarity. Vision.
At present this vision is being completely ignored by Council. Parks are being destroyed and businesses penalised because of a 3 day race once a year for 5 years.
To become recognised as valuable city in a broader national context.
looks a good plan.
How we relate to Sydney. And when did we ever have collaborative leadership. Just some leadership with power beyond the city will do.
Its very airy-fairy and can be distorted to mean anything
Nothing about actually encouraging sustainability and targets
Open & collaborative leadership as evidenced by the most recent debacle concerning "the supercars process"
Could be less florid and more to the point. Who will the leaders collaborate with? Just what is 'connected' I guess lots of short transport connections that might connect when lucky but wouldn't a more intensive single trip network be better and quicker and more used? This is not very UNIQUE is it? Just what everyone else is writing full of the same old rhetoric.
need to protect more of our environment and provide parking opportunities or much better public transport as a part of the transport network
What should missing are the words: resilience, innovation, creativity, etc. Corporate gobbledegook. Stop using it. It is meaningless.
encouraging job creation opportunities
Big business
The city is more than the Newcastle CBD and this should apply to the whole LGA
The vision is great, the problem has been in the implementation
Protection of natural assets?
Progress
Transport needs to have a higher priority. Do not just consider Newcastle City - think about all the suburbs heading out in the western areas. Places like Wallsend, Fletcher etc etc . Buses need to be taken off the roads and replaced by rail or at least light rail - THIS SHOULD BE A BIG PRIORITY
Inclusion of a vibrant nightlife
When it's all said and done, more is said than done. Mission Statements, visions, pillars, all that marketing rot gets in the way of getting things done. Get rid of it altogether.
A focus on families in there would be nice
Create welcoming and accessible community facilities that support opportunities for people to meet and connect with one another. this should include updating sporting facilities for the social connection on the community & health benefits.
and be pro-active in applying that innovation and creativity to new solutions to make the city more sustainable.
Investment in infrastructure like waste, sewer, water to regenerate, not just sustain
It's all motherhood statements. I want to weep. What distinctive built environment? It's a terrible hodge-podge. Open leadership? Who in the community knew that council had bid for the Supercars???

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

It's a shame the first line about protecting our natural assets means nothing to Council who are happy to remove Foreshore Park trees for a short-term race that is in the wrong place.

support and encourage volunteers and community groups that work for the greater good and promotion of this vision. Have mechanisms in place to prevent distortion and corruption by vested interests.

Does not touch on issue of employment and everyday living

Transport forethought????

It seems to cover everything.

I think it's too wordy

Reducing the inequalities in social indicators for health

London New York and Paris are all liveable if you have enough cash. Liveable is relative and also meaningless. Smart, Sustainable, Accessible city?

Human right to travel in safety: pushbikes separated from cars. Healthy city not encouraging sedentary habits (cars). Education by permanent signs for healthy, happy safe transport. Not the confusing brainwashing "teachings" of the confusing bike pictures on roads. But NEVER ride close to parked cars (even when bike pictures on roads confuse you). Unseen children can open car doors and push you into traffic. NSW Road Rules 153, 144 & 247 advise to ride the safe way (usually 1.5m away from parked cars). Also never ride where a car will try to squeeze past you too closely in the same lane, this means sometimes you need to take the whole lane. They look like bike lanes, where you should ride your bike. But they are not! Even The Uni active travel pages agree: newcastle.edu.au/activetravel. Pushbike advocates are pushing to remove these confusing, dangerous, and unethical bike pictures. If you get annoyed with pushbikes on the road you are pushbikist and have not yet opened your mind to the 5 critical issues. 1. Traffic congestion is mainly from poorly planned cities without enough public transport and too much urban sprawl. Focus your energy in the right place. 2. Cyclists are not forcing you to overtake them dangerously, by having to cross onto the otherside of the road. Would you walk closely past someone, holding out knives to your sides so one wobble will cut them? see Extra information below 3. Basic Human right to travel in safety please. Cars are more dangerous than you think, 99% of them constantly tailgate, not able to stop if the car in front emergency stops. see Extra information below 4. You have a choice to have a fully covered pedal electric cargo tricycle. You are not forced to drive a car. 5. If an ethical pushbike network of connected safe backstreet shortcuts existed car and bicycles would be separated

alternatives to coal fired power production on a big scale.

An acknowledgement that different age groups have different needs, particularly in employment and accommodation and that planning will reflect this.

What about acknowledging the history of Newcastle.

start doing more now

It is very general and works that are currently underway already don't align with the vision. 3km of tramline doesn't make sense for a connected transport network. 3km of any system isn't enough to support a city. The free bus along Hunter street already doesn't run at capacity. People need to get to and from the suburbs on public transport not along a little corridor in town. I am not filled with faith of Newcastle's growth when such expensive operations get approved. Surely the big city that Novocastrians and all Australians can most relate to is Sydney, and everyone hates it. Why is this? and how are we going to make sure it isn't repeated in Newcastle? Because there is a surge of interest in Newcastle gathering in Sydney and if they all bring their 3 cars and double garages then nothing is going to change. We will also turn into a city of roads with some grass in between.

The vision is grand but state and local govt actions act in conflict with sentiment

I'd like to see a more cycling/walking culture encouraged in the city, by adding to, and improving our cycling/walking paths. It would be great to work towards a car free inner city area.

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?
a current commitment from our Leaders
community group consultation
A curb on high or moderate developments ie. in rail corridor
Specific and measurable goals. Eg 100% renewable electricity by 2030
NCC has a long way to go in achieving this vision. many of our natural assets have recently disappeared so how is that progress? So far none of this seems to be heading in the right direction.
Details as to how all of this will be done.
The reearch has been in decline
But what specifically? It's all warm and fuzzy which is nice - but how will you know if the vision is achieved? Do you realise how many changes in technology will have changed everything in 13 years?
protecting the natural environment
Integrity of the statement
Centre of employment opportunities
Lots of politically correct words, feel good but this needs to be translated into projects and changes which work, not just for appearances.
the vision statement is not on my browser
There is no mention of the business community or the university community, and no mention that we 'host' visitors from outside the NCC area. Also, this Vision is way too long, so that means it is too hard for people to remember and regurgitate to others. It would be so much better if it was simply "Our Vision is that Newcastle will be a great place for people to live and work, and a city visitors can enjoy." That's nice and simple, and the words you have above can still exist as the 'longer' explanation.
Retaining our green spaces and keeping our 'big town' feel.
AN ADMISSION OF MISTAKES MADE AND A WILL TO CORRECT THEM
This is a bunch of motherhood statements. Says nothing. BE specific about some high priority items.
Ensure ALL voices in our community are heard. Employment opportunities?
A short term vision. By the time we get to 2030 we will have forgotten all about 2017. Why can't the vision be for 2022?
Insufficient focus on employment generation
Much more community involvement, far too little at present.
Consultation with community and strong consideration of its opinions
A responsibility from our community to respect all its citizens old and young maintaining a sense of safety and sobriety.
housing, homelessness, personal wealth for all
the current destruction of Newcastle East for a 3 day race
Bit vague and flowery which helps cover more than maybe in reality
saving our natural assets
Very little on environmental impact, reduce power and resource usage - push efficiency and encourage renewable energy and reduce food miles
celebrate our historical areas and embrace change to make our city an example of innovative living city that sets a benchmark in clever and inclusive urban planning

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

Sounds great but have not seen any attempt at vibrant public places or transport networks. Bike lanes are increasingly important as no parking and disjointed transport.
As long as Sydney says so!
Any type of detail at all.
Heritage
It says "will + verb" whereas a Vision must state what is.
Work for the masses.
supporting existing and emerging connected communities
Safety - public places to be safe with people confident of their safety
Greenery
encourage industry
How it will be implemented
this to me is polly speak. It is not specific. It does not specify protection of what we have.
Open and collaborative leadership? I'm not sure what this means as my experience is that there is hardly any consultation (actual consultation, that is, which surely implies that people are listened to and not just presented with a fait accompli thinly disguised by 'fake' meetings, glossy brochures, etc). Fancy words are easy and there's no disputing that this vision is an ambitious but worthy one. Apparently some of our Councillors and council officials, not to mention the NSW government, might do well to read and think about this 'shared vision'.
Program to instil an ongoing pride in our people and environment via not only media but through council. social and charity groups, businesses, churches etc.
Employment
There's no mention of improved employment opportunities, new industries etc. to help keep our kids here once their education is over
The term "Collaborative leadership" has an element of NO CHOICE as well as EXCLUSION (e.g. collaborate or die; or collaboration only occurs between 'leaders'). "Mutual leadership based on Partnerships" is a more inclusive word indicating a top down/bottom up (collective) form of 'shared' leadership.
A pledge that the council is going to stick to it.
Buildings in symmetry to what we now have viewed from the port - keep it all in sync. higher buildings ONLY in West end AND NOT on the old heavy rail corridor
I don't think removing trees and all that goes with the car races protects our natural assets
Better road infrastructure
Shelter from rain and sun in transport stops
it does not mention the vulnerable members of our communityThe newcastle i would like to see in the future would not discriminate.
No mention of environment/climate change
Don't make everything about the CBD
More interactive things to do in the city.
Bikes! Not sure if this is included in the transport networks.
The potential of encouraging more visitors to the area.
transport should be frequent, cheap and fast

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

Preserving the culture of the city, allowing residents to contribute in decision making, healthcare development and support.
Get rid of parking meters in the CBD to encourage people into the city
sustainable development with a planetary focus
safety, homelessness, kids who cannot get a good education - if we could touch on these in our mission we would be the world's most sought after destination - I do realise these are not council functions but either are innovation, immigration, transport spending - the only Council main influence on these last items I mention is to oppose them - as has happened for years. Council talking about collaborative and open leadership is great but while we are labour, liberal or green we carry the similar prejudices like race, religious and homophobic issues that we vow to eliminate. They are similar because the political voting line stops people voting on conscience and see parties who once advance good ideas in say opposition, renege on the commitment once elected. This stops our communal growth.
improve natural environment - increase urban tree cover and improve visual amenity
Funding for the arts
It's a vision, but not very concrete (vague). Most of the goals are admirable
Include importance of State and Federal Governments support to achieve our vision.
we do not own transport or infrastructure at the heart of the city-at any moment the government can take it all from us to feed sydney
City parking
It's just that it is in sharp contrast to quite a lot of what I see happening.
Fostering industries based on advanced technology and alternative energy sources.
outdoor spaces and activities - bike paths, bushland, footpaths, parks, skate parks etc
you need to put in absolute specifics.
Heritage priority. Giving priority to developers who reuse existing buildings. Also missing that the towers in Hunter street destroy what was unique about a potentially historic precinct. Is the vision contradicts itself.
Education and training. Housing affordability. Caring for and catering for the increasing numbers of elderly in our community.
The vision does not entail any concrete ideas or objectives to achieve in order to reach the long term goals. How will this ideology be achieved? It is open to so much interpretation and although conjures up pleasant feelings, I do not see an image of the end result and how it can be maintained. "Strong leadership" is only advantageous when the goals are agreed to be the beneficial ones to aim for. Hitler was a strong leader and look where that ended up?
Firm Direction, too many fluffy words make people skip intent
Encourage development of vacant / underutilised spaces
I don't believe it. We are not protecting our natural assets (just look at the bulldozers in town now!) the new residents will be affluent to be able to afford to live there.
I think you got everything in there
The words are great - but can we follow through? Without state govt support where's the transport?
focus on renewable energy technologies, better cyclist, pedestrian, public transport stats - think Copenhagen, especially in the City/East End of the peninsula. Connection to Sydney via a high speed, limited stops train.
Accountable leadership that responds quickly and efficiently to community needs.
Where is the plan to encourage tourism both locally and internationally. It all sounds a bit vague

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

Commitment to youth, the arts and renewable energy.
Build the city for the people. Make it people friendly
Reference to the preservation of our past cultural heritage and history.
Celebrate our history and protect our heritage
The word sustainable needs to be removed as any changes brings about unsustainability. The city has a poor record of maintaining and restoring examples of our heritage buildings of allowing them to be smothered by modern building destroying the visual appeal of such building. The Heritage bodies and council should hang their heads in shame for what has been allowed to happen in the past 20 years. While requiring the retention of some buildings council and the heritage bodies allow the original heritage to be destroyed by inappropriate modernisation.
Specific goals and and explanation of how these will be achieved.
community understanding and control of developers who want for themselves not for the betterment of the city
Just fancy words without any real meaning!
what is a distinctive built environment? Surely the emphasis should be on open and collaborative decision making not leadership
Attractive place to invest
it's just a dream. Newcastle has been promised this and that for many years and nothing substantial happened
Little point making this more specific. What matters is the plans that are actually put in place and achieved, not more generic words in a vision statement.
Managing pollution including noise pollution, pollution from industry and human waste
Addressing climate change issues
Beauty! Charm! Delight! We can aspire to this. Go further than a dry old "distinctive" built environment. We have too many ugly, uninspiring and cheap buildings approved which do not charm and delight either residents or visitors to Newcastle. They say beauty is subjective but you would find most people would agree that the remaining buildings of old Newcastle are appealing than most new buildings since the 60s. The new University building is not my cup of tea but at least an effort has been made to make it interesting. The Law courts are also not too bad. The ex Tax Office and Telstra buildings on the other hand... or the whole block on King Street from Auckland Street to Union Street... depressing.
Authenticity!
Doesn't say anything to attract people to Newcastle
No vision shown in question (I'm on an iPad)
support successful organisations
Vision statements are a fuzzy waste
the population need to feel part of this vision which will require a release of old ideas and embracing the new
100% renewable energy
I think instead of new residents we need to embrace those with cultural or other differences to the perceived norm. We also need to look as we become a more compact city how do we deal with things like ensuring peoples quality of life (such as taking pets with them) need to be addressed
The statement is too wordy
It says nothing about the place & role of our Indigenous history & residents

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?
Encourage creativity? The next time an inner-city dickhead makes a noise complaint we'll see how much NCC encourages creativity.
Hopefully some of these visions are attempted.
Lack of community input
It's all fluffy stuff
I feel there is something missing but I'm not sure what. One thing that strikes me is that I'm missing a venue/activity/event where everyone's "Newcastleness" can come together and be celebrated
Bike paths, better architecture
That we seek the ongoing views and concerns of the community and that these are valued as the shared owners of the community. There is no mention of our indigenous heritage as a bases for moving forward
Emphasis on environmental sustainability
Actual preserving of our uniqueness sacrificed to developer interest
Meaningful words! Too much jargon. Read Don Watson
Support all people regardless of their background and income
revitalize our old heritage buildings
Greening our environment to maximize our health
Transition to more sustainable lifestyle - less waste, renewable energy
Meaningful work
Far too long!
Height restrictions on apartments would be a good start
sustainability. We face the biggest threat to our resilience and planning for Newcastle does not acknowledge proactive action required. It needs to be explicit. I know visions are very big picture, by definition but with 'protection of natural assets' we will result in another plan without explicit planning for the future which protects the city.
Protect natural assets not happening with building being built on rail corridor. High rise planned will detract. And as we have seen can. Dangerous if a fire were to break out. Race cars encourage bad behaviour. If it made that much money Homebush would still have it.
A smart and sustainable city needs to be a lot higher density than Newcastle. Increasing the number of residents in the inner city is key.
Reuse and recycling of old buildings
Acknowledging our pre- and settlement history both cultural and physical. Connection to our region.
Infrastructure needs to keep pace with population not become congested and dysfunctional.
Growing jobs by promoting its assets to large companies and through tourism both nationally and internationally - maybe?
more consultation
Effective integrated public transport appeared to be lacking in the plan, heritage issues were poorly addressed, open space could be better, renewable energy structures needed to be developed.
It's all just a bit fluffy, it really doesn't say anything. It's smoke & mirrors

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

Build affordable housing for new arrivals and people on a low income, set up welcoming places for migrants, have a proper citizen information centre, have safe meeting places for groups of people eg women, unemployed people, address homelessness by opening refuges and welcoming places with basic services such as food, showering, medical services.
respect for heritage built environment, e.g. height limits
Be at the forefront in sustainable energy capture and use; decrease reliance on coal activity.
The promise to actually deliver it!
preserving green space and community space
be a leader in renewable energy, encourage reducing waste, e.g. city wide ban on plastic bags
Thinking bigger and outside the usual squares.
Rather uncharted waters! We will only know when the problems arise. Analysis of actions in other cities is essential.
Needs to include a goal of extending/improving the natural environment, not just protecting it.
Council is not following vision
Encourage and nurture a healthier population
A train line
The reality is not what is in the vision
brevity.
The words are great. Actions speak louder.
What about something about creating more jobs and economically viable city
Being leaders in renewable energy, clean technology and environmental sustainability
We will preserve our historical landmarks and further enhance our many attractions
Protecting the most vulnerable members of our community. Recognising and addressing the difficulties that many of our residents face.
i think there should be a commitment to preserving our heritage and cultural assets (buildings, indigenous heritage etc) not just natural assets
The city masters do not protect our natural assets.
There is no detail; no timeline
Some of our assets are not necessarily natural. There is a need to retain buildings and sites of significant heritage value.
lack of detail
Rework the document from subjective view. to an objective view
The phrase "...regardless of politics, personalities and external influences..."
We already have a distinctive built environment
A sense of highlighting our unique attributes, both those inherent to our environment and possibly those we may decide to create.
only if it will be FOLLOWED by council and define Natural assets and other key wording
Newcastle has already undergone major change and has already reinvented itself. Please remove the reference to 'building resilience'! Add something along the lines of 'creating a place where we are all proud to belong and where we can all contribute, and are responsible for the growth, innovation and creativity of our unique city'.

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

Parking
As long as we do foster culture of care
Needs to focus on providing maximum return for limited resources. A lot of things are nice to do, and a current fad, but don't benefit the majority of ratepayers who provide the funds.
The need to give priority to other transport methods than private motor vehicles
Bringing outside the city in
it should mention fostering equality for all residents.
Jobs and affordable living for residents and rate payers that already live here
Pretty good. Just do it tastefully.
Realities. The way things are going now none of the above objectives are going to be reached expect perhaps a large community of refugees and drugie homeless. The public transport system will still not work unless new attitudes are in place, after all look at the closure of the Newcastle train station, before a responsible replacement was thought of. Perhaps thinking and planning before acting would be better.
Perhaps a statement about the arts or family values
Equity must be included in our ideas of having a culture of care, and fostering inclusive communities. It's not a great lifestyle city if it's only for the rich and mobile. I'm guessing resilience is a nod to climate change; hopefully this is also included in innovation, transport, built environment, etc.
Maybe we can acknowledge our first peoples.
Our history, historic buildings! I was DEVASTED when I saw the TPI house building demolished to make way for some new fancy building. I totally support the university move in the city-it is essential part of the city revival- but I felt at the very least the facade could have been maintained. We are capitalising on our history for tourism. (have a look at Fremantle.. amazing historic walk)
Local input, none in Newcastle wants trams down Hunter st. We have a rail corridor that is now being sold to profit the state, not Newcastle. We can all see it.
specific mention of community GENERATED vision, i.e., not just community used as an adjective but as genuine, ground-up generation of places etc.
Recognition of what's important to current residents. Specifics about 'how' and at what cost aspirations will be achieved.
Helping under privileged
Transformation of historic buildings - Post Office into a community space like the old police station
health
A vision for improving residential (suburban) neighbours should be included. Local community facilities and walkable and bike friendly infrastructure should be prioritised.
Specifics about what the "natural assets" are, is it just coal?
Provide opportunity and infrastructure for a healthy lifestyle, as well as infrastructure for our youth
This isn't a proper vision!! You only want the rich in the city so how can you say you want to foster a culture of care? You are extremely contradictory Newcastle Council!! You have & continue to ruin Newcastle :-(
Supports accessible, reliable and frequent public transport which will progressively replace over reliance on single vehicle transport with sole occupant as driver
making council completely independent of party politics

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?

Smart transport with easy access to the beach areas now that the trains have been taken from us. You have not even extended the tram to Parnell Place! Have signed to indemnify supercars from compensation for damages to property or the health of East enders.
Growing and self-sustaining
details
where does the money for all these nice feeling things come from? number one, improve the local economy. Then you will have money to spend on caring etc
support small business, support alternative lifestyles, bush walking, clean water, supporting womens birth, supporting mental health
we want to be a clean and affordable city, too
restoring historic buildings like the post office
An uncorrupt council for the people and not for themselves
Spend our money wisely eg: Newcastle Ocean baths rather than spending double the money on restoration if not viable rebuild with modern materials in the same design so that the icon is there for the future and not continually needing major repairs
self sustaining (not relying on Sydney)
shared experience and planning for inclusion of people within events that celebrate the history and progress of Newcastle
Execution is missing. So far, the only positive changes in Newcastle are due to State Gov taking charge, Council has done very little to make Newcastle a 'smart, liveable and sustainable' city. I have no connection to council and am not engaged.
Newcastle needs to be not only an destination for tourists but a city where you would want to live and learn and put down roots
It is all too generalistic and jargonistic.
Education and business
Resilience in the face of future challenges is not a specific enough statement on how the Newcastle 2030 vision intends to address sustainability - if this is a core value then it should be articulated as part of the vision. Acknowledging climate change and addressing it through specific actions at a policy level - built in to the city vision - is what I would like to see.
its empty rhetoric - I don't believe a word of it from THIS current council but these are what I consider vital for Newcastle
Consulted & thoughtful solutions - sustainable & sensible use of finances
Dredge Throsby Creek
Our natural assets being the coal that was under our city has been shipped over seas and this has caused Newcastle a lot of problems with subsidence. We have to keep working to fix drainage & building troubles that this has caused.
Whilst not turning into a rat race like Sydney with traffic congestion - no parking. Parking that costs a fortune NOT making the city a "High Rise" Jungle. Must have good roads to cope with all the new traffic.
Specific goals and timeframes. General motherhood twaddle. Indistinct generalisations when specifics that are measurable should be key.
Not much. I just hope the vision is not just an idle promise. This city is big enough to 1. go on our own and 2. demand a bigger slice of the monies earned here.
Old, disabled, young, impaired need to be taken care of.

Survey #1 Q7: What, if anything, is missing from the vision?
Foster cultural community activities
Prepare our community for a future without coal
ICAC...would be a good place to start...you need to build trust, something you have managed to destroy since honeysuckle began
Embrace and celebrate our First Nations people and heritage
Remembering my previous comments, include ALL suburbs, not just those closest to the City Centre - those living on the outskirts of Newcastle often seem to be invisible / forgotten.
Renewable energy to protect the environment
Good luck and good management - all bases seem covered well done. As people age they tend to dislike change. Your sales pitch to the up and comers.
Too many big buildings spoiling the view
we should promote & celebrate our natural assets - not just protect them. We need to mention employment & jobs. Without this our city is nothing but old retirees. Innovation & creativity is great for entrepreneurs but for everyone else we just want JOBS!
Sport and health
Highlight diversity of culture and ethnicity Work towards our goal lead representatives chosen by the people for the people Open minded in all areas Respect our History Safe
What we have recently seen as "progress" makes this vision look like meaningless nonsense. Never before seen and not likely (Open and Collaborative)
Boarding Houses or some kind of housing for the very public homeless people living at bus stops. Toilets that are attractive and plentiful in city. Bike paths in city. Use of historic buildings such as the old P.O. which is becoming dilapidated.
An acknowledgement of our rich Aboriginal cultural heritage and history.
Place for big business
A retainment of our historical city whilst in keeping with innovation, and accomodation of all people, not just residents.
catering for children and youth, supporting them through education and having great employment opportunities to keep our clever kids in Newcastle.
Development of staff and leadership roles
Do not find Newcastle inclusive at all
equality and access to oppotunities for all
Let's do better than protect our natural assets, I'd like to see us enhance and celebrate them
we can't really be one community. Just like most sydneysiders never visit the city centre. We should support the multicentric communities across the whole of Newcastle. The built environment sounds like lots of stuff in the centre and not much for 90% of the population.

Tell us your ideas on transport networks

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They are very important but I doubt the present council is capable of achieving any of it. They have demonstrated a complete disregard for the wishes of Newcastle citizens so why bother doing this survey?

Ensure that it is connected to the rest of the country - expand the airport, provide faster trains to Sydney

Encourage use of our cycleways by hosting cycleway events, random prizes days etc

And the public shaming of the Council who voted for a private company to destroy a beautiful park. There is no sustainable vision of this Council. This purely spin and distraction

consultation with a variety of users and integration of their comments.

Build some car parks on the edge of the city. People do not want to commute for an hour before they get to the city centre, when they only live 15-20mins drive away

We need more rail, especially a line from the city to the airports

Engage and collaborate with experts and users.

Buses: Information on the bus routes should be made available at bus stops, not just the final destination of the bus. A roundabout or alternative solution for safe traffic in the intersection of Fern St and Beaumont St.

Light rail: A future where Islington and Mayfield are connected to Wickham via light rail would be ideal.
Walking: Better-lit pavements, speed bumps on neighbourhood areas, a campaign to stop drivers from blocking the pavement for pedestrians.

Need more and efficient public transport, plain and simple

Keep up the excellent work on bike paths, I commute now because of the fantastic work that's been done - but I would like to see an emphasis on cycling as transport, not leisure. Taking out the train was a massive disaster. We need a much bigger light rail with connections to huge free secure parking to replace it.

This is a really challenging proposal as it involves multiple levels of government - by encouraging the population to convince our representatives that long term goals and investment in the future are essential to the success of the City is needed if not integral to the City's future. Without this, it's short term gain/long term loss, and we are already seeing this.

I'm concerned about safety at the end of the train line, after witnessing the change to Beaumont Street, Hamilton currently. I'm concerned that the light rail & 'development' as opposed to public space takes precedence. Provision of parking is also a major concern.

Help the State Government finish the light rail project. Get behind the light rail. Kill off negative talk about heavy rail and rail corridors - 30 years of debate and argument is long enough to put this behind us.

Increase safety for cyclists, decrease congestion by increasing usable and reliable public transportation.

Light rail on the original heavy rail corridor, not down Hunter Street, a very moronic decision by greedy self centred people, light rail to Belmont, Wallsend on the original tram route. Light rail to Williamtown Airport, Cycle way from Adamstown to the beaches, not incorporated on the main roads.

Light rail up Hunter street is dumb

Extending the light rail.

Improve the PR image of public transport. The current system has some really good aspects but people don't use it due to an image problem.

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Newcastle has the perfect climate and topography for cycling as a key mode of transport. It isn't due to the lack of cycleways and unsafe behaviour of drivers in this city. Work on creating cycleways that follow, but are not on major roads and construct barriers to ensure only local car traffic uses these routes. In addition, ensure connectivity and ease of use eg crossing across busy roads that don't take a long time to trigger etc.

Better timing around removal of rail, time lag in starting light rail. 40 min bus between Hamilton and the city. Connecting the city. Including beaches, Darby st, The Junction, Hamilton and Islington. Move people around the city

Scrub this stupid idea of putting light rail up Hunter St. Sheer stupidity turning our foreshore over to racing cars. Build much more car parking facilities.

Yes but we still need parking for people with a disability and their carers. I am a mum of a special needs kid so can't be far from my car in case i get a call. Public transport is out of the question. It's hard enough for someone like me to hold down a job while dealing with these issues but with no parking you are making things sooooo much worse.

Direct rail link to the Newcastle Airport, via Stockton and then under the harbour to the interchange at Wickham.

Everything about the rail-line cut has been disappointing. Just make it the most pleasant / least time-wasting interchange possible. That is all you can do now. When the Uni building opens ... AAAH!

I think you have missed the boat (or actually the train) on this with the severing of the rail line from Civic.

Buses, light rail and trains need to be frequent - if they are frequent people will use them - 1 hour apart is a massive disincentive.

There needs to be Newcastle-wide intergration of public transport. Services need to come every 15 minutes to be used. There needs to be an emphasis on cars and parking because families are not going to do the week's shopping on a bus or bicycle

Listen to the public not the state government

start with PLANNING an integrated network strategy that acknowledge Newcastle includes much of the lower Hunter and Lake Macquarie and dream big for this region. Discourage urban sprawl with its insatiable appetite for car travel. Give us a decent, fair dinkum light rail system that does not crowd our main thoroughfare but uses already available corridors. Trust people to use lines.

Working together to ensure decisions relating to all of the above a controlled and made in Newcastle, not out of touch Sydney.

why do we use such big buses all day, every day. Can we use smaller buses, such as 24 people carriers, sometimes during the day, or night, or weekends, I have been on a bus with only 3-4 people on it, for a short run into town. Do we need to use such large buses every day or every trip?

extension of light rail and heavy rail connections to the airport

more cycleways that connect as opposed to family friendly rides

Expand proposed light rail network. Faster connectivity to Sydney

Timetables that are collaborative ie. you disembark from a train and light rail or a bus will leave in a reasonable time period. Smaller trains or buses leaving more often and covering more areas. My biggest source of annoyance is the red arrow at traffic lights when good, clear vision shows there is no oncoming traffic. Of course, just as the traffic arrives they are stopped by the red light while I turn the corner. More parking stations spread around the city. They don't have to be ugly boxes.

Get rid of noisy diesel buses - use electric buses. Open up Hunter street to be like the 60's and 70's - vibrant and welcoming rather than daggy and hippy. Get rid of the ugly car park in King st. Set up park and rides on the outskirts of the city for students and workers. Drop this stupid idea of a car race in the streets - move that to Bathurst as a permanent race track

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Stop so many Hamilton rail (110) buses travelling together down Hunter St. Also don't privatise the transport system.
You had a direct train line into the city. Now you have to hop on and off multiple transport types adding time and inconvenience. I really don't know as you have gone backwards already and really don't care about the residents outside of the city.
Plenty of vehicle parking at Wickham interchange.
Better bike paths. Preserve the old CBD rail line as continuous cycleway instead of the broken cycleway proposed in a recent state government plan. If the cycleway is fractured with cyclists having to change from Hunter to King Sts on non-dedicated cycleways it won't work.
The light rail as proposed is a huge waste of money. A stream of buses would work more effectively as well as being much more cost effective. Cycle ways must be separated from motor vehicles. A fast rail to Sydney is needed.
Please don't totally forget about cars, parking, roads. Public transport is very important and there is a great need, however, given the area of Newcastle, cars are still a valuable and necessary means of transport.
increased housing density around 'transport hubs' to allow a move away from vehicular transport
Run the light rail up the rail corridor. More cycleways and footpaths. The light rail is no good if there is not good connectivity to the outer suburbs.
Light rail to the west Work with adjoining councils on extending cycleways to take advantage of the whole area
Not enough room for cycles and auto on our narrow roads. Council should be involved with parking in CBD. Supercars are extremely disruptive to CBD
A fast train connection with Sydney. The light rail network extended into the suburbs.
Hard to say when there is no plan available for the future infrastructure for the tram network.
Well for a start I think Newcastle needs to apply for more state and federal funding for our road network. Newcastle traffic congestion is getting progressively worse with long delays for commuters. Our road system is prehistoric and we need funding to make major improvements.
Push the State/Federal Government for Grant funding to create separated cycleways. You will get more women onto the cycleway network as a result. Provide lockable bike storage around the LGA. Continue to work closely with the Newcastle cycleways movement. Use funding to drive the Richmondvale Rail Trail project. Once the shortland to Tarro section is complete the momentum to continue to Cessnock will grow.
commitment by successive Councils
Put the light rail on the corridor
Use vacant land adjacent to railway lines for network of bicycle routes. Modify traffic in some neighbourhood roads from 2-way to 1-way with bike routes using other lane. Instead of light rail, set up round trip route of electric buses from the transport interchange, running up Hunter St to the coast, part King Edward Park, to Strzlecki Lookout, along Merewether Beach and return via Darby St back down King St to the transport interchange. Much less capital costs, larger route coverage with greater flexibility.
Have secure push bike parking
park and ride facilities into city centre
Put the light rail on the corridor. Extend it to the suburbs. Create a bus system based on park and ride. Create bike lanes that are useful and don't zig zag in and out of streets and lanes.

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Light railway extended out of the city in various directions to the suburbs. Weather protection shelters at rail stops so people don't get wet or attacked. Well lit public areas. Footpaths kept in good order to prevent trip hazards. Clear indicators where solo pedestrians can find help if required.
Establish a realistic and achievable goal and collectively work towards the desired result
Where do we park when we wish to connect to rail - either into city or travel to Sydney?
a cheap integrated model is required. all inner city public transport should be free as it is in Melbourne and to a degree in Brisbane.
Cycle safe network would be a good start.
Provide a transport network that links the entire local government area to places that attract high volumes of both workers and customers - such as major hospitals and all university campus.
The best outcome would have been to maintain the railway or at least have the light rail on the rail corridor as the impact on the traffic and parking in the city as it is now proposed (on Hunter Street) will impact not only the city but also the nearby residential areas which are already under huge pressure in regard to parking.
I like the examples of 'hub and spoke' that I have seen overseas - especially those that link e.g. bus/light rail with bicycles; ferries with buses etc.
Allow for bike space on public transport to enable us to bring in bikes from outer suburbs. Allow pets on public transport to enable citizens to visit the city whilst bringing their pet for a walk. Bike parking stations near public transport. Reduce pricing for public transport. Provide more hire bike stations
Express bus lanes from outlying suburbs during peak hours. Restrict cars for 1 hour in either peak hour per day
Placing barricades around a residential peninsula during a car race is in direct conflict to "connecting" a city. Restricting and removing car parking, does not connect or integrate a city. Allowing private businesses to reshape the city (light rail and Supercars) shows lack of leadership and vision.
Put the light rail on the corridor. Do not put it on Hunter street. Encourage people to use timetables and plan their travel. This is vital to those who will use public transport. I cannot say how we can work together because there is - I believe - strong community preference for rail on the corridor and this has been made very clear, but the Council persists in running the rail in Hunter street. How can community collaborate in the face of government / council ignoring our voice?
Build or improve the speed of major public transport links to Sydney and other surrounding Cities. Create effective usable bicycle and walking paths that are well connected and safe.
Encourage residents to take part in surveys
By utilising the existing rail corridor for the light rail, it will save millions of dollars that could be used elsewhere, and it wouldn't mean choking Hunter St.
Fast trains to Sydney linking into new interchange. Extend the light rail.
Expand light rail to key nearby suburbs as a matter of urgency, make all public transport bike friendly, community bike hubs
my ideas would not even get a second look from the decision makers
Start building proper bike paths in the city, with concrete meridians that separate bike lanes from car lanes. This is best practice, and will get more people biking because it will be actually safe. Halt the building of light rail on Hunter street and put it on the old heavy rail line; have the light rail line connect from Broadmeadow to the JHH (Wickham interchange is a stupid location). Save remedial costs of the pollutants on the heavy rail line and moving light rail to the old heavy rail line is better for Hunter Street businesses and pedestrians and drivers, and is at least \$100K cheaper. Do not privatise transport. Get public transport working with the CSIRO and the engineering departments at Uni on energy efficiency.

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Don't place the light rail down Hunter Street, and extend it beyond the pathetically few kilometers planned to make it an effective public transport mode which is connected to key hubs of community activity and walking, cycling and other public transport services/modes

The flat areas could have circulating buses like Newcastle through Mayfield along University Drive, down blue gum Rd back along Newcastle Rd. Newcastle along Tudor St past JHH up Charlestown Rd and back down Pacific Hwy and Darby Street. I'm making this up but you get the idea. Set routes that capture the inner city areas, come along every 15 - 30 minutes particularly between 6am and 9am, and 4pm and 7pm. For \$2 - \$3 people can get to the city, and back out again without taking forever on those convoluted bus routes that exist now.

Reduce the number of different modes of transport required for any single trip. The railway moving may have been necessary in some eyes but replacing it with nothing presently except buses and requiring an exchange at Hamilton is simply unacceptable. It appears that the work on the light rail will be disrupted with the aspiration of running a motor race through the city streets. Again madness that lacks respect of what others have achieved for residents and visitors to the centre of town: Foreshore Park, Kind Edward Park, Parnell Park, Pacific Park all remain under threat by other interests that seek to subjugate them to merely of secondary interest. Such parkland is needed for humans to have a healthy and vibrant lifestyle. Build an electric vehicle infrastructure now in Newcastle. It can be done with vision for a smart city as well.

build a city for people not cars like cars driving-polluting driving through the mall idiotic typical retarded thinking no more shopping centres. a blight of transport congestion

Seamless transport ticketing Cruise Terminal

Better cycle ways, those lanes painted on the road are ridiculous. End of trip facilities in the city centre would be good too

Park and ride facility.

Eventually expand light rail to include beach areas.

Timetables that link. Least amount of changes in transport modes and routes that aren't too circuitous.

Do it right. But make decisions which do not take forever

NCC should not have removed Queens Wharf bridge - pedestrians and cyclist still have to cross two roads. That the rail was blocking access to the harbour was irrelevant - there ARE STILL roads in the way.

Work towards a light rail system to mirror that which was removed when the tramway system was removed in the 1950's

Elect a responsive council and set realistic targets that can be achieved

Extend the tram network to all suburbs and close more roads to cars. Encourage public transport, cycling, walking to pick up the kids from school, and reward the use of mopeds, scooters and small vehicles with low tax and registration, use park and ride, car pooling, and a PR company to do a huge campaign.

Improved, more frequent, fuel efficient public transport options, e.g. more light rail & buses connecting suburbs and the city via major landmarks and tourist facilities. These must provide timetables that encourage their use through increased services and services with efficient timetables.

The trains should never have been stopped at Hamilton. The lack of an integrated public system has caused enormous problems for the inner city and will continue to do so until someone really looks at all of the problems and does something about replacing public transport in this city. I really despair at the lack of understanding about what is happening to this beautiful city. Sydney is in the process of neutering itself...if we are not careful we will do the same.

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Easy transport to John Hunter and better - the Royal Newcastle centre. (long long walk from the bus stop at JHH - well sick or injured people hate it) We need a hospital loop shuttle: Mater, John Hunter, Belmont, hospitals joining all major shopping centres and railway stations in between - lean on this Keolis Downer lot to provide. Ferry to this ever so ugly and hated, despised and stupid transport interchange place at Wickham. Train or bus to airport from many places - not just city.

Public transport is the domain of the state government. NCC should advise them of the need for express services synchronised to work times of large employers eg John Hunter Hospital, and the need for reasonable proceed park and ride facilities.

A bus route along Stewart avenue, up Glebe road down King Street in a loop every 5-10 minutes. It could link up with a similar feeder loops using Brunner Rd, Glebe road, and Stewart avenue and back through Broadmeadow. Perhaps a series of these loops extending out to hospital & uni campus. Park and ride on a more local scale. Problems? Yes, where to park, but you asked for ideas...

This question fails to involve the most important form of transport when you live in Newcastle - the car. If you need to attend kids sport, the hospital, friends or relatives, etc etc you need a car in Newcastle. What you should be asking is how far do you travel each week and how important is it that you do that travel in a timely manner. All government employees of a decision making capacity, regardless of where they live should not be allowed to use a vehicle to get to and from work nor attend meetings outside of that workplace by any means other than public transport, bike or foot. You seem to have no idea where the majority of workers in the city live. Many of them 40k+ away. When it takes 45mins to get from Maryville to broadmeadow on public transport you must be kidding yourselves. You would need to spend \$100B to create an effective transport network in the Newcastle Region because of the distance people have to travel. It would then be prohibitively expensive to run because we have 1/15th population of a city like Sydney. So lets get real and fix the biggest issue the City has had for 25years by building some car-parks in appropriate locations.

Reinstate and expand heavy rail (as previously noted)

Have public votes on major transport issues and allow the majority rules principal.

Expand light rail to include University, beaches and Maitland.

If I can't get on a bus or train (would prefer train) and get into top of town without having to change vehicles then i will never bother. Having to get on and off transport in a town this size is ludicrous and a decision only men would make. Try shopping or lugging kids on and off a few buses in the rain or heat and see what you think. No one had the capacity to rethink the timetables when we had the chance ie trains, and that opportunity has been lost. Nothing in town is attractive enough to get me on public transport.

I live at Fletcher and the buses do not run regularly enough for me to consider using

More direct faster public transport. A big drawback of Newcastle is the beach and working harbour and I feel a direct transport system connection as in say a circle route from the city to the beaches and Darby st would work.

I don't know what you mean by a transport network that encourages energy and resource efficiency. If you mean no parking in the city then I do not see it as important. If you are going to support the light rail then it must have a network developed that takes it to the Uni at Shortland, the John Hunter and Mater hospitals and the MacDonald Jones stadium. Otherwise don't go ahead with it and just use direct buses. More parking for short term stays in the city.

provide car parking outside city centre and double public transport and cycle access and facilities

A central park/ride/cycle area to service critical parking shortages at John Hunter, Mater, Uni, CBDs. Possibilities may include a re-mediated section of Chatham Road/Clyde Street Hamilton North, former Gully Line property opposite Brett Street Georgetown, or the Showground. Embrace proposal of Newcastle Cycleways movement to connect existing sections of off-road and on-road cycleways, and develop new ones. Low-hanging fruit could include building on the most welcome few hundred metres of asphalt, widening cycle shoulder on Industrial Drive east of Tourle St, by rehabilitating the northern cycle/pedestrian path on the bridge across the railway near Selwyn Street Tighes Hill.

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Removing the rail corridor means that transport has to be carried on existing remaining corridors, east to west we had Honeysuckle, the Railway, Hunter St and King St, how is having 25% less better?

expand light rail to include Nobby's Merewether Callaghan and the Airport at Williamtown. Utilise existing transport corridors and forget about the speculators' matchbox home units. The CBD should be more than a dormitory. Attract big retailers back to the city and stop the shopping drain to Charlestown and Kotara. Make adequate car parking arrangements and get rid of Supercars.

Run buses later into the night. Create more green cycle lanes on the roads. Have more international flights out of Williamtown Airport. Focus more funding onto smaller suburbs. If more job opportunities, shopping centres, recreational areas, schools, cafes, restaurants and bars are closer to where people actually live, people would not need to travel as far reducing congestion and encourage using bikes, walking or buses because it is very convenient instead of having to catch two buses that take an hour and a half from Wallsend to Merewether, take one bus that takes 10 min that is direct. Use Paris as an example.

not the mish mash hodge podge proposed with access to top of town restricted to light rail.

Experts like Kelios Downer should be able to come up with the best strategy. Extended light rail service and better bus links.

Placing bike trails away from roads. The rail corridor closure was promoted as being a green space for the community. It seems the plan to use this space as a bike trail is no longer an option as developers take hold! To get families out and about and to leave cars behind safe tracks need to be an option. Very energy efficient too as well as great for your health!

Make all roads in the city area one lane each way allowing for the light rail to go through further but also removing the lane changing issues which cause bottlenecks. Providing incentives for visitors and locals to use the public transport (possibly make it free for 6-12 months whilst at the same time increasing parking fees). When more people use the available transport it is easier to maintain and safer to use.

A proper transport interchange Not the stupid & ridiculous Wickham excuse for an interchange All transport should run from the old Newcastle Railway Station with multi level access for buses & trams/light rail (and access to harbour ferries) to connect with trains not a whistle stop that the council & state government has been stupid enough to build at Wickham It has just moved the rail station with not enough parking or access Park & ride from Hexham using fast ferries & buses would reduce the need to take cars into Newcastle as it would reduce the traffic on Maitland road

The best form of transport is city to city which is what we used to have before NEWCASTLE to SYDNEY. If you were to use the existing rail corridor for the trams it would be an improvement.

Keep the rail corridor for public transport. It would be great if there was easy and efficient transport by rail from Warabrook Station to the City Campus, for example. The bus option just adds to road congestion.

As city density increases, there is a need to change people's mindsets to using public transport/cycling. But it requires improved public transport.

Sorry, no constructive ideas, but I'd love to see it happen.

Light rail to Wallsend via Mater and Uni

We see from the Fernleigh track that relatively safe, non-road cycling routes are popular. A network of connected such routes would encourage cycling, not just recreational but for commuting and other reasons for getting about. Often in some suburbs one sees a mother pushing a pram along a street, passing parked cars, because there's no suitable footpath. This is wrong. Pedestrians should be catered for as well as cars (!). If at all feasible public transport around the city should be free, to encourage use because of cost and convenience.

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There should be a strong focus on independent rail networks. The existing road network will clog as population increases and a focus on buses or light rail on the existing roads will not suffice. There should be a focus on efficiency as well as well connected and convenient. We need to plan the future growth of outer suburbs and learn from Sydneys mistakes. That is ensure the city can grow with independent rail arteries.

Plan for the future. Look ahead. Take the cars off the roads

Various organisations and groups that are making decisions should work together, to achieve best outcomes for the city and its community. It's somewhat piecemeal right now. Transparency from decision makers: this develops trust, that's sadly lacking at the present time. Currently, vested interests seem to be making decisions 'behind the scenes'.

Encourage the use of electric bikes which can flow with vehicle traffic.

Frequent, regular services that are safe and clean. Walking/cycling pathways need to be safe and well-lit. Public transport is not always an option, so please don't focus solely on public transport as a solution to parking and traffic issues.

Expand light rail along the beaches and to key nodes such as the District Park precinct.

Get rid of the buses that have replaced the trains, they are crowded and uncomfortable, often too full to jump on. Bring back rail service

Safety training and policing for cyclists and drivers (of all vehicles.)

Integrated and well connected light rail Invest in bike ways and bike education

Rail back on the corridor buses supporting the rail system effectively as can be seen in this link: <http://www.miltoncaine.com/transport/>

Free car parking needs to be maintained in the city. Removing parking will not force people to use public transport or bikes, it will just cause avoidance or parking havoc.

While the transport problem (caused by a myopic state government) is going to be difficult to overcome (now with development of the university opening in the city) there must more emphasis on public transport.

Look at the demographics, assess their needs and plan accordingly. (Why do all buses terminate in a dead city centre)

Preserve the existing rail corridor for the future transport options. Use it for the light rail to Newcastle station.

restore train to previous corridor - stop restricting Hunter St with ridiculous tram. We need proper light rail network, not short one in current planning. Also faster train to Sydney.

LEAVE THE FREE BUS SERVICE FROM GORDON AVE TO NEWCASTLE. DO NOT REMOVE ITif you do there will not be enough parking in Newcastle....for cars.....Plus people may not even come to town

The city needs to educate the general population so a paradigm shift in the attitude to the use of public transport. At present public transport is the option of last resort. The reliance on private transport needs to end. The Council should strongly lobby the State Government for vastly improved direct fast train services to Sydney. The buses need to be revamped, the routes changed, the size of the buses needs to be altered to reflect the number of passengers they carry and the frequency of services increased to encourage usage.

As the NSW government will not replace the rail line into the city, it is imperative that the light rail goes down the present corridor. The Hunter St route will cause both traffic and parking congestion

Don't have to wait an hour for a bus that doesn't arrive, that using public transport to get around doesn't waste half the day, free wifi on public transport so can work, less Street furniture to many unnecessary speed bumps not good for sick/pained person

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all of the above, but please stop destroying some of our past beautiful treasures like buildings and trees. we need it all.

At present public transport is used by the young without a license and the poor. The rest of us use a car because the transport system is hopeless.

I'm not an expert. I do hope you have the right 'experts'.

We need to provide the services and advertise them properly. Increase the frequency of buses on many routes. Eg I live on the Hill and no buses run there after 5.45 pm which is ridiculous as it is an inner city service. There is no advertising of services and even timetables at the stops are incomprehensible sometimes or absent. At present car parks have been slashed due to V8 work but I am not aware of an advertising campaign for increased bus services or info to public of routes.

Upgrade community resources & spaces in outer suburbs. Actively challenge cbd centric focus of council & business groups

I would like convenient to actually be more important than connected as connected is allowing you to make a total mish mash. Who's energy is being encouraged? Last one is misleading.

we need better public transport options in the Newcastle & Lake Macquarie areas. We also need parking stations in the hub of Newcastle as not everyone can get suitable public transport at present

Put the train line back in again. Sure, the property developers got what they wanted but in the future Newcastle will regret removing it. Imagine Sydney without a train line from Parramatta to Central.....

As i said earlier - Park & Ride. Direct bus routes. More ferry stops e.g. Wickham, Honeysuckle, Carington.

Think big and spend for the future generations rather than immediate gratification for the few.

Adopt the Cyclesafe network proposal

Open planning process unlike what has happened with the removal of the rail line where reports have been kept hidden from the public. Decisions made based on transport needs and with local input - not from Sydney.

transport needs to also allow the transport of bikes , surfboards etc to the city centre.

Develop more cycle paths, Sort out the mess at Adamstown rail crossing

A light rail system from Newcastle City out to the western suburbs of Wallsend, Fletcher and Minmi. This is where the future growth areas are

Stop talking about it and putting out surveys like this to "engage" with the community and get something done. Save the ratepayers some money and get rid of the survey department. Stop trying to please everyone, you are the elected council, and the employees under them, you have been given the trust of the Newcastle LGA so get something done. Yes, you will upset some people. Yes, the usual minority groups trumpeted by the Newcastle Herald are going to protest (all 60 of them). Yes, some people will actually like what you are doing but none of this matters. You are the elected council and I implore you do do something while you have the chance.

End of trip facilities needed in more locations. Honeysuckle traffic is a mess at 5 pm every day. This may get better once carparks removed (ppl will be forced to find alternate transport), but where will the cars be displaced to? We need to encourage cycling, and safe cycle links to the foreshore through the city. End of trip facilities (showers, dry bike lock rooms) will encourage more cyclists. Current rent-a-bike facilities are lacking and far too expensive. Need more commuter carparking at places such as Broadmeadow and Wickham. Better bus facilities (udnercover stops, with real time info).

Better connectedness of the University with the city, more direct cycle routes that are marked and separated from the road, more direct buses, trams with limited stops, maintenance of main roads which are shared with bikes - especially at King Street/Brown Street

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Provide more parking. Make sure that every new apartment building provides sufficient parking for their residents - at least two car parks per apartment.

I believe it is already happening, but tapping into cities that are world renowned in succeeding in these categories

Park & Ride Service. Free trams in the inner city, to keep excess cars out (like the current free bus system actually does really well) Even more cycleways Smoother road surfaces for bikes - try riding down King St near McDonalds. The cracks and line markings are so dangerous someone will fall under a car one day.

Finance the cycle network plan

keep the transport corridor for that purpose and extend light and/or heavy rail to the beaches. cannot underestimate the socio-economic value of having a single route and means of transport to the beach. it would be a worldwide attraction... great opportunity for Newcastle was lost by removing heavy rail especially for tourism but also for locals... it should have been extended instead right into the foreshore park..and to provide an efficient link with the ferries and increasing population/development on the northern side of the harbour..Stockton Fern Bay, RAAF development etc all the way up to Nelson Bay. Make sure people with common sense, not developers and career "public servants", are guiding these policies.

We need more public transport options and integrated transport networks.

As stated - Woodville Junction should have been the cities transport hub. With light rail connections similar to currently being developed, but originating at Woodville Junction. Buses radiating from this hub to hospitals, sports centres, shopping centres, outer suburbs. The so called "Newcastle Train" should originate in Maitland with Woodville Junction being second / third stop. There is acres of free ground at Woodville Junction to explore all these opportunities? Our planners DID NOT give much thought to future transport growth?

Buses are all wrong. The mostly useless tram system that is going in needs to be extended, quickly, to where people live.

Fast train to Sydney Network of cycleways linking all suburbs

Dedicated network of commuter cycle paths separated from traffic by barriers.

Stop cars being used in as many roads as possible. 30km/hr speed limits in local roads. To make cycling and walking a viable option for people by 2030 means separated bike lanes on every road (people are too scared to ride on streets where people speed at 60km/hr in local 50km/hr zones) So speed humps, and narrowing streets will be needed to slow all cars by the design of the road (not by police enforcing the speed limit) and local street must be 30km/hr. Any higher speed limit will fail. Basic human right to travel in safety and not put others in danger. We can be more happy with a transition to an ethical World's best practice city planning and transport: Clean, healthy, safe communities with safer energy that creates jobs: Stop creating danger to others (only dangerous vehicles need rego; prams and pushbikes do not)! Faster main roads for cars, more buses/trains (screen time and active transport), better pushbike shortcut paths. Pleases everyone, so we can stop the fighting of motorists vs cyclists vs public transport user. Need to start talking about the elephant in the room, the whole system. No silver bullet on one small part of the problem. More dense cities (affordable housing) are faster (spread out suburbs are inefficient and get people addicted to cars) and cost benefit ratios for pushbike paths show increase in society health and increase in business/shops near them. Train transport through the bush linking up higher density cities. Stop urban sprawl causing social isolation and wasted travel time and making housing unaffordable (Costs quarter million dollars of taxpayers money for infrastructure for new housing developments (road, water, sewage, phone/NBN, electricity etc) If you are unhappy cycling, then you are doing it wrong. (Get electric assist tricycles with trailers if you have to. Pushbiking is as easy as walking, choose the easy gears and build up your leg strength). Don't wait for automated robot cars to stop cars tailgati

Dedicated bike paths away from traffic. Install a bike path / walking track across flood plains from Fletcher to Hexham

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Cycleways that are protected from traffic and connected to each other and public transport.
minmi rd is now a highway and is getting busier at peak times it resembles a car park, a light rail out that way could certainly help ease traffic congestion
Clean reliable safe transport options.
I think this is THE most important thing in the growth of Newcastle. All other forms of development will organically grow from the successful operation of these things. People don't like Sydney because of the roads. People love Melbourne because of the public transport and ease of which you can get around. Because this is done with trams however is irrelevant, we need to resist such a generic understanding.
cancel light rail and retain bus to top of town.
Parking areas to leave cars, and use public transport, cycle or walk
Talk to the users! Don't assume...
clearly defined cycle areas, frail and elderly are wary of walking, especially at boardwalk areas
You must have this already with all the consultants involved in this project
Free public transport to encourage use despite limitations Proper separate bike lanes that are safe for beginners and not in the way of parked car doors Incentives to buy electric cars (free parking, access to bus lanes etc)
Work more with its residents instead of the developers
Present traffic networks must be fully understood and anyone involved with future planning MUST be personally familiar with ALL of the Newcastle and surrounding areas traffic movements and usage and requirements. ANY planning should NOT be given to outsiders who do not have personal knowledge from long periods of usage and requirements of this area. Also do not use any planner that has only arty farty ideas and no practicality. Most importantly, use only persons with COMMON SENSE.
Don't give in to the car lobby and whinging about the unavailability of car parks. Make cars with one person in them (except disabled and delivery) the last thing people think of rather than the first.
Need to connect cycleways and provide separate footpaths. Put the rail line back in all the way to newcastle and provide gates for walking traffic. Increase the frequency of trains
Providing linked services that connect transport hubs in and out of the city. Transport needs to be able to be accessed by all easily regardless of whether they are able bodies or in need of living aids.
Adamstown gate car bridge. Delays on that road are significant when coal trains come through.
Transport needs to work across suburbs, not just focus on heading to the city. This involves timetables and more creative routes. Why would you take public transport when it takes so much longer than private? We seem to be stuck in the past. Free public transport as it operates now on the city bus route should continue, takes pressure off parking and makes it more feasible to go to the city. Extension of the light rail is crucial, it must be more available other than to the city and fares must be fair.
Let me tell you a single example of how NCC is NOT going to achieve this! The East-West Cycleway is about to be severed at Jesmond. The new road behind the JHH will cut the cycleway at Jesmond and cyclists/walkers will have to walk across 8 lanes of traffic at traffic lights. An overhead bridge would mean that users can enjoy that east-west route. I am not a cyclist, however I can see a fundamental failure in severing this route. With a bridge, cyclists and walkers can travel from Nobbys to Wallsend and Glendale.
Shorter or more direct bus routes that don't take 45 minutes to get places that by car only take 15. (people will change buses if they need to). More than one 'bus depot' so that people can change buses easily as needs be. Dedicated bus lanes to assist with getting buses there faster than cars.
Light rail should follow the old rail corridor, keep transport in public hands, protect corridors such as Jesmond park for cycleways and make the city more pedestrian friendly.

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The tram is a waste of money and will be a stranded set in the future. It should be extended to make a viable asset into the future.

Use of 'hubs' for public transport. More public transport - bus routes and number of services. Improved cycleways, especially building connections between existing cycleways. Improved road-use options for cyclists. Awareness campaigns for drivers to build skills on sharing road with cyclists. Promotion of 'ride to work', 'walk to school' initiatives. Run pilot programs that aim to increase the use of public transport and/or bikes and/or walking.

Consider more parking stations for the city. Currently all the new apartment blocks have limited parking and at night the people in the units without car parking come into the city and take all the spaces until the morning. This doesn't allow for night visitors to our city.

Stop the political retorique and embrace the expertise others offer. Ideas must be progressed for the benefit of all not individual suburbs

Words are cheap, over the past few years the community has seen and heard a lot of Council rhetoric with numerous back-peddalling and DA amendments, the community do not believe or trust the Council at all. Too many within Council have their own agenda, rather than what is best for Newcastle. Newcastle Council and its administration, rightly or wrongly, are reputed by the community to be politically motivated more so than the overall welfare of the community and Newcastle's best interest.

Use what we already have and build on it, rather than removing and starting something new.

Put the tram down the old rail corridor provide parking on city outskirts, fast bus into city

Build the infrastructure like hospitals, schools, sport complexes where the transport is. Forget cycleways and walking until you perfect walking and cycling on water. Autonomous electric vehicles are a key focus. The transport must be a regional and state activity. Ncle can not stand alone. Transport must be volume visitor orientated

Using the rail corridor for light rail would stop obstruction of Hunter St. City had a sustainable and competent transport when trains ran to Ncle station.

dedicated cycling routes that are separated from vehicle traffic, they are dedicated cycle routes, or follow train lines, or are physically separated from traffic with barriers. On these routes cyclists have right of way, or traffic light etc provide for safe crossings. Bike parking provided - basic things to encourage cycling includes ramps off footpaths so kids can learn to cycle. Current tram line seems to be a waste of money - will increase congestion and doesn't go anywhere - either cancel tram or make it a network that loops though town - Darby street, Glebe Road, Beaumont, Bruncker, entertainment centre etc Parking - No one shops in the mall because you can't park - head to Kotara or Charlestown instead. Either great cycling / Public transport access to beaches etc or increase / maintain parking at these centres.

we need a speed rail to Sydney and Brisbane. comprehensive light rail system that crosses the urban area and enhances the existing rail system. an enlarged ferry service that acts as transport and as a tourism activity. bike and foot paths along our creeks - make them features of beauty to the city reduce cars dependence

The proposed light rail doesn't go anywhere! The area is already covered by a free bus so I can't see the point. If it connected to the University or hospital or airport it would make more sense.

We need better public transport to and from the outer suburbs. Make it quicker to get to the city via public transport and people will use it. Culture change in Newcastle - most people just conditioned to use their cars, not public transport. Make cycle ways safer.

Improve the roads within Newcastle CBD. Introduce better road and street signs. Better pedestrian access and improvement on the integration between vehicles and public transport.

Listen to your ratepayers regarding their requirements not being dictated to by Sydney govsn.

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Newcastle has several excellent dedicated cycleways. It would be good for these cycleways to be connected with safe dedicated shared paths plus additional paths to integrated the city with rural and suburban hinterland

Public transport needs to be efficient and actually go somewhere. Newcastle has always had a lackluster bus service which lead to a "drive everywhere" mentality. A new public service system is essential along with a reeducation program to entice people to use it. Sadly, over the years, catching public transport has been 'handed down' to those in the lower socioeconomic system, further discouraging other members of the public to use it. Buses, trains and light rail need to integrate effortlessly with forethought as to where they can lead in the decades to come (especially light rail). A featured ring-road from Hamilton, through the west end to the top end of the city, to enticing coastal spots (Nobbys, Newcastle, Bar, Mereweather beaches) and return, would be a good place to start. A jump on - jump off system.

The best example of a connected city in Australia would be Canberra with the interlinked roads cycleways and parks. Soon to have the same with its own light rail.

Newcastle has an opportunity to think of key areas as hubs for transport such as: the inner city, Newcastle West, Darby st/Cooks Hill, Beaumont st/Hamilton, Kotara, Wallsend.

Efficient public transport Express buses from city to university Protected and safe bikeways

The use of the former railway land for the proposed light rail was ignored by State government. I believe that the majority of the Newcastle and surrounding area population desired this. That was ignored. What point is there in suggesting anything?

Bring back rail. Journey time increased with team. Keep free city transport. Listen to residents.

The State and the Council must work together using best available technical knowledge. This knowledge is available and is not used, in fact present 2016/17 decisions fly in the face of this best knowledge. Decisions and even modes of consultation are made on the opinions of a few bureaucrats and politicians. There is no place for such "opinions".

More business working in the city to generate and stimulate the economy.

we have wide streets and wide footpaths - we need to invest in supporting safe and efficient cycleways and footpaths for everyday use not just recreational use. The current bike ways are unsafe and confusing (ie the ones that are painted lines that if you cycled within you're probably going to be within 1m of a car and therefore illegal

Provision of more services to encourage bicycle use - paths, safe hitching points, more hire bikes, transport "buses" for bikes and riders to assist transport from out of town.

More cycle paths that are well signed.

It should be mandatory when purchasing a bicycle that a test be taken on the road rules as I see more than my fair share of cycles on footpaths

More coordinated bus services aimed at minimising travel times - attelite suburban services linking to a major transport arteries.

Extension to light rail (to realistic options such Broadmeadow, Mayfield or Kotara) Improved cycle ways and shared paths - missing link through Hamilton North and Islington

Consult with people and act on this, not like the rail debacle.

Extended tram network and cycleways should be complemented by adequate roads and parking. Energy efficiency and minimal pollution would enhance the city

Use existing rail corridors to connect Fernleigh cycle way to city. Provide safe separated cycle lanes. Run light rail down the existing rail corridor. Smaller more frequent buses. More car parking.

More clarity on the light rail, and how it connects with buses etc would be helpful.

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Sometimes pedestrians and cyclists are not a good mix. Maybe consideration of separate paths where possible. I think it's frustrating and dangerous for cyclists as well pedestrians young and old when they have to dodge each other frequently.

Reduced use of cars in the city, introduce shared bike networks check out the top ten smart cities in Europe.

will the tram be build further than wickham?

Faster transport from the west corridor (Fletcher etc) to the city.

Frequent trains, buses and ferries to connect village hubs. Light rail similar to Melbourne.

Put the light rail down the old rail corridor and stop XXXXXXXXXXXX when you sell public land.

This is very city-centric, little meaning for those in suburbs who want better, uncongested roads.

just plan with as few changes of transport as possible between points. OR very very easy changes for old people

An upgrade of suburban Foot paths to Share pathways, to encourage the use of bikes in a safe environment. A public transport system with 2 or 3 services per hour at optimum times. Real time tracking of transport options any where in the city.

Easy access from suburb to suburb... not everyone want to go into city. Then let people know how easy it is to get from one suburb to another without the car. Have free travel days for locals to explore how easy their public transport is. For families make travel for children free.

Extend the tram into the suburbs of Newcastle maybe even eventually towards the airport and McDonald Jones stadium would be great. And also extending it around to Newcastle beach along Shortland esplanade and down watt street.

Don't forget bike sharing options please

More visible bus terminals/interchanges. What about utilising the ferries on the harbour more? Put ferry stops at more locations on the harbour, e.g. The pilots station, Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, Carrington.

Expand existing cycleways which at this stage lack connectivity without having to travel on dangerous city roads. Encourage extension of light rail to the Shortland Campus of the University

access to the beach and sydney in a reasonable timeframe for a start. Hunter street is dead and it is the historical most beautiful part of the city. what a disgrace

Get a plan going to extend the light rail to encourage getting out of the car. Make it easier and safer to cycle to work, by being able to get your bike on public transport and make it cheap and efficient. Encourage businesses to adopt a flexible work roster where possible to allow for less traffic during peak times

Avoid sacrificing existing parking. Try not to replace rail no one uses with another form of rail that will likely cost more per trip. Consult the community. Ensure the public transport that exists keep to the timetable.

Parking is a huge problem, public transport is not responsive to peoples' needs. there is a lack of commuter carparks on the outskirts of the city where people could park and ride into the CBD I don't believe the light rail will achieve anything because it is not linked to anywhere else.

Stop squabbling.

Ignore the negatives and pursue the positive

Need much better transport options for outlying parts of city. Inner suburbs seem to do okay, but it gets more difficult the further out you go, making driving a much better choice for many. This leads to more built up traffic heading into Newcastle of a work day. Dark streets in winter make it feel unsafe to catch a bus home after work. Need better and affordable parking for workers in and around the CBD.

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More walks and cycle ways. What we have is great but more needed. Doing a great job with improving what we have eg Newcastle to Merewether along coast. Also it would be great if light rail could be extended to the beach. Walkways and restaurants/cafes along old train line.

Services should synchronise. Services should be time-efficient (many of the current bus routes are more like a tourist grand tour).

I cycle and am currently holidaying and cycling in Austria, Spain and Germany. They easily cater for cycles and cars in larger cities (Salzburg, Barcelona, Berlin) and there is no danger as less cars are on the road producing lower speeds around cities in my opinion. Sure things change in peak hour and the ratbag races past once in a while. Public transport that is supported / utilised will lower pollution, accident damage and costs and road and parking maintenance costs. The recent council transport expansion plan is amazing and if done in collaboration with Lake Macquarie to say Swansea would see Swansea boom. This could be done by utilising the Fernleigh track corridor

facilitate cycling and walking (and education around this) extend light rail once established to connect other suburbs

We need more cycleways and shared pathways, and better (or in fact, some) cycle lanes on major roads (because these are few and far between). We need networks of cycle ways leading into the city. The Fernleigh track is great, but what about other areas e.g. Newcastle Road, Lambton Road and further out? Buses should run every 1/2 hour where they now run hourly, and every 15 minutes where they now run 1/2 hourly. The fares should be cheaper (perhaps \$1 per ride). More car sharing should be available for those who need them (the elderly, those with caring responsibilities including mothers and fathers with young children)

Parking in the city is becoming increasing a problem. public transport needs to be provided to give a viable option to driving. It needs to be easy, and frequency of services need to be available. If you catch public transport into an event in the city there needs to be a public transport option to get home after events even on Sundays

listen to the needs of the people - don't push unpractical solutions for the sake of the state government
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Safer bike networks, celebrate this way of travel. Advocate for better public transport to airport and Sydney as a way to bring people in and support movement.

Among many people there is a strong resistance to using public transport, irrespective of its convenience. One way of changing this is to provide extensive park & ride points, similar to the one that used to exist for John Hunter hospital. This needs to be extended to train stations eg develop parking at Wickham station so people can park there and catch the train into the CBD. Once such a system is established the cost of parking could be substantially increased as a disincentive to drive into the CBD, something like the London congestion zone.

Newcastle has a long way to go on this. I don't use a bus, it only comes once an hour and is often cancelled. I used to be a keen cyclist but no longer, shared paths are too busy and. my only way out of my suburb is either Industrial Drive or Maitland Rd. Both are lacking in consistent cycle ways. I could walk to the new Wickham station, I like walking, but again Industrial drive has no footpaths. Really shocking planning

Attention to public transport and cycle and pedestrian networks in approval of any new DAs (residential or non); Council planning for road widths and maintenance that allow cycle and pedestrian transport.

Light rail needs to be integrated and extended - not just a small add on. Bus only lanes or priority where possible. Bike paths that are off road and lead to another bike path (not suddnely end into traffic), continue with increase of pedestrian walking tracks in urban and bush settings.

Think about all ideas put forward and positively respond to them. e.g. a submission on transport I sent the Lord Mayor received no reply. This does not give me confidence in those making decisions.

Not just connecting the CBD but between other areas of Newcastle without going to CBD and links to other cities through airport or fast rail to Sydney

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Newcastle already had a well integrated bus taxi ferry train network. It's being dismantled in the interests of massive population increase driven by migration (457,000) in year 2015/16.
Retaining public ownership. Real consultation in development. More cross linking of services and integration.
I know it's already happened, but it would have been good to have had the light rail up and running before the train line was demolished. I am concerned about the congestion that may occur down Hunter St once the light rail network is established.
The train system needs to be sped up. It is so slow for world standards, more people would use it if it was faster. I don't feel very well qualified to answer other methods of improvement but I do believe that a greater network of smaller buses could achieve a good outcome rather than using large empty buses on established routes that tend to take a very long time to get from A to B, further discouraging potential users thereof.
Cheaper public transport that runs to hubs where people can easily park a car and then ride into the city. Transport that runs later at night so people have a cheap alternative to get home when it is late.
Scrap the rail and go for environmentally friendly buses
Better town planning to take into account a population up to 2050, including reserving land use for future projects. Eg good planning of original inner city bypass drafted 60 plus years ago. Bad examples sandgate road, minmi road, carnley ave etc
The community has to realise it is 'us' who will pay for it
Essential to link places of high patronage. eg Shopping centres, hospitals
As an older person I struggle getting on and off public transport. Instead of being able to get on one train, which I can step easily on to, I now have to get on and off train and bus or bus and bus, It is easier and safer for me to drive but all the parking is going.
Plan for people. Consider human scale. Put people first I.e. pedestrian prioritization and comfort/safety
Safe, connected cycleways. Fast, regular buses.
Study how Singapore does this - transport hubs located within shopping centres which have high rise apartments on top of the commercial spaces. Buses, taxis, trains all network efficiently and cheaply. Study how Copenhagen encourages cycling especially for trips up to 5 km from homes. Make it cyclist friendly in Newcastle; there is far too much reliance on cars here.
Get rid of the big buses. Use smaller buses on more localised routes which can run more frequently. Tie bus, train and light rail timetables together to make public transport more efficient
Electronic bus timetable/sign- which are the next three buses coming along with the times, something like at the train stations. The paper timetables are not accurate or helpful. Seamless transport into the East end of the city from the outer suburbs.
1. An extended rail system out to the Newcastle airport and the outer reaches of the lower hunter area. 2. A full conversion to electric public transportation run on 100% renewable energy. 3. Free internet wifi on public transport. 4. A pick-up/drop-off anywhere electric bike service.
Resist privatisation of public transport assets. More dedicated cycle lanes. Encourage motorists to adopt the 'Dutch reach' when exiting vehicles. Push for more bicycle storage on train services.
Bring back the train
Build cycleways to everywhere. Especially to schools. Get the state to build secure bike parking at train stations. Plan bus routes that go directly to important places instead of wandering all over the place. Make driving to the CBD unattractive and expensive. Put the tram back in the rail corridor.
It is rather too late to say anything meaningful as the basic plan has been pushed upon us without consultation, listening or an overall connected policy. Networks have been destroyed and unwanted infrastructure has been placed in ways that have been objected to by a massive public outcry.

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Getting people out of their cars. Create initiatives to have people cycle, walk, take public transit to get to where they want to and have to go.

Use the rail corridor for the train line, build over the line like they did in chatswood. Don't wreck hunter street. Include bike paths that run separately to the roads

Build transport hub - perhaps in Hamilton North where there is available land at the old gasworks.

Previously covered in my comments

Link dedicated cycle paths between Broadmeadow and Throsby Ck, also between Turton Rd and Hamilton/Hamilton South/Bar Beach

Newcastle needs more transport hubs, with more direct and more regular services shuttling between these. Currently buses run around once an hour only to many destinations, and the routes they take are circuitous and long-winded. Waiting and journey times are excessive. The popular view is that there is no advantage in using public transport and that it exists only to service those too hopeless to own or drive a car. This is in stark contrast to cities with well-connected and well-managed transport systems, where it is not necessary or desirable for every household to own one or more cars. The decreasing availability of parking in the CBD is another reason we need to develop a working public transport system. If public transport is efficient, reliable and convenient people will use it. in Newcastle it is none of these things currently.

have consultative meetings devoid of developers to gain the feeling of the people. these would not be decision making but concept for the council to consider if potentially viable

Make better cycle ways and encourage their use.

by being innovative rather than responding to existing development interests as has been seen in the existing and proposed development of eg the honeysuckle area

Build the Jesmond by pass from John Hunter Hospital with a flyover of the current roundabout. Plan and build cycle ways that are physically separated from vehicle traffic. Build a transport interchange that is not landlocked from expansion like Wickham is. Park and ride at Broadmeadow, Wallsend, Kotara & Adamstown.

Convenient public transport must have increased frequency together with seamless transition between types.

More bike paths. Free community shuttle buses for elderly & dlsabled.

Use the rail corridor for light rail and cycle ways. Extend light rail to airport and other suburbs.

Cycle routes need to be separated in high traffic zones. Cycleways need to be connected and end of ride storage offered. Other transport nodes need to be properly integrated, the Busways design adopted by Brisbane is very effective, although there was high objections to putting a bus stop in the hospital, once installed it was hugely beneficial. Transport between Lake Macquarie and Newcastle needs to be more efficient, perhaps a busways like, design could be considered.

Don't sell the rail corridor - it is an important public transport corridor. Newcastle Council and its people should have more say on the production of a city-wide integrated public transport and cycle plan - which is fueled by solar and renewable energy asap. More car free spaces would be great.

Your questions seem to be very idealistic beyond the capacity of council to deliver

Use existing public transport corridor. Extend light rail to all suburbs in spoke pattern with crosslinks. Build 'park and ride' facilities in outer suburbs. Take back privatised facilities so we can cross subsidise public transport for our caring community.

You need to establish measures of this now so that you can identify if it is becoming more or less connected. Although council does not control all of the transport aspects evidence will assist lobbying. A good traffic model for the lga would help inform decision making

make the decisions required and commence work.

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In the first instance retain the light rail on the heavy rail corridor, and then establish a circular one-way road direction for Hunter and King Streets.

Do not create public transport which requires multiple carrier changes to undertake trips or everyone will just use their cars. Do NOT make the public transport such that cars use is crippled.

Integrated timetabling. Make public transport the transport option of choice by investing in appropriate options for our geography and demographics. Stop making planning and investment decisions that will keep cars as the transport option of choice for most people.

I would hope people would use more public transport but that is not going to happen until people ditch the car and can rely on regular, reliable bus transport.

Covered walkways so you can walk in rain. Reduce car parking on street and use space for dedicated bicycle lanes with physical barrier to cars. Explore car free areas.

Some integrated bike networks, such as the one that was to go out the vineyards. Being able to get into the city by train with a bike would be good. The bike ride around to Throsby Creek and the foreshore is great but it is not as easy to get to Kotara.

Undertake studies such as "A day in the life of: a commuter, a tourist, a service user, a pedestrian etc" (See the work George Savvides did as CEO of Sigma) to get better pictures of how what we have does or doesn't work, so plans are better made in the future.

The tram is great, but let's plan beyond this. It needs to be extended and turned into a city loop.

Regular trains and buses. Bike paths. Bike parking.

Extend the use of the light rail

A connection to university, hospital and airport are crucial to future transport plans.

Talk to the community and engage and listen. At present it's all top secret nonsense. This stinks if XXXXXXXXXXXX

Foster community groups e.g. Bicycle NSW to allow input of ideas. Have someone of a focus group within the council to achieve this

Underground train network. Squeezing it into hunter street will further limit parking and access for people.

A light rail down the existing rail corridor instead of the world's slowest most expensive and shortest poorly connected running down the main thoroughfare. Try considering actual community input instead of just corporate and developers

Bus routes are inefficient, buses too infrequent, connections are near-absent. Only if Newcastle city takes ownership of state buses can local needs be addressed. Begin with spoke and hub design. Eg Fletcher to Wallsend every 15 minutes; meeting Wallsend to Broadmeadow express service

Public transport needs to be affordable reliable and convenient and fast to encourage people to use it. I have made a suggestion of a transport hub in wallsend that commuters from the west could drive to then catch buses into the city running every 10 min in peak times and 1/2 hourly at other times. Needs connectivity between outer council areas such as lake mac and Maitland port Stephens as these communities commute to the city for work and pleasure. It takes me 20 min to drive but min 45 min on bus. More direct route options would encourage me to bus it instead of car

One example, if I want to go into the city from Wallsend by public transport it takes an hour. If I drive it takes half the time. All buses still use petrol. We need green transport ...trams, light rail, a network of connected public transport so people can travel quickly to places across Newcastle ie. Wallsend to Charlestown.

No cars in the city (centre) - really good public transport (may help utilisation of light rail - although electric buses would be better/more flexible). Would need good parking on the outskirts

Ensure the light rail actually goes where it is needed

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light rail ASAP, safe cycle ways connecting city and Bathers way with suburbs

Maximum use of renewable energy. Future transport and associated structure should use as much renewable energy as possible e.g. solar power for signage, shelters, etc

Trains, buses and light rail need to run frequently and have timetables to allow the modes to support each other. Walking and bike hire areas to allow easy access to foreshore and beach areas to compliment transport

I live in Newcastle east, Parking is increasingly problematic. So excellent public transport and quality connected cycle paths are vital links into this area especially with thousand more units being built here.

People will not use the light rail at the top of town It goes nowhere! Move the people from the University into town, Belmont into town John Hunter into town. Come down the by- pass. Bring it from BROADMEADOW UP PAST THE RACECOURSE up Parkway ave. If people still have to get in their cars to get to the light rail it will fail.

Bicycles, pedestrians & public transport given priority over cars in CBD. Adequate free parking around outer CBD. More off road cycle ways for better safety.

Assist residents to make choices to ride/ walk to range venues including work/ school Infrastructure that encourages behaviour ie shady, small scaled not only wide concrete fast bike lanes Public transport that delivers customer expectations - currently challenging with user behaviour, timetables, cost

open and transparent decision making which accounts for power differences between stakeholders and ensures that local community are empowered to influence decisions through a deliberative democracy approach.

Cheap public services that encourage people to use them. They need to run regularly so it only takes 20 minutes instead of one hour to get to work. Make parking more expensive in town. More routes up hills

Encourage more people not move into the city, encourage more Company HQs in Newcastle. Educate that high-density living is actually better for the environment and infrastructure.

Bicycle paths to be connected. The inner part of Newcastle is ideal for cycle (as history has shown) so improve this. Light rail along rail corridor. Rail to airport. Little ferries on harbour eg Carrington to Queens wharf via Honeysuckle. Widen arterial roads eg Kooragang and to Port Stephens; to Warners Bay/ Booth Drive to Cardiff. Park & ride. Extend light rail to key locations. Improve train services to Sydney. Develop airport with direct links to other cities in Australia.

Running the light rail on Hunter Street is counterproductive, it will interfere with all of the other transport options that currently use that corridor and add to congestion. The existing heavy rail corridor should be used for some of the transport solution. If isn't for rail it should offer an uninterrupted, direct, path for pedestrian, human powered, cycle and/or low impact last mile type transport. This should be wide, safe and as user-friendly as possible to encourage its use.

We can work together by stop listening to the whinging minority for a start - just move on. A cycle way network as has been proposed would be fantastic. Also, hopefully when the light rail is up and running we will see more of a transport hub and then expansion of the light rail

The light rail proposals could be extended to bring people to the beach and foreshore.access to improved parking facilities outside the city itself at railway stations to facilitate use of public transport and encourage people to move the cars out of the city centre. Improving the frequency and reliability of trains and interconnections of rail, light rail and buses would improve public use of available transport.A new parking station in the city would encourage those who need to use cars to actually park off street. More effective policing and fines etc might help to clear foreshore and parks of unsightly rows of workers vehicles which currently obscure the views and ensure that tourists cannot find a space to stop and enjoy the beauty of the environs.

The lightrail running such a short distance is ridiculous and expensive not really achieving a workable system

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Improve number and frequency of public transport options. Install light rail along existing rail line, leave Hunter and King Sts alone

fight for reasonable fed and state funds to achieve these goals.

have more transport to access all areas of Newcastle and its suburbs

Put the light rail along the existing rail corridor

Bike paths separate from the road not as a part of the road.

Having bus stops with electronic board indicating when the next bus is coming as I have seen in other countries.

increase frequency of buses and trains, have more than one interchange so that residents can easily travel between suburbs

Remove the giant buses that take up all the space once light rail is established and ensure they terminate at Wickham

Public transport needs to be high frequency (15 mins) and extended into the very early morning.

Light Rail to University, Airport, Bicycles to be allowed on light rail, park an ride facility established

Cycling and walking infrastructure is key.

It all comes down to money.

Invest in train line to existing station. Put it upbin the air if you need to.

Demand an effective (quick and safe) bus system from LMCC and across the LGA. Work with LMCC to develop an effective, safe cycleway into Newcastle. Give walking and cycling the number one priority when developing & maintaining road / footpath infrastructure.

Effective change management and community engagement

Recently the Newcastle herald published some planned maps for an extended light rail network. things like that are very very exciting for Newcastle. If we can extend things like the light rail to the university or even potentially to kotara and Charlestown we are certainly working towards something great. Cycle-ways have improved greatly but there are still plenty of no go areas for cyclists, it seems to be largely confined to areas of leisurely bike rides. It's hard for example to ride your bike from the university to the city. (Something to think about there)

Connectivity should include encouraging electric vehicle uptake through installing electric charging networks and encouraging park and rid facilities with shuttle buses or electric bikes

i would like to see a lot more connection between buses and trains - more effort to have buses take people TO the railway station rather than have the bus run alongside the railway line. It might also be better to have somewhere like the gully line be the place where all bus routes cross so that provided you had a bus going up and down that road from Hanbury st to Northcott drive you could get from anywhere to anywhere, WITHOUT having to go to the CBD to change buses.

I haven't really believed in removing the train network into the city. Not due to stopping progress and in fact quite the opposite. I feel that with the current influx of development in this area only to continue to increase, I think that the demand for this kind of travel will only increase tenfold. I do however think that opening the rail network in its previous form could've been done to make it easier and less expensive even if it did mean to replace it in its current space with light rail. That way, the connection between harbour and business would've remained and we would've still been able to have a green space around it. We also definitely need cycleways to connect with the western suburbs.

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Expanding public transport links to increase frequency and convenience of public transport as a viable alternative to motor vehicles, particularly to university areas and large employers (such as hospitals) that require arrival and departure times earlier or later than 9-5. Possibly utilising smaller, more energy efficient buses. Continue with improvements to cycleways including lighting for earlier/later travel. Investigate the possibility of integrated electric bus/tram network links across the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie areas.

Newcastle is not a geographically huge area there is no reason what transport should be as disjointed as currently is. I definitely think extending the light rail to the airport and out to the suburbs should be a priority

By not damaging the city with the horrible V8 car races and the infrastructure damage to hold it.

Since car parking is at a premium in the CBD, it is imperative that as many people as possible be given a viable alternative of getting into the CBD. Improved cycling infrastructure aimed at making it safer to cycle into the CBD or to a hub where the bike can be safely stored and rapid public transport then caught into town are options. If light rail is to be viable at all it needs to be expanded. A line to John Hunter Hospital should be considered.

Modelling Hunter st bike path on Bourke St Sydney. Enabling signage exempting cyclists from one way route on Hunter st mal & education campaign (after Paris cbd). Opal data analysis - extend peak hour, postpone bus route changes ex cbd until later in evening to allow city workers to disperse. More Opal card facilities, more bus & train network diagrams in public places accessible for users & tourists.

intermodal travel will be necessary and needs to be encouraged now. Transport interchanges need to be created and include parking for immediate needs and future needs. Public transport must ensure coverage of regional shopping centres and bus entry into centre car parks must be encouraged

No comment until the transport system has been created

The current state government's purported 'integrated public transport' proposal is a sham. It totally ignores the city's need to integrate all forms of transport. The shutting down of 50% of Hunter Street so it can make \$\$\$\$ from the sell-off of the rail corridor, a toy tram concept only 2.7km long with no plans for the future, an alleged interchange at Wickham with no parking for private cars, etc (instead of at Woodville Junction or similar) says it all. Why has not EVERY NCC Councillor not stood and shouted to the heavens to stop this (same for our local State member)? Keep the public transport 'system' in public hands, enhance it, and ensure all forms of transport are interconnected so that private cars may be parked safely outside the city area at public transport hubs where possible, but still allow for ample parking in the city.

More stops on the light rail. Continue it to the end of Scott street to the former site of the bus depot so it runs all the way to the beach

more reliable public transport - more frequent and on time.

falling behind the ballpark as removed train line giving the general public easy access. You need easier access for parents, families, travellers to the city by public transport. they carry THINGS that can't go on BUSES

Small buses like the city of Perth has for getting around the city. Unlike light rail the routes can be changed if a better route is needed ie no rail to lay or dig up

As an older person, I'm often worried by fast bicycles on walking pathways

We need to make sure that the transport caters for elderly and disabled.

A frequent, well routed bus system should be the highest priority to get the community to and from their destination.

The Council taking responsibility for Buses, regional buses, ferries and trams. they already have responsibility for provisions for cycling and walking.

How will people from maitland etc get in town

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Proper cycle paths across the LGA. Move towards EV charging points and electric vehicles
Ensuring key points are considered and map from there. Also don't leave out the outer suburbs.
Perhaps sack the existing people responsible for transport links and hire people who know what they are doing, look to Europe as examples perhaps.
I am not sure that the transport connectivity that is being done will be convenient to use. I like the idea, but I cannot see myself or my family driving to Hamilton to catch the light rail. It will be good for people living closer to the city, but for those living in the greater suburbs, cars will most likely still be the dominant form of transport.
A Newcastle Transport Authority would be my first suggestion. This seems vital going forward. Cycleways that are physically separated from the roadway, making it a safe and pleasant way to get around the city (and can include skateboards, bikes, scooters, segways and skates as ways of getting around -- people on wheels basically), especially if you pair this with accessible bike hire stations. Identifying the major connection points across the city. I would say: the university (Callaghan), the sports precinct at Broadmeadow (hockey and football), the John Hunter Hospital, Civic precinct, perhaps Westfield Kotara or Charlestown Square, Glendale perhaps (thinking long-term)... the key sites where there is major people movement and consistent demand. And ideally have multiple options between these places such as light rail, electric buses. Plus good transport exchange facilities at sites of connection, e.g. easy switching from one mode of transport to another. Not an easy undertaking but one that would make a major difference in connecting the city. I realise there is rail currently connecting at least some of these sites but often the stations are difficult to access and are not close enough to the key destinations, as well as being unappealing at night. Broadmeadow station, for example, is a long and unappealing walk to get to the sports precinct. Kotara station is also a long and awkward walk to Westfield. People are simply going to prefer using their cars in those cases. I think safe cycleways are probably the most doable option at this stage.
Riding a bicycle is still fairly dangerous on our roads. Is it possible to create bicycle tracks on the current roads?
I ride my bike to work from Mayfield to Hamilton each day. I am 31 years old and female and don't wear lycra. I have a child and a husband at home- just to paint the picture- I ride a dutch bike and don't go at the speed of cars! I compliment the council on the new bridge behind the TAFE & the new section of bike path along Tudor road. There are several points along the way that cause confusion for bike riders, pedestrians & vehicles... I think the next stage has to be on creating safer transition points between bike paths and roads. The section around Hamilton station is particularly dangerous and I tend to walk, pushing my bike along the footpath. In a 15 minute bike ride I probably alight from my bike about 8 or 9 times to navigate the sections that aren't catered for bikes (eg. from Islington end of beaumont street down to Tudor street) (and also the mayfield side of the railway bridge is pretty dangerous too - i again usually stop and walk my bike across the road) Thanks for providing the opportunity to have a say.
connected paths and cycleways. remove vehicles from the inner city
We need to make public transport and cycling the easy option, easier than driving. Regular: We need to make public transport regular enough (every half an hour at least between 06.00 and 21.00 each day from Monday to Friday and between 08.00 and 18.00 on each Saturday and Sunday, more in peak times and during events).Linked : Jumping on a bus you need certainty that it will link with your train or light rail or ferry, also that you can get it from A to B, linking key points of interest and nodes. Cheap: its needs not to be excessive that people could justify driving over it - \$3 max per one way trip... max \$5 per day. Safe: At all times people need to feel safe walking to and from stations/ stops and while on... this might mean cctv, better lighting, new shops around with long opening hours, CPTED principles, security guards or panic buttons.
Continue to push the state government to NOT use the old rail corridor for buildings. If the trams arent going there it should be cycle/pedestrian parkland.
No rail down Hunter st. Dumbest idea ever.

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Linking the John Hunter Hospital to Noby's Beach to Merewether Beach
Perhaps outlying areas could do with more transport
consultation with individuals and groups in different areas either through surveys or community forums
Extensive traffic calming in residential neighbourhoods. Apparently Copenhagen's town planners always ask, 'Would I let my kids cycle here?' whenever they build a cycle network. We should be applying the same philosophy. Cycleways should be prioritised around schools in particular. 'Bike buses' are a good idea which could be supported by the council.
Free buses from the outer suburbs to the inner suburbs (as Wollongong has) More cycle friendly roads
the light rail need to be extended, out to Mayfield and around the beaches, be able to connect all the outer suburbs.. not just the inner city
- Need better cycle ways - Bring the tram back - Needs to be cost effective and considerate of the environment and our surroundings - If you want people to use public transport make it more accessible
Cut the population & create more green spaces for the PUBLIC not the chosen few rich in their tall ugly apartments which is ruining the true culture & aesthetics of Newcastle that used to be for the working man NOT the rich!! Plant more tree's instead of cutting them down & how come you can come up with all the \$\$\$ for the V8 super cars but can't even provide proper public transport after taking our precious railway away!! SHAME on you Newcastle Council. You are ruining our city!!
Investing in efficient transport systems would make the city more 'liveable' as well decreasing the need to rely on personal car use which at the moment is required in order to move around the wider city.
Parking spaces, outside city, affordable, consider no helmet needed for bikes in city as cruising bikes hardly impose risk and enhances chance of people grabbing bicycles. You could have free bikes at parking centers. Many cities in Europe don't have helmets and many more bicycles. Free transport (see also in Perth), Cover at bus stops, Increase Capacity to charge electrical cars. Tax these less
Supporting public transport use over private cars. Supporting new rail freight line west of Newcastle. Support electrification of Hunter rail line & expansion of suburban stations eg Glendale Support fast rail link for commuters to jobs in Central Coast & Sydney Maintain heritage look of Newcastle Ban buildings over height to stop wind tunnels forming & blocking views and alienating public land
We must remember that our people are aging as we work towards 2030, so cycling and walking long distances are not really greatly important, although they are for younger people. We need greater and more accessible transport options
Put the tram/light rail along the train corridore, defy the developers who you seem to serve and do what is best for thge voters.Build safe to use cycleways,Monitor the ones you already have.....make shared pedestrian and cycle ways off limits to the CAR and MOTOR cycles that currently use them.Police these areas before there is a fatality. Devise some way to stop these pests from entering and causing mayhem.Start planning for the demise of excess car usage.
One of the city's strengths is everything is in close proximity. Promoting walking and cycling is great but public transport is dirty, slow, uncomfortable and unsafe. I would rather drive to a cae park and walk than drive to a terminal and castch public transport.
Let us bring our older parents into town by car and get an easy parking.
more cycle ways off roads

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Bike paths through Hamilton to allow easy flow from outer suburbs and to the city. At present you can ride off the road safely and quickly from Edgeworth, wallsend lambton through the stadium and then they stop. You then have to negotiate the busy roads of Donald or Tudur on a painted bike path or the New bike/pedestrian path where you have to stop at every cross roads. As a resident in the Hamilton area and daily bike rider I would like to share the safest route I have found for myself and teenage children in travelling through Hamilton which could be marked as a bike path and made safer for many bike riders to use. I have noticed that the council is working on a new shared path along Donald Street which will end at Selma Street. This still leaves a busy and dangerous section along Parry St or Hunter St (Pacific Highway) to navigate through to Newcastle. It will go past Aldi, Beaumont St and near Hamilton train station but it does mean stopping at each intersection to cross the roads. Although a slightly longer route this way goes through a higher catchment of residence to easily access the path and places to go. Directly on the route are Gregson Park, Hamilton primary school, Beaumont Street, shops and businesses, Bus depot, many workers, Ambulance Station, many workers, Francis of Xavier, over 1000 yr11 and yr12 students. Back packers, on Denison St, Tafe many students and staff. At the east end of Denison St you can use Hebburn St (or there is also an old dunny lane behind petrol station) to safely access the Tafe. Then there are traffic lights at Wood St and Parry St to have easy access to the new Wickham interchange. Then hopefully there will be a safe connection to the honeysuckle bike path when the Wickham interchange is finished. Also by using the lights at Stewart Ave and Parry St, it is a safe ride to Marketown to go to Coles Woolworths Big W, Spotlight, camping stores and many other shops.

energy efficiency is a low priority when you can't make your rates payment because no one can be bothered with the hassle of getting to you. Bikes are loved by the fit and healthy but are dangerous weapons on shared paths for older, younger and weaker pedestrians.

Make express lines between major centres for easy access to high traffic areas like hunter Street, the harbour, the beaches and major shopping centres. Make a public transport free zone around the CBD so that you can get from the east end beach to civic park at no cost.

Prioritise pathways through bush, well lit and safe. Keep pockets of bush for children to play and people to walk and cycle

If you have regular and well connected public transport especially to link important areas for work and leisure people will use it. Good pedestrian and cycle access is utilised....see bather's way

Ensuring the tram has good connectivity between the university campuses, beaches and the junction. Ensure that each suburb has good links with major shopping centres eg Westfield kotara. Ensure there is a large scale cycle ways that are safe and also take these important links in mind.

Do not privatise the public transport

Well designed public transport system, designed around an extensive tram system and well connected regionally. Give cycling and PT absolute planning priority on all routes. Give walking priority in the city center and neighbourhood centers. Lobby for much improved train connections towards Sydney but also into the Hunter and in future also to Cessnock, Port Stepehens and up the coast. Strategic transport partnership with our neighbours e.g. Lake Mac (Tram to Charlestown)

Like the big cities (Sydney has light rail, London & New York have tubes) the waiting time is never long with train or bus services running frequently & having a free parking station would make it easier to travel in.

Maybe have some idea of what new infrastructure you are going to put in to place when you remove old infrastructure. i.e. Have a light rail/trams contracts, plans and products in the works before shutting down the rail line?

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One of the problems we have is that we live in a city where it is generally easy to get around and easy to park a car so it is difficult to encourage people to use public transport. Perhaps with the new Uni etc we need to have park and ride so that people can park at a central location and then are able to get transport to the university or other locations ie Darby Street the beaches etc. If we can somehow encourage more use of public transport it will reduce the costs. It is difficult to remove the cars and still have people come to utilize the facilities and support the businesses.

Work with State Gov't and transport providers toward a common goal

with each additional change or addition residents have access to information on how to use the new systems. residents have constant updates, perhaps through an app - that promote these upgrades to the connected city

Dedicated bus lanes with intelligent traffic lights that give buses preference.

as per initial response - implement one way streets that allow the expansion of the light rail and cycle corridors (ie Barcelona) Possibly make Union and Darby and part of Glebe (from the junction one way) this would allow width for the light rail and or cycle corridor.

Park and ride services from large car parks that are mostly empty during the week, to help workers have access to the city without needing to pay for expensive parking in the city. All day parking can be freed up for shorter term uses.

Better public transport routes, sort out inner city transport asap

The nature of work is changing, the way we do education is changing, digital technology is allowing distance education to flourish and remote work as well. Some serious mapping and analysis of how people use transport now and projections of this into the future are important to understand and to target transport infrastructure, which is heavy and inflexible if it's rail and expensive if it's to do with roads. The ultimate connectivity we should be aiming for is a high speed rail connection from the centre of Sydney right to the Newcastle CBD. This would open up so many opportunities for everyone.

use the existing rail corridor as a dedicated transport space - inclusive of light rail, cycleways and pedestrians - and maintaining existing roads so that they are accessible and workable (which is NOT the reality now). The current light rail plan CONNECTS 2 kilometers of road!!!! this can be walked: this is NOT "well-connected": NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT IS INEFFICIENT AND NOT WELL CONNECTED

Put the train line back

Making tickets/fares easily accessible & available - easy to read signs - consider cycleways - are they safe for pedestrians/home owners stepping out of their home/residence onto cycleway?

More buses, not just one an hour. The wife and I use the bus, but they don't run often enough, quite often late & sometimes not at all. I am 85 & my wife 78. We do not have a car now & have not had one for quite a few years.

Hospitals, shopping centres, suburbs (not just the city) need to be better connected

Well, closing a train network WITHOUT consultation & with no infrastructure in place to replace services. Anything can only be better!! Surely! A light rail will only cluster already busy streets. A more reliable & accommodating bus service would be preferable.

Unfortunately I am forced to use public transport & it's grossly inadequate we need 24hr!

Light rail - needs to have easy access. Buses - more services with more direct services to the hospitals, Blackbutt etc. Trains - more security needed on the inter-city trains especially at night.

Restrict all private vehicles from the city centre this will help and make people use public transport, and walk.

Prioritise efficient public transport connecting business/recreation/shopping hubs. Improve bicycle ways - consider parking on one side only of select secondary roads with cycle way in the lane, for example.

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It is obvious that we require state financial assistance to do this but it does not look like we are going to get it in the near future.
Effective transfer from one public transport to another. Good timetables for connect ease of access from one to another for disabled, humans at those points to assist.
Greater focus on cycle ways to promote a healthier lifestyle and reduce traffic on our roads
you have blown it already, you should have gone with the woodville junction proposal it would have been way more effective and economical, start fixing all the roads now we are a car town
Link up more cycle ways, publish a detailed bike track map
Keep it publicly owned and operated
All the main and minor roads within the older suburbs should have designated walking and cycling areas and LED solar street lights. Public transport waiting areas should have roof for protection from sun and rain. Designated path in major roads, parking slots in shopping centres and charging areas for electric cars.
Need ease of getting to and moving around the city and public places - at present it can be difficult to get into the city- especially for those without private transport or with disability. Having said that, some public transport is severely under utilised - perhaps there needs to be a bigger pusher use of public transport / a review of where it is provided vs usage
Create more clear and safe cycling lanes everywhere. Fine people for parking in the cycling lanes, car doors take our cyclist all the time, and there is always not enough room between parked cars and the moving traffic.
Park and ride. Parking stations close to city - public transport connections. Cycleways where possible separate from road traffic
Restore heavy rail to the central cbd, as most other big cities have. If not and we are forced to light rail, run this down the existing corridors, not hunter street
Easy accessible transport
Public transport should go along main roads only (not back streets) e.g. Maitland Road, Glebe Road, Industrial Drive. Have a Park & Ride at Broadmeadow for city workers Provide cycle racks throughout city - e.g Wheeler Place Public transport should be EASY - REGULAR - RELIABLE Put on extra services for special events - eg Winter Heat, Markets.
We need to have a train between Sydney to Newcastle Airport, more parking and public transport in Newcastle
All modes of public transport need to work together. Timetables need to allow movement between modes of transport. Buses need to travel to where people want to go, rather than following old traditional routes.
I don't believe we will ever have decent integrated transport, after destroying its base TRACK
Require the support of all government bodies
Unless public transport stops are within close walking distance of dwellings and frequently run it is of little use. At present it can take four hours, one of which is walking to get from one suburb to another.
Free public transport between major shopping districts in inner city area i.e The Junction, Hamilton, Newcastle. Not to privatise public transport. Every bus stop to have a seat.
Transport/Sydney connections/cycleways
Continuous catch ups Working bees
Better transparency over decisions made that impact on transport, i.e. closure of rail corridor which has adversely impacted transport.

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Parking at transport hubs/ stations

map the largest employers. Ask the employers for post codes of the people on those payrolls. Draw lines from one to the other. Move away from one hub/many spokes to many hubs and several spokes. Bike racks and car parks near non-hub stations.

Offer real incentives to public transport providers that deliver clean, on-time running. Trial user dial mini buses that feed larger transport nodes

Provide park and ride facilities for cars and cyclists. More end of trip facilities are required at major destinations as well as new commercial buildings. Rapid bus transport could move people around and into the city, eg from Charlestown, Broadmeadow, Glendale etc. Increase the ferry stop locations and build a park and ride at Stockton to stop the amount of cars in the City Centre every day.

Short term - park and ride solutions on a spoke and hub concept (I know there is a lake to the south, mountains to the west and ocean to the east so we would need several).

Start planning for all scenarios now whilst the infrastructure is being laid.

Support the completion of difficult sections of off road cycle track to create a connected off road network.

Working together means listening as well as talking - the State Govt does an extremely poor job at this. What do the current residents want and need but also what do the future ones want and need - affordability is such a big big need.

Tell us your ideas on natural environment

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Once again the existing council leaders have demonstrated they do not listen to Newcastle rate payers.

Provide greater access to some of the natural areas (bushwalking tracks, more access areas around the harbour and waterways)

But you've ruined a large part of the beauty of our unique natural environment for misguided benefit of ones career and ego

Not be in the back pocket of developers.

Our beaches must be kept accessible to all. Signage near waterways to encourage people to dispose of waste correctly. Support the Hunter Wetlands Centre to be a world leader in wetland tourism

It is not clear how these objectives will be achieved. perhaps prevent cars entering the city.

Invest in environmental education and engagement programs within Council and in the broader community through Landcare and environmental community groups and sites.

If we can become a truly world leading new energy city (and the Uni is doing world leading work in the field) this will make a huge advance towards the loss of the coal industry. It's already falling away sharply. The same with becoming a low waste city - not just for financial gain and job growth, but for business investment, tourism and livability.

We don't have a unique natural environment, we have the environment. By working with all levels of government, business and the community, we need a long term commitment and strategy to identified initiatives which maintain and conserve what we have already, and what we could attain if we invested long term.

Our city needs to be led by the best science & evidence on these matters, rather than being led by economic interests.

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Stop worrying about climate change - leave that to the councillors in a hundred years. Get on with stuff you can have an influence on.
Increasing native landscaping, increasing environmental communication and education, rehabilitate the coastal zone, encourage share-economy and waste reduction.
Specially designed housing that does not encroach on the environs, that is water ways, lakes, ponds, beaches and the atmosphere. Housing that incorporates shading such as large eaves, verandas so as to reduce the use of air conditioning that rely on power from coal and gas fired power stations, all new housing to have renewable energy plants and battery storage. Less high density housing, (town houses if need be, not apartment complexes) it drastically reduces the chance of people exercising as no backyards, more parks for parents to spend time with their children, especially near high density housing.
Promote all the alternate energy initiatives and research that is going on in our region. People will get on board if they were to learn all the great things that are happening already.
Better collaboration between government agencies to ensure the best outcome is achieved for the community's money, not the project that is easiest to regulate or is politically high profile.
the policy of removing trees over the last decade doesn't assist in having a green city...
Stop ripping the guts out of the foreshore and surrounds.
These are all just buzz words. They really mean nothing
Keep up the excellent work on the coastal revamp
Does that include trees that have been growing for decades, and that don't pose any threat, in public spaces?? IMHO, cutting these down for the sake of a car race is completely wrong. The climate change thing should really be in your mission statement.
Enhancing our unique natural environment doesn't just mean concreting a 4m wide footpath.
Glenrock in particular should be cared for - it is a very special and unique place.
Energy companies, State and Federal governments are responsible for use of resources and assessing environmental change. Councils only play a small role and should concentrate on the areas for which they are responsible
Stop building on public spaces, stop trying to get public authorities out of providing facilities for all the population. Look overseas at the best examples of what you want - don't be afraid to send someone (intelligent) there to examine and report
Again, the decisions be made in Newcastle
by protecting our waterways, stopping rubbish etc, from entering the harbour area, through storm water drains, grills across each drain entry point, would be a start.
don't keep cutting down trees
Maintenace must be regular and ongoing. Public need to feel ownership so they are more likely to look after the area. Graffiti would decline as few people destroy what is "their own". Plenty of waste bins including recycle bins. Most people respect areas of regrowth. Good parking and traffic flows quickly in and out.
Start building a waved sea wall from Newcastle South beach around to Nobbys and along the Harbour foreshores with a walk way on top. What a waste of resources refurbishing the existing wall and not extending the height of the wall!!
Work much harder on stopping litter, street tree planting,
Mitigate effect of sea level rises.

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Newcastle has a very bad track record of closing access to the natural environment for excessive periods of time in the name of understanding risks, etc. Efficiency in the use of resources should not be taken lightly. There is too much wastage with little responsibility.
Don't pull down mature trees just to make way for grandstands and car parks. There were other options for Supercars that would not require this destruction. Make appropriate use of the natural environment. We should be seeking events such as surfing contests, cycle races, swimming and surf life saving events. This is what Newcastle is about. Supercars does not belong in such a beautiful natural environment. Those attending do not care about the coast and parks. How much rubber dust and rubbish will end up in the sea?
Adequate budgetary components made to ensure high quality maintenance continues
Maintain trees once planted. Trimming scheduled? Fix the flooding problems before further enhancing the CBD.
We must ensure that buildings do not obscure sight lines to our natural environment and scenery.
I think Newcastle's natural environments need to be understood maintained and protected for everyone's health and well being as well as enjoyment. In a healthy city you need open spaces and bush land you need access to the natural environment so that every one benefits not a select few.
Consider planting more trees on vacant Council owned land that currently has to be mown. The more trees, the less mowing.
Become carbon neutral
All development applications should be closely scrutinised for environmental impacts
Answered Don't know because I don't understand what resources you refer to. How about expanding a tree planting program instead of cutting down nearly 200 mature trees!!!! How about replacing the trees cut down in Scott, Watt, Zaara and Nobbys rd with triple the number to soften the harsh concrete landscape and enhance the heritage precinct? How about using the convict sandstone removed from the beachfront as part of the heritage precinct landscaping? How about showing the landscape plans and asking for input from communities?
Deciduous shade trees planted in parks with bench seats to rest. Rest stops at regular intervals along areas like Honeysuckle for older people. This could be as simple as a steel post with a plate type seat sticking out at hip height. Provisions for clean safe toilet stops for children and elderly people. Well signed markers for tourists to read the history of our city.
Critically examine any proposals for development that are likely to impact on natural environment and have courage to reject unsatisfactory proposals
Mare parking & better public transport
Greater efficiency in the use of resources in not determinable by me. This should be a general principle but to what degree the survey is referring to is unknown. Climate change issues are more appropriately place in other levels of government for regulation but all should strive for low emission options.
Better management and control of areas such as Blackbut Reserve, Wetlands and beaches.
Recognise that not every tree or every park can or will be 'saved' - sometimes the greater good requires another solution that has regard for our unique natural environment.
Cutting down mature trees and removing public green space damage the appearance and livability of Newcastle. The hypocrisy of NCC is palpable. It clearly shows no commitment to maintaining or enhancing the natural environment. Turning the city into a racetrack is completely at odds with understanding and managing environmental risks and impacts.
These questions are Motherhood statements. Of course, all of these objective are vitally important. NCC is supporting Supercars in the face of bitter community resentment, yet you ask how we can work together! It is difficult to contemplate working with those who would treat us in this way. Go figure, as they say.

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Move away from polluting, old "20th century" industries to high technology and service industries. Enforce extremely strict rules prevent pollution from existing industries, port activity etc. Close the Carrington coal loader, do not build T4 new coal loader.

Supercars is an unacceptable impact on our natural environment. Terminate the event asap.

Connected - The light rail should be extended immediately to the JHH, but also should be in a connected loop for all the city's beaches (Nobby's, Newcastle, Bar Beach, Dixon, Merewether). Enhanced - I like how Bather's Way is being extended; how about a better use of the Nobby's lighthouse? A restaurant instead of a kiosk cart. Use of resources - it's better to put the light rail on the heavy rail line.

Political and institutional support for considering and acting on climate change and disaster resilience mitigation on the LGA

This sounds too airy fairy to me. Keep parklands, create walking trails, not sure exactly what is meant

Have a plan for climate change and its long-term impacts on our foreshore and beaches. Encourage use of alternative renewable energy sources.

car pollution kills in the millions globally so dump that for a start suburbia destroys natural habitat build flats instead and with less to no cars greenhouse emissions fall

Promotion and education Community access

Immediately stop the removal of trees/shrubs in the Newcastle East End for the Supercar event. Put an immediate halt to the removal of traffic slowly devices. Stop the racing of V8 Supercars that omit pollution from fuel that is burnt and the other pollutants that will be omitted.

Continue with coastal works and maintenance.

Understand and respect the amenity provided by the natural environment. Flora can make a site's success for human amenity.

green roofs - plants / solar cells, on all new buildings and phase in for existing. Recognising roads as water harvesting rocks - plan run off. Imagine a way to recover Potassium from sewerage - and return to agriculture cycle. Encourage community gardens, and other green ways of reducing cost of living in city. Address feral cats issue in public housing areas.

Establish a honest open and responsible council

Council is currently engaged in the destruction of our natural environment. I would prefer to see a Council which was genuinely "green", not one which pays lip service to the environment while holding a chain saw in the other hand

Implement strategies from anti littering and anti pollution organisations like Boomerang Alliance and ban single use throw "away" plastic bags from all retailers and raise conciousness about unnecessary packaging. Put in a container deposit scheme and filtered water stations

Protecting our unique environment is critical to the future health of our planet and our own specific communities as part of that planet. This means that tough decisions that go against business will at times be required for the betterment of the future planet. future over economic benefit for the now.

Leave the parks for the people and don't allow any further development in King Edward Park (other than seats for people to sit on and have picnics). Don't allow any further development of National Park ... it is often underwater now as a result of all of the asphalted surfaces used for B/B. Perhaps more trees at the southern end could be planted to soak up some of the water??!!

would like to see more happening in the climate and environmental areas

Environmental and climate change risks and impacts are understood and managed - with the exception of managing local erosion, these issues are not within NCC core business and resources should not be expended to manage or influence such a broad issue.

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Ban plastic bag use for a start. Put protective measures to stop rubbish entering the likes of Throsby creek.
I think first two are fairly-well covered at present.
Maintain and increase trees and gardens and clean up what we have. Increase urban vegetation. Look after waterways.
By maintaining our parks beaches and gardens. Employ workers. Some need renovation and upgrading. Build it and they will come.
Supporting the Shortland Wetlands; improving the drainage collection and disbursement from our streets; improve recycling by educating the residents on what goes where; plant more trees, don't cut them down.
Collaboration with established experts and day-to-day users.
None of it is planned or happening in a real sense, all of the new waterfront buildings will be inundated. What is being maintained in our "unique and natural environment"? bugged all. Where are the requirements that all low-lying lands be uplifted?
On World Environment Day the NCC cut down more than 200 mature trees to make way for a private road and a private event. The public will be locked out of the wonderful coastal environment for at least 6 months this year and possibly two months for the next 4 years. All this has been done without any consultation and a disgraceful lack of information. Just remember who the NCC is supposed to be serving. You have subjected the residents of the East End to a year of environmental abuse and for what? How's about releasing the business plan-if there is one?
Use the sun for goodness sake. Instead of these big, fat and ugly mines hurting our planet, put some solar panels there instead. Use the capital from this to slowly fade out of our reliance on coal. It's a no brainer, except if you're greedy of course. Also, DO NOT TOUCH GLENROCK.
We don't sell out our environment by allowing it to be destroyed for a car race
Not allowing organisations such as Supercars to plough through public parks and cut down trees or developers to acquire crown land for personal gain eg bowling club land.
Newcastle depends on its port river and Coal. With out coal there will be no money to maintain the port and harbour. Volunteers working with land care are doing a wonderful job get tough on people who litter get the basic's right
How long can Newcastle keep doing the age-old political thing of the right hand ignoring what the left hand is doing? By that I mean, how can we keep relying on being a huge coal port, with ugly examples of that everywhere, apart from the climate change impact. Very hypocritical! to say the least!
Rehabilitation of waterways, industrial lands.
Maybe stop cutting down mature trees and keeping built-up areas free from pollution of all kinds. Introduce practical, simple recycling systems that all citizens can afford and use easily. When "saving the environment" schemes are introduced, make sure they are fairly and practically monitored. Avoid the possibility that any person could be treated in a way that may make the scheme counter-productive.
Encourage residents to care for own local street environment
Continue and extend current practice of making coastal areas as people-friendly and universally-accessible as possible. Extend this to high ground where possible.
Climate change is real. Enhance our green spaces. Encourage education and knowledge
Decision makers need to give more than lip service to the preservation of our natural surroundings. Messages to the community need to be simple, honest so that they know exactly what planners want to achieve - and how they'll go about it. Explain, explain, explain
Improve the precincts along our beaches and harbour in particular the surf clubs.

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Stop cutting down and plant more trees
While the theories relating to climate change are garbage in every way the environment must be cared for as it is from a healthy environment we will live a healthy life. And so I wonder why a council that destroys trees for a car race can be justified in including such a question in this survey. Environmental vandalism to destroy trees and to bring excessive and dangerous high octane fuel emissions into the houses of the inner city people's lounge and living rooms is irresponsible to the highest degree.
Do not enhance the "natural environment". That usually means financial expenditure or gain for someone. The natural environment is fine as it is.
Greater reliance on renewable energy.
Planting of natives and more green spaces
Unique natural environment is threatened by current changes to King Edward Park and Foreshore Park. Race will not be an environmentally sustainable event. Pollution, fuel consumption, noise are not in keeping with sustainable city.
I am sure you have already made the minds up with what you are going to do
Introduce an effective plastic bag ban, or alternatively introduce a proper recycling program for soft plastic packaging. More recycling education to ensure waste is not entering our marine environment. Take control of the green waste stream so the resource can be used by council for the city, at present the green waste is directed to the upper hunter. A levy on takeaway food to pay for the cleanup of public places. The reintroduction of adequate numbers of refuse containers in public places, such as bus stops, high streets, parks.
The current environment is being trashed by Council. Our beautiful foreshore park is losing trees and gaining 2 hectares of concrete. What for, a 3 day race that will disrupt the city, cause local businesses to lose money and keep all the genuine visitors, who come to enjoy our beaches, away.
Greater connection and community groups, fixing drains to be more natural slowing water down, improving access and activation of sites, ie don't lock up and forget
a lot of people are finding some decisions of Council difficult to understand. Council knows this.
I hope your 'experts' are up to this task!
Teach children by encouraging school visits and instruction on our unique assets for a city. They influence parents. Promote activities which work with our environment not against it such as the V8 race. It sends the wrong message completely and as a Council we need to must be forward looking rather than promoting environmentally old fashioned events such as polluting car races.
Ensure all developments comply with environmental control plans. Maintain & improve waterways, parks, forest areas & promote more wild spaces with management in partnership with indigenous traditional owners
Yay, 'connected' again. All I can envisage is that any trip I make on public transport into town is going to take longer as I now have to keep changing transport modes. How the heck is that efficient.
we need to provide wildlife corridors and to have more areas like Blackbutt Reserve - not just for people but for wildlife. We need to protect the native animals and their distinct habitats. More needs to be done to ensure that as units are built, gardens with native plants suitable for birds in our area are planted. Not non-native species.
"Our unique natural environment is maintained, enhanced and connected." This statement is nonsensical. Buzzwords that don't make any sense. "Connected"? Please explain?
Take notice of climate change evidence & act to mitigate these possibilities e.g. sea level rises & how they will effect suburbs like Stockton. Ensure pollution creators of air land & water are under constant surveillance and control.
All good

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There is no coal dust people, move on.
BAN THE BAG! NSW govt has failed to do this. It would be a popular move (especially on the back of War on Waste program) and really demonstrate that Newy is ready to step up as a major metropolitan city in NSW. Bathurst City Council has introduced kitchen scrap bins for every household so that valuable biowaste doesn't go into landfill. Can Newcastle Council please consider something like this? Council could greatly improve its recycling program - yellow and red bins available in more locations, especially along the foreshore and beach areas. Increase native veg and plantings in urban areas/through city centre. Better connect large tracts of veg around the city (Glenrock, Blackbutt, Wetlands).
More impervious surfaces including car parks and pedestrian walkways so more surface run off is allowed to filter into the ground and not be directed to drains. Improve performance of drains- do some need to be returned to more natural function in strategic locations with planting? Improve canopy cover in Newcastle with endemic species only. Replace plantings in front of Town Hall and in civic park to be native- thus lower maintenance and water use. Increase water recycling from sewage and reuse biosolids. Begin re-mediating toxic sites in Newcastle. Establish wildlife corridors throughout Newcastle to connect sites such as Glenrock and Blackbutt Reserve. More garden and less grass. More native planting at "National Park" at market town
Move the Supercars event out of our heritage listed East End. Stop removing trees from the Foreshore. Continue the investment in Blackbutt Reserve Continue the Bathers Way walkway to encourage access to our beaches Continue to maintain Glenrock - dont let this area become houses.
More emphasis on waste management around parks and waterways
Local government has no impact on environmental issues, they are national and international consideration, we need to focus on what we can change not what we can't.
No more car races Flood protection
Stop urban sprawl! Basic human right to travel in safety and not put others in danger. We can be more happy with a transition to an ethical World's best practice city planning and transport: Clean, healthy, safe communities with safer energy that creates jobs: Stop creating danger to others (only dangerous vehicles need rego; prams and pushbikes do not)! Faster main roads for cars, more buses/trains (screen time and active transport), better pushbike shortcut paths. Pleases everyone, so we can stop the fighting of motorists vs cyclists vs public transport user. Need to start talking about the elephant in the room, the whole system. No silver bullet on one small part of the problem. More dense cities (affordable housing) are faster (spread out suburbs are inefficient and get people addicted to cars) and cost benefit ratios for pushbike paths show increase in society health and increase in business/shops near them. Train transport through the bush linking up higher density cities. Stop urban sprawl causing social isolation and wasted travel time and making housing unaffordable (Costs quarter million dollars of taxpayers money for infrastructure for new housing developments (road, water, sewage, phone/NBN, electricity etc) If you are unhappy cycling, then you are doing it wrong. (Get electric assist tricycles with trailers if you have to. Pushbiking is as easy as walking, choose the easy gears and build up your leg strength). Don't wait for automated robot cars to stop cars tailgating each other, get the right information, skill up, and be safer than cars now. SAVE TIME: Combine transport with exercise (needed for body and mind happiness every day) Door-to-door on a pushbike (and finding safe shortcuts in backstreets) can be faster than finding car parking/waiting for buses. We need walk/cycle/public transport for active transport to beat the obesity epidemic, etc, etc The only negative to pushbikes is the same as learning to ride for the 1st time
Implement barriers to prevent illegal dumping near Wallsend and the link road.
the remaining bushland reserves are threatened by invasive weeds, vandalised and used as a dumping ground. more consideration and resources can be given to bush areas and not just coastal landscapes.
Providing appropriate waste management to reduce illegal dumping.

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Decisions need to be made by those who they will impact upon. High rises and overshadowing on Newcastle Beach would not have been approved by someone who went for swims there everyday. Someone from Sydney or Canberra won't understand or care about our natural environment. It will solely be economically driven.

Action it, don't debate it.

Stop cutting down trees. Get more efficient public transport happening. Newcastles foreshores are just big parking lots. Newcastle Ocean Baths needs updating and be extremely accessible to the elderly who use it as a therapy facility. Keep public facilities in public hands. Do not sell off Crown Land.

Seek the advice of experienced people in this particular field and again, only use the advice of those who have lived and worked in this area for long periods of time.

For a start, ban plastic bags in the LGA. Use enforcement for non-compliance - rules without enforcement are recommendations.

don't sell off councils natural assets. encourage community participation in maintaining them. move the V8 supercars to the stadium area or Kurri Kurri industrial area then replant all those beautiful pines and reinstate the parkland

Stop ripping out trees. Try maintaining what trees we have.

Ensure all new buildings have restrictions or requirements on lighting and efficient use of energy as part of the approval process, and MUST have solar panels or a self-generating power source. (I overlook the CBD from where I live. The University building is lit up 24/7 - all floors - all lights - it's not necessary to have all the lights on in a building from 9pm - 5am when no one is in it. That makes me so angry.)

Protect green corridor from development Substantially improve councils energy efficiency Expand external facing programs Change prevailing view that council should just "do its bit". Council should lead. Think about bee programs. Some councils facilitate placement of native bee hives. Expand Street Tree and city greening programs. Offer advice for home landscaping.

The trashing of the foreshore for a ridiculous car race should be reversed and the whole area dedicated as a heritage area.

Significantly reduce CBD high rise development and provide tourist attractions in their place. Take politics and the high rise money grab out of the equation and focus on tourism and transport to and from the major Australian cities via road, rail and air. Push for direct flights domestically and internationally to and from the airport and cheap transport to and from the airport to CBD attractions e.g. Beaches, harbour, Honeysuckle bars and restaurants etc., etc.

V8 cars was a stupid decision with Foreshore park and multiple trees removed. This was not protecting our unique environment. Keep our city parks, beaches and public spaces beautiful NOT destroyed. There are already volunteers working on beautifying parks (eg. Arcadia) and beach bushland. Engaging the community in these efforts will insure these areas are maintained.

No developers on the council do called indepents love need to vested interests

Newcastle is not a unique natural environment. It is replicated repeatedly. We only have a variation of a typical coast with a river and hinterland.

Approving a car race which will use massive amounts of fuel is not a good example of sustainability. The unique environment is currently being trashed. Replacement trees, shrubs etc will take years to establish.

leave our bush and coast line as it is. we are lucky to have what we have

Cycling/walking routes to replace vehicles

Building - provide incentives and education for "green" and "off the grid" - what products have low embedded energy, how to reduce heating / cooling costs, understanding renewable energies, batteries. Group purchases. Innovative products (eg alternative for concrete) domestic waste minimisation - composting, no plastic bags etc council go carbon neutral

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Protecting our environment should include the historical areas of our town and surrounds.
Protection of natural environment is a great idea.
More information should be given to the public about environmental sustainability and on the affects of global warming.
You are distroying our "unique environment" by accepting the Supercar debacle. Shame on you, our so called elected representatives.The existing rail corridor for light rail would be an excellent example of maintaining, enhancing and managing our uniqueness as opposed to a sell off and a third rate result.
For a start, prevent Newcastle City Council from ludicrous decisions like chopping down our historical trees!!! Poor decisions were made at every turn and OUR money was wasted. We are supposed to be saving the environment - not destroying it. Laman Street for example, has lost its soul and its charm. Our "unique natural environment" was NOT maintained.
We should have more recycling options with public waste bins and private businesses should be on the same page with recycling options. Collections of bottles and cans with a paid return deposit. Plastic bags from supermarkets should be banned. Even clothing that can not be recycled with charities could reused as rags. Our beaches and water ways should have integrated waste collection catchments to stop it entering the ocean.
Don't waste money on tram. Listen to residents. Don't allow modern development in heritage areas.
More education on the great things NCC are doing and the priorities for new initiatives. Need also to recognise where things are working and protect them too
protect existing national park/reserves and public spaces
Proactively educate people and business on the ease and importance of recycling. So many businesses throw recyclables in bins which is lazy and unnecessary.
Make sure the council doesn't act in isolation, has the best personnel and looks to use best practices
Our natural environment would originally have consisted of native bushland. It would be good to see some of our reserves contain bush tucker gardens and native trees and shrubs (that is native to this area). Maybe the Awabakal people could be helpful with achieving this. Imagine how beautiful the place would have looked before we arrived and wrecked it.
Recycling, local sustainable events (i.e. farmers markets), promotion.
Bushland spaces such as Glenrock do not need to be managed. They need to be left as they are without human interference of car parks, boardwalks and trails. Leave it natural to explore. Street trees are an asset to all communities and should be a high priority for council.
More regular curbside pickups
I want trees and bushes etc....lots of trees
parks which are under utilised at the moment are upgraded to make them more attractive to users. Eg. Dog leash free areas enclosed, equipped with amenities and separated into large and small dog areas. give us back the bins you have removed over the years. There should be one bin for every public space. more for larger areas.
All assets need maintenance... don't wait years and then it becomes so expensive to fix. Put a tax on developers who keep buildings empty.When allowing developers to build , ensure enviromental practices are adhered to and that they contribute to public spaces around their development
Maintain green spaces. Stop over development and over modernisation of existing areas
Ensure all relevant parties are widely consulted. Don't just use the usual "go-to" consultants.
The only thing unique about our environment is that it is unique to Newcastle.

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Get tough with developers and private certifiers. Your current system is abysmal and they are polluting the environment and putting their workers and the public in danger. Start cracking down on the dodgy developers
No development in previously undeveloped areas. Recycling initiatives Strict regulations regarding the sale of local natural resources.
Don't allow development right up to our natural resources eg. put the beaches in the shade, restrict access to the harbour by building there
Co-operation of all involved. Dump the politics.
Wallsend needs to have the flood mitigation work done urgently.
Protection of environment with covered coal train carriages. Better parking in the city even with the light rail.
Protect our natural assets, curtail the encroachment of development into the reserves that currently remain. High-density with shared public spaces and facilities would be better than sprawl.
What are the resources referred to? If it is coal, then that is out of the council area of influence - except to oppose - whinge and destroy people - There are however other ways to skin this cat. Once a wind survey has been completed and solar survey to see where the best locations are (have these been done?) and if Newcastle is well placed to contribute, then offer support to develop without banning coal burning in the short term. Make wind and solar work in a positive way rather than just being negative against coal. As an aside thermal coal, would be best used for power in snow and cold areas so that the hot boiler water can be utilised for winter heating - like is done in Northern hemisphere. Here, we just heat the lake next to the facility and waste 60% of the thermal energy generated. For the last point methane and CO2 are not the only main problems. Review of historical methane, CO2 and atmospheric temperature variations say there is still something we are missing. It would be criminal in 15 years to find out we were so smug over our political wins that we missed the obvious because we told the scientists what to do, rather than allowed them to research.
facilitate local involvement in protecting local environment (supported by funding) awareness campaigns
Taking on events like the Supercar event particularly in Newcastle East seems to contradict all this.
council is not going to change the weather- come back down to earth
Protect and value green space
Sadly council doesn't provide much of a model. The big trees are coming down and goin outside is just becoming too hot.there are few good parks in my area and much of the open land left by BHP has been developed. The environment around our port is filthy with coal and diesel dust. There is no community solar scheme as in other cities.
Consult more. Protect mature trees especially. Grow natives. where are the eucalypts? Adelaide is a magnificent example of a treed city & although smaller, it could be done here. Better public transport in the whole of Newcastle could improve our pollution etc. Schools can contribute if grants encouraging plantings & climate initiatives were prioritized. Same for uni students.
I would like to see Council and the community take a greater role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and again be a leader in this. Use innovation and creativity, along with community engagement approaches get the community passionately involved in reducing GHGs.
Fostering of volunteer involvement in maintaing, etc. natural environment; adequate Council budget and trained staff in this area.
While climate change is important I am not sure if the bigger climate change issues are directly the responsibility of local government. I think this should be coming from and being funded by state or federal government. Local government can administer at the local level but planning and funding should come from state and federal.

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Greater reliance on renewable and sustainable sources of energy. Greater care and management of our flora and fauna.

I really believe that predominantly coal dust and also other potential pollutants that effect the nearby communities should be minimised to the least amount as possibly can be achieved as soon as possible. Not only, does it effect one's lungs, but also the attractiveness of the buildings. The overall perception of others who live elsewhere is very negative. This can inhibit the growth of a great place. Of course, the answer to many environmental issues is to plant more trees. They also help maintain the shorelines of the beaches and the lakes.

I don't believe this as I watch the destruction of our beautiful city so that an elite group an watch noisy, gas guzzling machines. How can we trust a council who would do this???

There is growing pressure on blackbutt and glenrock. We need some other quality bushland areas. Improve blue gum hills and make better use/improve other public reserves

Don't tear up parkland which benefits all, for a corporate race that cannot generate enough money to stay afloat without ridiculous amounts of money pumped in from the state government ie. V8 race. Ridiculous for Council to promote cycling in Newcastle on the one hand, make a big deal of the historic heritage and conservation status of Newcastle East, as well as Newcastle being a 'smart' city, then tear up the rulebook and invite 'old technology' V8 race in to trash the community spaces, and for Council not to stand up for its rate payers in Newcastle East. Poor form, long lasting impacts, no due diligence on the part of Council.

We have a unique geography in Newcastle. Rivers, beaches, mountain, bushland, seas, conservation areas, these are extremely important. The future of the city is at risk with climate change. We should actively support initiatives designed to combat against these.

1. Instillation of renewable energy generation and storage. 2. Tough restrictions on further development of all remaining green spaces, parks and reserves. 3. Instillation of electric car charging points. 4. Increased restrictions on carbon footprint heavy building practices.

Protection of beaches from storm erosion
Increase in capacity and retention of fresh water resources
Incentivise uptake of resource management technologies (solar, water tanks etc.)

Get rid of coal

Stop build on our waterfront

Hey - great idea: Let's not chop down the beautiful trees along the XXXXXXXXXX park. Oops, Freudian slip.

Ensure that all open space is protected in Law so that it cannot be claimed by anybody as vacant land or rezoned on the whim of the NCC. STOP the willy nilly destruction of trees, plants and gardens. A perfect example of this is the alienation of the vacated Newcastle Bowling Club. Instead of the NCC moving to reintegrate this area into King Edward Park they worked against public ownership in favour of single family, developer ownership. They have made NO attempt to claim this area for its rightful owners the citizens of Newcastle. Consider what the NCC has allowed to happen to Newcastle's Foreshore Park from Nobbys to the Customs House roundabout. Is this ensuring that "our unique natural environment is maintained, enhanced and connected"?

Get people out of their cars. Encourage the installation of solar power and other alternative/renewable energy sources. The development of more urban agricultural places. Work with organizations that are already teaching people about reducing the waste generated. Encourage waste free areas, such as food courts with reuseable dishes. Have eco-walks to teach residents/visitors of the local and regional environment, but also placing it in a global context.

Get rid of the big polluters on the Harbour, don't allow high rise for at the east end and maintain green space

Continue with coast care and Landcare projects.

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Support creation of a repair workshop similar to that in Marrickville so that people can fix what they have, buy less and make less waste.
What immediately springs to mind is waste management, and the expense of the responsible disposal of both domestic and commercial waste products. While I think that country-wide we need to address ways to limit the volume of waste going in to landfill (or being dumped in the bush) in Newcastle we could encourage the use of non-disposable coffee cups, and encourage the reduction of the use of plastic bags. Starting anywhere would be a good thing.
again maybe community consultation and consider all aspects of the natural environment
Council shouldn't approve development in areas likely to be flood prone in the future.
Priority is given to our natural environment over business/development interests such as super cars
Household bulk waste kerbside collection encourages reuse & recycle ahead of waste disposal. Also reduces dumping incidents in bushland etc. Please bring this back. Supercars is at odds with maximising our natural east end environment. Disgraceful.
the natural environment recently destroyed to cater for V8 motor racing. Council believe this is more important than preserving nature just to get more money???
Seediest page
Transition away from coal. Petition national government for a job guarantee that offers work in environmental and personal care services. Cancel the contract with the super cars - it's polluting in every sense. Encourage clean energy use. Enforce high standards in terms of energy efficiency for all new buildings. Stop pulling down trees and hiving off sections of park - leave the rail corridor for light rail and encourage people back on to public transport.
Events held in the City should not be to the detriment of the environment (i.e. the destruction of foreshore parkland for proposed supercar event) ... events should be assessed and only allowed if an appropriate location is identified.
Installation of artificial wetlands along major drainage routes, similar to those adopted by the City of Sydney. Improvement of parklands.
Council has limited influence in this area
Understood more could be done re coastal hazard implications for our key assets.
Promote engagement with the natural environment through developing new and existing low impact recreational opportunities. Foster (maintain and rebuild) connectivity with the remaining pockets of the natural environment across the city.
Engage with Tom Farrell Institute
Some effort into flood plain management is needed to ensure we don't have floods.
Encourage the public to have ownership of the nature. Educate about the nature, encourage vegetable gardens, composts, worm farms, fruit trees.
I haven't seen much action towards these objectives.
Respond with consideration to community needs. For far too long the Newcastle council has not responded to the genuine concerns of the ratepayers
Don't allow the V8 cars due to the environmental and noise pollution
Weasley words and tokenism will not cut it .council will be held accountable for their developer XXXXXXXX decisions
This is jargon, I don't know what we're talking about!
Support places like the Hunter Wetlands Ash Island, Stockton Sandspit, etc. by making people more aware of their value.

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putting money to build up an effective council team to protect promote natural environment and promote volunteer landcare groups
Establish more green corridors as land becomes available
Advocating and enabling strategic environmental policy to educate and help the community adjust to climate change. Along with this a commitment to environmentally sustainable practices by council, showing leadership.
I hope this means the stupid idea of laying concrete across Burwood Beach which falls into a beautiful environment needing protection has been scraped.
More green space in city & suburbs. Divert soft plastics & food waste from household bins & recycle / make compost. Local "food forests". Stop using pesticides on public land & encourage bees & native wildlife by planting appropriately. Encourage locals to stop using single use plastics with incentives for businesses to switch to biodegradable packaging or offer discounts for customers that byo. Encourage more schools & businesses to collect plastics with program to recycle into outdoor furniture.
Need interagency commitments (eg hunter water, HDC, Maritime, state gov etc) to policy that delivers above in planning, actions, monitoring etc Investment in community education and engagement is essential.
Adapting and preempting the effects of climate change should be specifically mentioned in the vision. It's our biggest threat and will impact the outcomes of all other goals in this plan.
The best thing we can do for the environment is stop expanding residential areas. Educate people to understand that living in smaller spaces, closer together is much kinder for the environment, increases community and makes infrastructure easier to maintain and run efficiently. A campaign to promote city life will help to achieve so many of your goals.
Respect the built history of Newcastle, acknowledge and keep the unique CBD skyline, allow The Hill and cathedral to continue to shine. Ensure the river & it's foreshore not to be dominated by high rise buildings. Enhance the Cottage, Styx and Throsby creeks with shared paths. Ensure Blackbutt Reserve and parklands are well maintained and citizen friendly. Ensure that new developments allow access to substantive parks and natural bush land. Maintain high quality beach and riverside surrounds and access. Continue with street tree planting program.
We should be working to limit heavy impacts on our remaining natural areas. All activities in these areas should be as low impact and environmentally friendly as possible. We have many pre-disturbed areas that can accommodate higher impact outdoor activities and development of these should be encouraged.
protect the parks and foreshore from built environment and the encroaching concrete slab that is currently threatening its amenity. Plant trees strategically to protect parks from wind.
Council has not spent much resources on actually improving environmental aspects of the LGA and many recent projects have had significant environmental impacts which have been largely ignored. e.g. the Memorial Walk caused significant environmental damage to remnant grassland and disfigured the natural (historic) head land area to create a walk right next to a perfectly good existing footpath. Similar works have occurred in King Edward Park with little environmental concern. Council as an organisation has a poor culture when it comes to protecting the environment in relation to its construction works and projects.
get the greenies out of council
Lead the way in showcasing and supporting home and business solar power initiatives
Stop chopping down trees and laying tarmac for Supercars and leave the parks, beaches and trees to grow and become safe and enjoyable places to be.
ensure that existing reserves, parks and bushland areas are preserved, a strategy to clean up creeks and stormwater drains

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Promos, education, accessibility, love of place and acknowledgment of country through respect for our Awabakal and Woromi people.
Of course it is important that we consider use of resources, energy efficiency and the environment, but it is more important that the infrastructure works. People will not bother with systems that are not user friendly.
At present council is destroying heritage in Newcastle you can once damaged you can not get back.
Don't elect lib nats
Do not allow development of the beachfront. Protect the very few remaining areas in Newcastle LGA of remnant bushland. Increase street trees and public green spaces.
There are lots of areas in Newcastle that environmentally could be managed better. The most obvious and visual issue would be rubbish collection of estuaries like around throsby creek. More effort needs to be put into cleaning the harbour and surrounds not consistently relying on volunteer groups and individuals. I pay my rates i would like to see a clean harbour. And industrial pollution created from numerous heavy industries including coal industry and industry like orica that has been on ongoing problem in Newcastle for many years, needs to be strictly monitored.
By delivering on plans instead of all the green washing and pretending to be doing things. Provide leading examples for the rest of the community. Explaining what you mean by efficiency in the use of resources and demonstrating how you are managing climate change risks
"Newcastle's unique natural environment" needs to surveyed in itself. We all need to ask ourselves what that quote means to each person to actually determine what needs to be done. Once we can narrow down the most important of these items to the majority, it's only then can we start to discuss how we simply understood, maintained and protected.
Reduce council emissions, continue to improve access to recycling/ waste reduction. Ensure high standards of environmental protection for new developments.
Instead of chopping down trees in Newcastle East plant more trees and gardens.
Should also include maintenance of heritage buildings
Improve retention and where nec replacement of native remnant urban forest and network of open spaces - for heat sinks, shading, healthy recreation, native biodiversity
we must have efficiency in use of resources. However our natural environment protection and improvement must be a high priority as it will be under greater threat from development challenges. Climate change management is of a lower priority for a city in isolation but comes into greater focus if we all follow a national initiative
The phrase 'Protected and Enhanced Environment' is way too airy-fairy and subject to political interpretation. Get real - and stop using greenie nothingness statements. This is not to suggest that any part of the environment should not be considered and protected. But, how are Council's actions in the V8 car fiasco (clearing away all the native trees and planting exotic Norfolk Island pines, etc) in any way contributing to the alleged objective?
No car races, don't cut down trees for car races, don't shut off residents' access to the beach for car races.
Increased public education regarding the fragility of the natural environment, especially our coastline and wetlands, teach strategies to care and enhance them.
keep open spaces accessible to general public and stop building up
Invest in all aspects of energy to protect our environment. We should not just rely on coal
Climate change activities should only occur if well thought out triggers are reached.
Emphasis, maintenance and controls on heritage structures

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Keep educating the public so they can support what ever plans are in place.

Well for a start having rubbish bins do help reduce rubbish, I made a suggestion about putting a rubbish bin in the car park at the top of Newcomen Street, but was told, not viable, that is a laugh considering they have to empty the bins in the park across the road anyway, there is no bins all the way down watt street until the Newcastle bench, look at the gutters, loaded with plastic etc etc. How about wardens doing what they are paid for and policing people dropping rubbish, not picking up after dogs, stomping out butts. Perhaps worrying less about a native grass spending millions on it and worrying more about parks, clean streets, I have just watched loads of trees being cut down for the upcoming car race, is this an answer to the environment.

Climate change resilience should be built in to everything the Council does. It's a construction and built environment issue, it's a water issue, it's a greening the urban environment issue, a housing issue, a food issue, an energy issue, etc. I think we should be proactive in becoming a climate smart city and map out what that would look like across all our assets and environments.

The environmental and climate change risks and impacts shouldn't just be understand and managed, we need to implement extensive and appropriate change and adapt so we are at the forefront of this issue.

Sell ourselves on it! Promote Newcastle for its physical beauty so people come to see it... Including a good visitor information centre... more maps and tours highlighting the local areas... think of different ways to encourage people to use them for residents and visitors alike. Maintaining and increasing paths, walking or cycle tracks to link areas or including them on public transport routes. eg how does a disabled person/ old person get to Merewether by public transport - currently virtually impossible. Can you get to Stockton Beach from the ferry, or loop from the ferry via the beach back to the river front? Only via roads with no clear route (not good for visitors or kids on bikes!) Have more events and regular uses for our natural assets, things like movies on the beach, reptile shows... etc. Look for opportunities to make the most of the existing buildings to encourage more use... the success of the Newcastle Kiosk and Merewether Surfhouse are examples... a Café/ restaurant and upgrades in the surf club would be awesome at Dixson park and Newcastle, a café at Blackbutt would be awesome too... even a event space for weddings. Examples such as Centennial Park or the Botanical Gardens in Sydney, Bondi's Ice Burges even King Edward park is very under utilised. The other element is educating the locals and visitors alike about our unique environment, risks and management procedures.

Surf fest is a great event. I'd like to see all the land between Surfhouse and the surf club made into grassy terraced steps...so that people can walk down and sit there as spectators.

Ask the community for its input instead of asking Sydney to plan it.

increase in green spacetransport to these areas eg foreshore is efficient and accesible currently extremely difficult unless one has a car eg extend light rail If people can access something then will have more commitment to it

Encourage uptake of solar PV and hot water systems, as well as rainwater tanks for garden use.

Cutting down trees for the V8s, well make sure you plant more in replacing those cut down.

STOP developing it with tall ugly apartments & the like. STOP chopping down precious tress that take many years to grow & get rid of the V8 Super cars polluting the city. Nobody else wanted them but sucker Newcastle put their hand up!! Bring back our trains. Stop XXXXXXXX & stop XXXXXXXXXXXX rich / greedy developers!!!

The current NCC has caused much destruction of our natural environment by destroying many trees Engaging supercars to pollute our atmosphere with both petrol and NOISE way above the recommended acceptable noise levels is certainly not in keeping with efficient use of resources.....burning oil and rubber,

Forget the climate change crap.

When building the new city center in Newcastle West can we please do "green" buildings both in the way they use resources and having plants growing on them to soften and cool the environment We have an opportunity to create a new city environment lets not just mimic traditional cities

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Having land care activities as also a source of tourism and built into school activities. Connecting our natural environment with its indigenous heritage is also essential in ensuring it is understood. Supporting and empowering the Awabakal nature in accessing the environment and using it for its cultural purposes as well as to assist in educating their community and the greater community about its importance.
Actual true collaboration with Awabakal mob rather than Eurocentric ally educated environmental specialists
Develop and implement a strong holistic strategy towards a zero carbon and sustainable city. Connect with our neighbours in the Hunter area to form strong regional partnerships and develop industries in this space. Prepare for important climate change adaption measures in conjunction with our neighbouring communities.
Creating areas that promote future changes and show residents and visitors what is being considered and researched - exhibits in public places that are ever changing. Promoting events in areas that are being maintained - such as Blackbutt reserve and Glenrock reserve and promoting support for volunteers for areas with the park that require attention. It is brilliant however the back areas are not well maintained at all and if upgraded could be better utilised. Offering prizes for small achievements - like when you received the odd congratulations and ticket to movie/show/event for having a successfully filled recycle bin when they first came in so many years ago.. promotes the right behaviours and encourages interest
Discussing the implementation of further marine parks. Ensuring Glenrock is free from development. Have a building code that is uniformly implemented re- building heights ectlie (San Sebastien -Espana)
Resist the temptation of Supercars that will destroy much if Newcastle a East heritage and alter the ambience of Newcastle's old city precinct.
Trees are the greatest passive cooling solution, as well as habitat for all the other insects and animals who share the space of this city with us. We need landscape plans by educated designers who understand plants, habitat, indigenous species and micro-climate - not engineered solutions by engineers or contractors who know nothing about landscape. Take this knowledge seriously; there are too many mistakes being made all over this city when it comes to managing wild places, urban parks, planting street trees, or even designing the beach front and harbour front paths. We should be doing this so much better - and we have the serious expertise right here in Newcastle to make it work better. Let's look at bio-char for local energy networks and all the other technology that is being researched right now at our own university - and implement some of these ideas. And have a waste policy that encourages individual responsibility as well as being effective at the big scale.
pt. 2 above is currently being rapidly destroyed in the name of a three day car race: I see NO evidence of council's commitment to maintaining and enhancing our local environment; the opposite is the reality: DESTRUCTION EVERYWHERE in east end
Stop selling it to developers
The beaches need to be saved by conducting coastal movement of the currents/sand shifting.
Get rid of all plastic bags, and go back to paper bags.
Reconsider development/overdevelopment that impacts water drainage. Reconsider excess ground area to development site building footprint ratios. Consider New York's tapering high rise building policy.
We have to overcome the general populations' complacency in these matters.
Less high rise less clutter. City needs to be more open & more trees. Can plastic bottles in city.
Introduce charging stations to promote the uptake of electric cars
give it a shot, there no money to be made here
Bring back bush and/or use local plants in public spaces
Stop coal and move towards renewable energy. Retrain workers, create new jobs and protect our environment

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Somehow educate the public. Climate change is real. Everyone if they littered not - and picked up only 3 articles from the street - roadways - paths etc would make a tremendous change.

Don't just do what is easy and cheap. Make green spaces that are utilised & enjoyed.

Not destroy the beach. Solar heating and better energy efficiency everywhere

Again need the support of all major players.

Tree lined streets everywhere. Art works in public. More parks. More benches.

Leave it as it is, please

Supplying extra bins Council workers doing their jobs

Create a sustainability and environment unit within Councils whose role it is to deliver this objective/actions

Encourage co-generation in new multi-storey developments, offering the proponents incentives to invest in this infrastructure.

Create a DCP element that actively discourages the development of green field housing that includes black rooves with energy-sucking air conditioners, ignoring where north is located and reliant on private motor vehicles. Offer incentives to developers that are prepared to break this mould.

Improved planning controls on development adjacent bushland. Better education for residents on invasive weeds

Less large scale projects in central city, more in surrounding areas.

Map vacant lots and focus on unused small buildings instead of knocking down existing buildings and building multi-storey structures.

stop coal mining

take Newcastle off the grid - be self sustaining

learn to say no to property developers if in all honesty its just for their back pockets and not in our society's and future society's best interest - ir affordability and accessibility...

keep green spaces - grow edibles rather than pretty plants that everyone are allowed to eat

get more green spaces

grow and look after our wetlands - they're way more important than most people realise

The natural environment should be enhanced by the built one. Anzac walk is a great example of the build environment complimenting our natural environment and making it useful for public use.

Undertake detailed studies of the Blackhill and surrounding areas to work out what areas can be developed and what areas should be kept as environmental land.

Tell us your ideas on health, happiness and wellbeing

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we need safe places that can be used by all people day & night not excluded because the council desecrates the are an allows dangerous activities like the V8 races.

Stop giving so much attention to the vocal minority (eg. Do something about the old bowling club site near King Edward), increase parking or actually implement the trams so people can easily access parks for events, work with developers to build public spaces, increase infrastructure for large scale events, connect all sides of the city (eg. Connect harbour to Charlestown and the Lake so tourists find it easy to get around and see the area)

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Work with the Police to encourage different uses of our outdoor spaces. Use smart technology to provide a better sense of safety in public areas.

Taken over by a private company and destroyed without consultation of rate payers. This is actually a joke isn't it? You're just toying with the community to see who is stupid enough to entertain you? The trees are gone, the community has been misled ignored and lied to and you're seriously asking about heritage and public space?

Connecting with all cultural groups in Newcastle.

Suburban areas, not just the city centre, must also be enhanced. Local parks need good lighting and equipment for children and adults for sport and recreation. Local parks for recreation should be available for all residents within a short distance from their homes.

Continue to support Livesites events and community events that celebrate multiculturalism, such as Thai new year and harmony day. Continue supporting events like the light up Watt Street festival and the display of historic photos in building facades and shop front windows.

Better street lighting so that it's less intimidating to be out at night. More outdoor events aimed at families, for example music concerts by conservatory orchestra where it's ok to take children who may be noisy. More buses other than number 100 doing the route Islington-CBD. Have a day in the week where the art gallery and the library are open in the evening. Have a more coordinated approach to tackling the problem of homelessness and substance abuse in Newcastle CBD and Beaumont Street, so that both the homeless population and the neighbours feel safer.

To be a city where people want to participate and feel connected you need excitement, safety and really iconic interesting places. To keep all these young uni graduates from leaving for Melbourne or overseas, we need to follow Portland, Seattle, Bristol - smaller more affordable and livable cities, accessible to larger centers, but with enough going on to attract creative industries and people. The 60s - people left cities for suburbs. 1990s people went back to cities, we need to be part of the next wave like what happened in the cities above, but for Australia. Public spaces, lots of cultural experiences, good transport, affordable housing, inclusiveness.

Commitment to long term education and awareness raising initiatives which bring insight into the lives of our diverse population. Consideration of an umbrella organisation which is tasked with the running of activities and co-ordinating all agencies in the City to achieve real and long term outcomes from activities and tourism. Encourage Families to play on the streets like in the 'old days' which brings better interactions, safety and more sport into the Community.

Ensuring safety of the public is paramount to encourage our people to engage; importance of environmental protection of natural environment; protecting indigenous heritage & 'western' development side by side with the natural beauty would be the ideal.

All meaningless waffle words - what is council actually planning to do. Use plain English action words, not feel good adjectives that serve no useful purpose.

Engaging youth and promoting arts and culture to maintain the night economy.

Less high density housing, more town house style of development if complexes such as these are desired, more outdoor and (indoor for inclement weather) activities for families to come and socialise, support the Christian Churches in opening up their halls for day and evening events, out door movie nights in the suburbs during the warmer months. At the beaches, artificial reefs, this will attract surfers as more surfing spots will be created and in doing so they will spend money at your local trading establishments, Stockton, the Bar to Merewether and Burwood Beaches would be ideal. Vastly improve the cycle ways, get them off the roads and onto their own paths, this is paramount.

I think we need some big projects, not simply installing outdoor furniture or children's play equipment. I think Council should facilitate a Vivid Festival for Newcastle and Sculpture by the Sea. Budget for it and allocate a team to make it happen. Newcastle is perfect for this sort of thing.

Extend this activity beyond the CBD.

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great vision and objectives though limited actions taken, especially in light of the imposition of the Supercars..This has destroyed the vibrant growth of Newcastle East..impacting on visitors being able to enjoy the cultural precinct from June to December..no parking and noise form road works..as well as no light rail. Shame that this has occurred as this precinct has grown into a vibrant community over the last 5 years.

It is being hypocritical when you talk about the above. heritage being threatened, foreshore ripped apart, business in Hunter St. at risk, minimal parking facilities. This State Govt. has sidelined this weak council.

Please save our heritage - stop tearing it down

These are key areas for any city to flourish - need to have iconic sites that will attract attention from elsewhere.

I think we already have the public places. It's a matter of activation and ease of access. "Culture, heritage and place are valued, shared and celebrated" - but not protected & preserved? We've seen many a heritage building "celebrated" with a photograph and then demolished.

The average person thinks that the CBD is dangerous after dark - full of drunks and druggies. While ever this is the perception - the city will be hard to activate - it feels safer to go to Kotara rooftop. It is not until the CBD is developed with housing and shops and business that this will change. Knock down the eyesores and build nice places for professional people to live in. Get the Dept of Housing out of Bar Beach and replace it with privately owned housing that young professional people can occupy.

Frequent public transport and good lighting will help with safety and night activities. I think culture and heritage areas are generated by people and don't need to be generated by council

Full implementation at point one in the strategies

All of which people have been screaming about for some years. Just reverse some of the pro-narrow interest group policies that fragment and fracture our city and heritage legacies.

why have a work area like Hunter street, and it closes down after 5pm or work times, why cant this area have lights or attractive to social interaction after work times, such lighting, my thoughts why have a large space and only used for certain hours of the day, my thoughts make it useful to entertainment places, maybe building in future can be constructed to obtain such areas.

the heavy rail is never coming back, rezone that space immediately for public space, commercial/ retail and affordable housing. Work with government and stop halting progress with the government.

safe places for night use ... not always able to exercise during the day light hours in the winter and having places I can go with adequate lighting (such as the harbour foreshore, Merewether beach-bar beach strip) is helpful. Lighting on Fernleigh track would be awesome! More fenced areas for dog walking. Dogs are therapeutic for their owners and need walking (which also means exercise for their owners), they should be catered for in a city as big as Newcastle. Goodness, Lake Macquarie is getting a fenced area ... are they really a better council than Newcastle. I think not! Lift Newcastle, Lift!!!!

keep the place tidy

24 hour usage, good cctv coverage and prompt and obvious (tho not overt) policing. If people feel safe and included they will utilise the spaces regularly.

Extend public space into harbour - Barrangaroo equivalent!

Maintain support for community gardens

Ensuring these exist all over the city is important - not only the CBD

Get rid of the bogans!

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increased lighting of public areas increase the number of community events in these spaces

Again you have shown no regard for culture and heritage. How can you even pretend to care about these issues when you and Supercars are digging up roads through our heritage area right now? How will this impact on the oldest homes in Newcastle? Idea - get rid of Supercars if you want to be taken seriously about heritage.

Introduce more CCTV

Adequate policing is a necessity where alcohol and drugs are involved. Listen more to residents than business interests

We must become more protective of the heritage we have in our inner city buildings and not let them be destroyed for profit.

By asking people what they would like to see as you are doing in this survey but public places need to be safe environments where people and families can go without concern. Public places need to be user friendly, well maintained, and constantly monitored for anti social behaviour, vandalism, Graffiti or people will stop using them.

As long as we don't have to advertise aboriginals they can't lay claim to it.

Get rid of Supercars...it doesn't fit any of the criteria above! It trashes the space we have built and protected since the Foreshore park was established. Give the Newcastle East community something good (other than drains) to make their environment people friendly again.

If for example I were a stranger to Newcastle it may be useful for me to be able to read on telegraph poles how far it is to the nearest light rail stop, the nearest toilet, safe space where other people will be, taxi rank and so on. This signage could be graphics, and phone numbers to avoid too much writing. Better for people from foreign backgrounds too.

Ensure that all areas are maintained in top condition with emphasis on provision of safe, clean open areas with top class facilities

Improve our Art Gallery , Museum & Maritime Museum. Also, botanical gardens

Public spaces that are well maintained and permit both passive [park benches/play equip. etc] and active [buskers/pop up activities etc.] are essential for safety and all public spaces including parks and pathways/shopfronts should be cctv monitored.

Installation of cameras and better lighting in major areas that are high use at night. Trim trees where necessary to allow installed lighting to illuminate footpaths and roads.

Pay as much attention to the outer suburban centres as to the inner city.

Importing a car race, extending liquor licences, restricting traffic flow, enclosing a residential neighbourhood with barriers, preventing residents from using their cars during daylight hours, encouraging crowds of intoxicated car enthusiasts, does not "strengthen social connection" or create a "safe" place.

Again these are Motherhood statements. They are all important. How will Supercars help us to celebrate culture and heritage?

Keep on with the Bathers Way project. Well lit gathering places with desirable locations (Restaurants, small bars, cultural centres) joined to public transport networks.

Introduce a major festival that puts Newcastle on the international map, much like Sydneys Vivid Festival, Hobarts MOFO Festival, Austin (Texas) SxSW Festival, San Sebastián International Film Festival, Wilco Festival - Newcastle should develop an image as a quirky and creative alternative to Sydney. Think Big!

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First, spaces have to be safe - appropriately lit at night and well-paved or smooth walkways - no trip hazards. Create some evening-time safe public spaces for young people that preclude drinking: well lit physical spaces for wall climbing, Parkour course, Public gym equipment, Basketball court. Actually, couple of outdoor basketball courts near the Empire park skate park would be good. Maybe Empire park could be the centre of outdoor sports for teens at night on the weekends? Allow pop up food & coffee vans in certain parks on weekend nights - how about at Empire park and light up the skate park from 6-10pm in winter? Keep the Art Gallery open late one Friday night per month, have food vans outside, set up chairs and tables, have JURIED buskers. Project the Trop Fest short film winners onto the side of the Nc Museum in a loop and similarly, have the cafe stay open late and also have juried buskers, or get the choirs from the local high schools to perform 2 songs each. Trial this during the upcoming school holidays. The corner of Civic Park bordered by Darby and King Street is vastly underutilised. How about setting up weather-proof chess board tables and chairs in that corner? The Library could host evening read aloud sessions for tweens and teens and adults. Enlist the kids from HSPA or Young People's Theatre or other local amateur theatre companies to read aloud - set up comfy chairs and have tea, coffee, soft drinks. Choose a thriller or short story mysteries - theme nights to a particular genre. If they are interested, divide up the school holiday periods among the distinct cultural groups in Nc to use some public space - Civic Park? - to have a cultural event. Performance, food, market stalls and combine it with whatever's happening at the Library and Art Gallery. Ensure that all civic events - like Australia Day and Anzac Day - include people from the more recently arrived migrants / refugee groups.

Ensuring that poor developments are not approved in Newcastle - such as a multi-story apartment block in East Newcastle which proposes to maximize profits and avoid the cost of providing sufficient parking space for tenants - and in doing so create ridiculous and unreasonable pressure on an area already stretched in terms of service if residents and public recreation & events Protecting natural & heritage areas and public assets from unreasonable pressure, cost & exploitation from private interests (super v8)

You have to make pedestrian areas, like close off Beaumont between Tudor and Donald, and Darby between Queen and Bull to cars. Open Queen to Dawson to allow traffic to bypass. Allow designated drop off and pickup areas for all traffic so people can get in and out. Encourage music venues of all types, rock, jazz, country to develop. Set up police shop fronts in these areas and encourage regular police foot patrols

Where is the heritage of our local tribes prominently on display to locals and visitors. It can become a huge draw card, while respecting our forebears of this part of the coast.

how does one celebrate a place. It's brick and cement! strengthening social connections - please no more amerikan vanilla vomit. satire said it: other people are hell

CCTV inner city public areas Free public facilities like in Brisbane South Bank and Melbourne in redeveloped areas such as old railway corridors

The city centre has come along way, but still a lot to be done in terms of improving the footpaths and lighting

Stop the Supercars from racing through residential streets at speeds of 280km per hour past heritage buildings which are also peoples homes. Babies and children will be sleeping within 3 meters of these cars racing.

monitor and reduce pollution. Consider an airship docking port in city. Help community organisations that run events, training and networking of community to have low cost office space near cultural precinct, that is accessible.

Develop an open honest and responsive council administration that values best practice and sees itself as part of the Newcastle Community

Again, Council's actions run completely counter to these objectives.

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<p>Facilitate bands and entertainers in parks and public squares, continue upgrading children's play areas and wildlife sanctuaries skate parks with picnic facilities street theatre flash dance and flash orchestras in public places and not always in Newcastle but surrounding suburbs like Jesmond, Wallsend Lambton, Mayfield. Have a soapbox speakers corner where people can have a say about anything. Subsidise recycling workshops like pallet furniture or old jeans rugmaking. Build housing with these social spaces as mandatory per every 10-20 houses including cycleways and wooded areas and play streets, composting bins and banning dog excrement and roaming cats.</p>
<p>Public spaces need to encourage engagement through provision of infrastructure and green space, e.g. play equipment and spaces for children and adults that are well lit by solar or other efficient systems to encourage use day and night.</p>
<p>Our beautiful old buildings should be protected and treated as the dear old items that they are. Currently nothing has been done in spite of all of us crying out for care to be undertaken.</p>
<p>Stay very XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. They should be celebrating us, not us celebrating them who left to forget</p>
<p>Be pro active in liaising with neighbourhoods. Many western and inner western parklands, walking trails and sports fields are in desperate need of updating. Directing a ratepayer who enquires or complains about the state of their local recreational area to a NCC page which requires a funding application to be completed is insulting and counter productive. NCC must stop abdicating its core business activities, come out of the round house, away from the foreshore and liaise with the neighbourhoods in the west.</p>
<p>Encourage street parties. More music/ busking in public places. Allotted busking spots regulated but encouraged by council(as in London)</p>
<p>Part of the colour of a city is the mix of business at ground floor level. In the last 18 months there has been a large number of businesses across the city centre close leaving a huge number of premises empty even in so called prime positions like Honeysuckle. I suggest a Tax/levy on empty commercial properties. This will encourage landlords to get tenants and be more realistic in their rent expectations. Give them a grace period of 3 months to find new tenants. Use those funds to increase the number of big events in the city. Do a joint venture project with Cricket Australia/AFL/Government to build stadium at No.1 with Affordable housing for families around the western and Southern Sides. You also need to have accessible car-parking, it is essential - otherwise you are only catering to the able bodied. Don't make it difficult for old people, disabled, parents with prams and young ones. Earlier this year these people were cut-off and excluded from Australia Day activities and so the crowd was half that of the year before. Take your head out of the sand.</p>
<p>Again, first two have been done well over the last 20 years that I've known Newcastle. Third item is nebulous - almost impossible to define and achieve: can we be safer than London Bridge?</p>
<p>Art gallery and theatres need to be supported. Needs to be safe everywhere. these three points all seem to be referring to town again, possibly Hamilton. What about everywhere else?</p>
<p>Make the public spaces inviting, useable as in facilities for various types groups and ages. as well as interesting</p>
<p>While a lot has been done to promote the city spaces the cultural institutions, the Art Gallery and Museum, have been left behind. They need to have designated Directors and the Art Gallery needs a redevelopment so that the \$90 mill+ collection can be enjoyed by all who own it and also visitors to our city, just think of the numbers that go to the Art Gallery of New South Wales, we too could have something similar.</p>
<p>Maintain safe and clean environments with adequate lighting, signposting and access options, including public transport or some form of park and ride.</p>
<p>Live in Hunter St and have not seen any of this.</p>

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By restoring Camp Shortland for the above purposes. Its use as a private street racing track addresses none of the above objectives. You have ensured for the next five years (at least) that the Newcastle East peninsular has entry by ticket only, desecration of the Coal River site and destruction of the heritage area of the East End, high risk to public health, unavailability to the public for the beaches, Nobby's break wall, the Soldiers' Pool, the Ocean Baths, Newcastle Beach, Fort Scratchley and the Foreshore Park's remnants. The NCC has had a reckless disregard for people's health, happiness and wellbeing.

We don't fence off our parks and beaches and shut out customers from our businesses to allow one company, Supercars, to take over and rape us

I regularly stumble upon activities in the east end that I was totally unaware of. There is no point in having activities if locals don't know about them. I read the NMH regularly and subscribe to the council newsletter. I have no idea how council promotes events. If a cultural group hires civic park I would expect council to promote it as an event. Aren't we trying to promote newcastle as a tourist destination with things to do?

Create opportunity for attracting tourism not rely on outdated council staff ideas by relying on the internet only Have the cruise terminal where visitors see Newcastle & not just docks and Carrington Have rail, bus & ferry access Take the example from overseas countries or even Sydney

Stop the Drug culture

I believe that people and neighbourhoods can work that out themselves. Just give them good, safe well-maintained spaces. Take the Showground for instance, maybe the annual show has had its day as this area is more urbanised, but a vibrant Farmers Market occurs there every week, loved by many. A negative example is the pocket park in Victoria Street, Mayfield. Why is that space barriered off, after its opening 18 months ago? It could now have lights, an identifiable name. Spaces don't have to be large, but intimate well-maintained and recognised will usually work

Encourage more walking areas, with more linkages between venues that draw people.

Make sure public areas are well lit and maintained. Make sure residents in areas to be altered or developed are consulted properly.

Encourage people to utilise local centres in the evenings with street stalls, buskers etc.

We need to make progress on some of the eye saws around the city, the lack of action on the post office, Masonic bowling club and other eye saws around town is disgraceful. Fix the current issues before we stretch ourselves too far. The mall is a perennial issue that is an eyesore and at night has a seedy vibe.

Careful, thoughtful planning, with full explanations given to the public. Ever-changing plans and ideas leave the community jaded and sceptical/cynical. The community and their opinions need to be shown to be valued.

Being able to access spaces is just as important as the space itself.

Get rid of run down older buildings and develop new spaces.

CCTV cameras are needed. Might not prevent injuries but will make it easier to identify the hot spots can be monitored and patrolled by the police more.

More police on the street and instant arrest for those who are drugged and drunk, keep the streets safe for families and the city will blossom and boom

Better amenities in parks - been a lot of park - walkways but the toilets etc are horrible

How is a high powered car race on the streets of Newcastle achieving a diverse and safe environment for the people of Newcastle where heritage buildings will be endangered by both the pollution and any potential accidents.

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We have great public spaces - events could be promoted better. More promotion of local indigenous history. Fix the Post Office.
Maintain restrictions on opening hours for places selling alcohol.
More open space with native plants
Culture and heritage not respected in current works. Foreshore Park was a place of diverse activity. It is being denied to users, families, walkers. Earlier closing of hotels has kept city safer.
SAFE PLACES.....
Better maintenance of public spaces, especially parks, verges and footpaths. A sense of civic pride must come from a clean environment. No one litters in Singapore as the city is well looked after leading to civic pride and fines are a strong deterrence
Currently Council is destroying the Coal River Heritage area by putting a race track through the centre of it. Newcastle East has many heritage terraces that will be in danger during the Supercars race. Move the race to a specially built race track. That would save both Council and the State government money.
Engagement with more than just traditional users. Make it easier to use and access spaces. Doesn't need to be city wide events could be just local suburban events
public parking is a concern for many and keeps many away from the city.
Making it easier for people to walk and ride bikes gets them out of their cars and into spaces where they are more likely to congregate. Providing areas for spontaneous activities such as lunch time football for the students moving into town very important. We have no space near honeysuckle for office sport in the way The Domain offers a lunch time venue for Sydney workers. We have too much hard paving in new developments rather than little pocket parks with grass and shade trees. Much of the city looks bleak. We should learn from the Brisbane South Bank development
Abolish hire fees for community events in public spaces.
all of this is very important and more needs to be done to encourage better behavior amongst people in the community also
"Safe and activated places that are used by people day and night. "Another nonsensical statement. "Activated"? Day and night? Restrict the alcohol related problems would do more for this issue than anything else. Despite the changes to reduce anti-social behaviour, it's still bad.
Good lighting for night use.
More focus groups
Why doesn't Newcastle have the equivalent of Speers Point Park?
Just provide parks and gardens and sporting fields that people can use and everyone will be happy. There is no need to force activity upon people, they will go the parks and playgrounds and make their own fun. If two kids go to Townson Oval with a football or a soccer ball they will have fun. Stop trying to be something we are not.
More public art and art installations - especially those that are inclusive of the Aboriginal community and ethnic communities. Interactive public installations/games (large scale chess, coits, etc). More outdoor gym areas. Bolster free cultural events / talks for the community.
Create welcoming and accessible community facilities that support opportunities for people to meet and connect with one another. The upgrade of sporting facilities should be high on the agenda to promote community social & health benefits.

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More investment in improving landscaping in public areas including Civic Park to allow for multiple uses in the day and at night. Activation of Wheeler Plaza. Opening up abandoned buildings to the shared economy- e.g. Council having a division that manages and lets (for cheap) abandoned buildings in the interim of them changing ownership. Newcastle Station has been sitting there for a couple of years with no use! Why not open it up to local artists, creatives in the interim. That would activate it at least!

Keep up the street tree planting - looks good. Ovals, parks and reserves make so many people happy. Consider solar lights. Dont forget our cultural facilities - Civic Theatre, Museum, Art Gallery & Libraries fit in this section.

More support of live arts and performance

Improved transport - Public & private.

More Men's Sheds Community hubs where people are encouraged to meet Maintain libraries

No V8 supercars thundering past heritage buildings!

Stop dangerous roads. 30km/hr streets Basic human right to travel in safety and not put others in danger. We can be more happy with a transition to an ethical World's best practice city planning and transport: Clean, healthy, safe communities with safer energy that creates jobs: Stop creating danger to others (only dangerous vehicles need rego; prams and pushbikes do not)! Faster main roads for cars, more buses/trains (screen time and active transport), better pushbike shortcut paths. Pleases everyone, so we can stop the fighting of motorists vs cyclists vs public transport user. Need to start talking about the elephant in the room, the whole system. No silver bullet on one small part of the problem. More dense cities (affordable housing) are faster (spread out suburbs are inefficient and get people addicted to cars) and cost benefit ratios for pushbike paths show increase in society health and increase in business/shops near them. Train transport through the bush linking up higher density cities. Stop urban sprawl causing social isolation and wasted travel time and making housing unaffordable (Costs quarter million dollars of taxpayers money for infrustructure for new housing developments (road, water, sewage, phone/NBN, electricity etc) If you are unhappy cycling, then you are doing it wrong. (Get electric assist tricycles with trailers if you have to. Pushbiking is as easy as walking, choose the easy gears and build up your leg strength). Don't wait for automated robot cars to stop cars tailgating each other, get the right information, skill up, and be safer than cars now. SAVE TIME: Combine transport with exercise (needed for body and mind happiness every day) Door-to-door on a pushbike (and finding safe shortcuts in backstreets) can be faster than finding car parking/waiting for buses. We need walk/cycle/public transport for active transport to beat the obesity epidemic, etc, etc The only negative to pushbikes is the same as learning t

Work with developers, provide incentives to create these spaces.

Install a large children's play area in the foreshore area. Look to other major cities and how these major play areas attract people, families, tourists and their spending. Maitland, Lake Mac, Port Mac have done this. Newington Armoury and Darling Harbour are prime examples.

adequate police resources provided for the western newcastle area ie reopening the wallsend police station

Cleanliness of areas, easy reliable access to areas

Mixed use areas encourage use day and night accessed in various ways. Development such as that occurring along Honeysuckle does not do this.

Supercars and all that goes with it violates all these objectives.

maintain our live music culture, and encourage more events like 'Hit the Bricks'

Consultation and acceptance of views; respect of history, respect of heritage; respect of culture.

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Culture is very important to this city. Its the reason I moved here. There are more artists per head of population here than anywhere else in Australia. Make the most of it. Support the artists and the growers markets. That's what makes Newcastle vibrant, not destructive Supercar races.

I think that it is important to have such activity places in the area, but the mistake of having TOO MANY should not be made. By having too many activity places, then funding and maintenance etc of these areas will become quite an issue as will easily be seen by investigating any other Australian or overseas city. Also I think that all people living in and around the future activity places should be encouraged to accept some responsibility for the care and maintenance of these places. Another factor when building these activity places is to ensure that all ages of people are taken into account from aged seniors to families and single people.

Get CCTV. IT MIGHTN'T STOP IDIOTS, BUT IT WILL HELP POLICE GET THEM.

Safe places to meet and greet other community members

Let development happen on old bowling club site near King Edward park. Anything would be better than the eye sore it currently is.

But the problem again is access. We don't go to events because we know getting to and from will be an issue. Love the feel good ideas but wonder about how it will work.

Deliver regional scale playground at Foreshore Pk. Bins in all parks. Ensure good design principles prevail. Lead conversation with developers. Don't leave design to the market.

Provision of safe transport options for late nights. More resources put into maintenance and a plan to extend public parklands and nature spaces.

As stated parking spots for night time visitors

Ease of transport both day and night, increase Police presence, install CCTV throughout the CBD and entertainment areas and promote Newcastle as a "safe city."

People like to do their own thing and make choices. This should be the focus. Certainly no more dominating coastal pathways. Sporting venues and places for fun runs and activities that need major infrastructure etc need to be in the west of the LGA. No1 and No 2 Sports ground need relocating and the area turned into a large lake connected to the Harbour.

Foreshore has been a place of diverse activity, and many social interactions now being limited. Need art gallery extensions to provide adequate space to display collection. Night times much safer since opening times were restricted.

save our heritage and historical buildings and places

We need more cultural events to bring people to public spaces such as arts events, musical events, markets. promote outdoor exercise, bike riding, food stalls

Security cameras in all public spaces would be great low cost initiative to ensure public safety.

Better lighting at night time, better access to public transport at late hours. If there were more buses or trains/trams that ran at later hours, such as when clubs close, there would be no need for lockout as no one would be left stranded for hours bored and drunk. More information should be given to the public about cultural sensitivity and teach everyone about different cultures and religions so that they can gain an understanding. Ignorance is a main cause for disgruntlement towards others.

Stop being dictated to by Sydney govn.

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Newcastle City Mall is in dire need of refurbishment. However, we need to ensure it is not over-developed. Placing tall buildings that block out the sun is not inviting. Pleasant, clean, creative, open spaces are enticing. They need to be well maintained and well monitored. Once again, the people of Newcastle suffered yet another blow after a miserable decision was made by the NCC re the old Newcastle Post Office building, which could have been transformed into a plush convention / events / function centre. No doubt, it would have had a positive ripple effect on the city at large. We need to learn from our mistakes and allow *respectable* creative, cultural businesses to return to the city, therefore encouraging social events and functions that will enhance a sense of community and participation.

Our parks in most suburbs to have different exercise stations for young and old. I'd like to see a Hydro therapy pool in the region like the Mayfield Pool which then could be used all year round for injured and elderly. Even sensory gardens for those who have impairments (to encourage those with a disability to get outside to touch feel and smell) More bbq's and tables in local parks.

Activation of spaces both during the day and at night. This activity provides witnesses to ensure that we are all, as a community, engaged in one anothers safety.

Opportunities for people to activate public spaces without so much bullshit red tape See splash Adelaide

More attention needs to be given to maintaining buildings of important historical and social architecture. Don't let them stand idle and deteriorate to the point where they become almost impossible to do anything other than demolish.

Take note of and comply with your own policies. DA DCPS should be complied with particularly in heritage areas

More people.

recognise the human scale and long term impacts of changes to public places - also open up the definition and include quiet streets that operate as mini public open spaces and protect them instead of potentially planning such gems out of the picture - eg community gardens, links to and from places, Uprising in Islington and Perkins Street in town which are informal community gems

Reduce the requirements of licensing laws - European style service of alcohol. Set up transportable bars / cafes

horseshoe carpark needs a fish cleaning table

A great idea but basically unrealistic

more security. Need to feel safe

I see street lighting as being very important. Some of our older suburbs (including Hamilton where I live) have very badly lit streets, very scary to walk in at night. Spaces that can be used day and night is a tricky one - the Clocktower Plaza in Hamilton is a prime example. I'm sure you're aware that there are problems there in terms of drug dealing, homeless people who unfortunately have nowhere else to go. I would not like to see any further spaces like the Clocktower Plaza, how can these sort of spaces be "safe and activated"?

Activities that support people in non-judgemental ways. Educating community members about bullying, and exclusion.

The creation of well thought out parks in all suburbs is vitally important to a neighbourhood. Trees, landscaping, extensive playgrounds, BBQ areas, fitness equipment and skateparks are the future of bringing communities together.

Fenced playgrounds- newcastle has none!!! Great parks

Need to maintain public areas in the suburbs. Council not doing basis tasks.

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remember there are lots of people who love and need the Fine Arts (Music, Painting, Theatre) as well as those who love Family friendly activities and sport.

Create a few community gardens and invite residents to look after a plotDog parks should be as abundant as the dog ownership. Mens sheds and exercise clubs

Places will be safer if there are lots of people out and about. Create events social and cultural that will get people there

A free waterpark such as Southbank at Brisbane at foreshore park near Nobby beach I believe would be very popular and a great success.

Again, please consult widely and don't just only use the usual council consultants.

Hunter street is dead and it is the most beautiful and most historical part of newcastle. Why the hell is Beaumont Street more happening than Hunter Street baffles me.

More community based activities

Co-operation and dump the politics

The focus should be on all communities within the city, not just the CBD. Many areas in the suburbs do not feel safe or activated at night. All plans should ensure that places and activities are inclusive for people with disability.

Would love to see an aboriginal museum in Newcastle tracing history both good and bad, and one that celebrates their future, a place for upcoming artists to sell wares, a place for performances etc.. Perhaps the place could provide a place for their own development as well. I feel this is something that does not exist in Newcastle. An important missing element for both locals and tourists.

Encourage community organisations as they can create greater reach than council alone.

These things are very important Good examples of success are in the public squares in Italy at night - families coming out and talking, kids playing. Some wine, some food

Better street lighting Recognise the importance of shared open spaces to local communities and maintain and protect local parks for the use of the community

It is really important to support things like the upgrade to our Art Gallery.

don't focus all activities on the basis of financial enchancement of existing businesses

Commit to involving community to drive these programs. Ensure council process makes it easier for people to take the initiative themselves - through easy applications, enabling policy and grants

Obviously good transport is essential. Need good seating/shelter/toilets/lighting/play areas etc. The parks aren't well maintained generally,& could be more inviting. The plantings are essential to encourage use. Not hard to find examples of very successful public spaces in other cities.

Focus on area outside the CBD - such as Wallsend, Jesond, Lambton

You will have to educate all people and have strategies to deal with the non conformers.

Organic activation. Encourage businesses that operated throughout the day and night and in various industry that cater for local needs. Increases opportunities for chance social encounters.

This is a euphemism for how to provide community by design rather than organic community. You are designing because the community that exists now will be pushed out by price rises and rate rises and junk culture.

Leadership from informed, thoughtful and innovative people who will consult with and listen to community individuals and groups.

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<p>For the public to be able to attend places in the city, parking needs to be addressed. For example, The Olive Tree markets held in Civic Park is a nightmare for parking. Any place that has long term parking to enjoy a substantial amount of time in the city, are quite a way from Civic Park. A shuttle bus would be good.</p>
<p>Dogs should be welcomed in more places and doggy poo bags should be provided by Council to ensure that people do the right thing. Rangers should be able to fine those who don't. Buskers could be encouraged. Accessible parking reasonably price parking should be available in popular places. Cultural and heritage places should be subsidised so that they can be marketed effectively in order for the public to be aware of what is available.</p>
<p>Great but it's now too hard to get to town and many people can't afford to eat in town.</p>
<p>Plan for human scale. Get on the ground. Don't plan from above.</p>
<p>Let local communities direct the types of activities that will work best for their neighbourhood. We live here, we know what we need and what we don't. It will take a different form for different areas and consultation before anything happens will make it work best.</p>
<p>We need to build the presence of Aboriginal history in the region and build a cultural identity of the city. We need vibrant public spaces that promote art, public performance, promote a healthy active lifestyle.</p>
<p>1. Increase the inner-city housing supply for low income households and casual and freelance professionals. 2. Reopen a Newcastle Youth Venue. 3. All ages performance spaces with organising support. 4. Community art projects. 5. Community health outreach, 'meals-on-wheels' type initiatives, group exercise in public spaces like free beginners yoga, healthy eating workshops.</p>
<p>More cultural places</p>
<p>Encourage informal outdoor sports: More tennis walls, street basket ball, beach volley ball, bike polo courts. More ParkRun and less triathlons. Forbid obstruction to the walk along Nobby's breakwall, Access must be maintained what ever else is going on in that area. The amount of walking on Nobby's walkway is a major contributor to public health.</p>
<p>The very first thing is to ensure that all heritage buildings are maintained as they are without ridiculous developments overriding their architectural beauty. Newcastle's East End is the heart and sole of Newcastle. Leave it alone. There is abundant land in the West End of Newcastle that can be built upon without any protest. The West End Shopping Town development is an example of this kind of acceptable building. Stop allowing developers to get away with not providing for open space around their buildings and the provision of public art.</p>
<p>Have outdoor exercise classes for all ages. Aquafitness classes at the Ocean baths, more gym equipment along the coast. Bike share programme and workshops on how to fix bikes. Get musicians to play in the Civic Square on weekends. Offer an opportunity for buskers to get licenses from council (audition in front of a board) to be able to play around select areas in the city. Extend the Renew Newcastle programme to Mayfield and other suburbs.</p>
<p>Support our artist community, local markets and live music scene</p>
<p>Create piazzas for public events. Connect our major cultural venues with public space and with cafes. Extend and improve the Newcastle Art Gallery - more viewing space and a cafe and shop.</p>
<p>Make sure cycle paths connect suburbs to key places</p>
<p>Continuing opportunities and support by council for community gardens and similar projects involving community contribution for the community good.</p>
<p>ensure (somehow) that Australian and local values are protected and developed</p>
<p>Remember that our culture and heritage is NOT only XXXXXXXXXXXXX!</p>

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good street lighting & cameras where people attend night time functions - theatre, cinema etc - and then have to walk to their parked cars late at night - also a visible presence of night patrol at the time people exit these functions.

improved public transport to enable people to connect balance of types of community events to appeal to different age, cultural etc groups

Promote participation in healthy activities. Kids involved in a sport or other organised activity are happier and rarely causing trouble. People of all ages engaged in group activities are also healthier and happier (and complain less about all levels of government) - Parkrun is a great example of a non competitive activity that is very popular. Parkrun for dogs?

Supercars does not fit with valuing our heritage in the East end. It is a disgrace.

so why have natural heritage buildings been demolished to make way for units? This isn't promoting vibrant places. This is only done to create revenue. Building more units is usurping space and crowding neighbourhoods already overcrowded. This doesn't create safety. We already have too many coffee shops. How many more do you want?

More fitness equipment in parks. Night markets in the city.

Site 'activation' should not be driven by merchants at honeysuckle. The Harbourside is not a safe place for thousands of people at the winter heat festival. Send it back to Civic where there is space for children to play safely.

Your line of questioning continues beyond your mandate

Publicise aboriginal heritage in association with Awabakal people. More cycleways separated from road traffic. More accessible spaces for all people with disabilities. Parks and playgrounds extended and community gardens established.

Council should be less willing to give in to local naysayers re the use of public space, particularly those in the east end of the cbd. Educating potential buyers of apartments in the city re the use of these spaces and implications for noise and traffic etc before they become residents rather than responding to their complaints by stopping the use of public spaces.

Innovation in how people socialise in the key city centres. Foster good practices and model positive behaviour and expectations by building spaces that attract the majority that will suppress the minority of anti-social behaviours. Don't require all liquor licencing to adopt the requirements needed to manage the minority.

I am not sure what an activated place is. If we could use less Jargon. Using the old Newcastle train station as a weekend market place, and having non-chain shops in the place that deal with art or manufacturing would be a good idea. Expanding the recycling, places like Marrickville in Sydney have reverse garbage and the bower where citizens can go and re-cycle goods and repair old goods. Could newcastle look at things like that.

put car parking in, that doesn't cost a fortune. that would help families afford to come into the area allow more free entertainment. don't charge as NCC currently does for the entertainers for space organise more entertainment in these areas. place security cameras in the zones allow community engagement and by in then they will own it and look after it.

Night activities sponsored by NCC have been great & need to be in other places other than just the inner city

Areas around the nature to enjoy the as individuals and in groups.

Security cameras in high traffic areas for night use to make it more suitable for families to access areas

Security cameras in ALL public places are essential. Free community events are always great for everyone.

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Better/gentler policing at night with greater evidence of the bobby on the beat so it is too hard to mug or rape anyone in downtown at night.

Celebrate and publicise the great public places, not downgrade these

Safety is essential. The community gardens are great! Markets are great and bring people in to town. Open air events like cinemas and shows.

Actual community policing as opposed to remote stations undermanned who's response time doesn't solve the crimes

What is an 'activated' place? Do you mean alive with activity?

My only comment here is that Newcastle is not just the area surrounding the city and the beaches. The outer suburbs often miss out on any improvements. Plans are made but sit in the plan area for years with no action.

Better public transport and cycle / pedestrian access (ref to first point - no cars etc)

further develop art gallery , and unused heritage buildings

Enable access for all e.g. elderly, disabled including mentally ill

Have practices that seriously protect heritage, this has not been the case recently with regard to coastal road work. Employ a heritage planner and officer. Supporting outdoor family oriented activities that bring community together.

I hope this means there will no longer be development tolerance for the pouring of concrete on to convict or aboriginal sites. Or the reburial of such sites. But the inclusion of them in the development as is done overseas

The free events like winter heat & activated public space on new lawn at market street have been great! More of this please & less red tape for entrepreneurs wanting to hold events like markets & small gigs.

Local government need nurture initiatives Create opportunities Making places in urban form, by community for local groups essential but need to be able to gather all these initiatives to see / reflect benefits of whole picture

Yes. Lovely. Engage people in this. The most brilliant thing the council does is the Place Making grants. They enable community leadership and take advantage of massive contributions of community time because there is community ownership. This model is a good basis for supporting so much of the work in this plan.

Some areas are not lighted at night causing a safety issue for walking

Neighbourhoods to have an identity. Good & efficient public transport that entices people to venture out and about, to travel to areas of public events. Enhance & repurpose our historic buildings. Connectedness of bicycle paths. Ensure that public spaces eg libraries are well funded in terms of infrastructure, staffing and resources.

We have a massive opportunity with the light rail and the upgrading of the East End by Iris to enhance these things with world class public open spaces for all. We need to make sure we provide for all age groups and interests as well as locals and visitors.

Don't build any more big developments on the waters edge, improve public transport. Don't obscure the foreshore by allowing development on the former rail corridor - keep it as public space.

The lock out bans have created an unsafe city. More people out the safer the city. We need an active nightlife

place more police with authority so there is less violence

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<p>Increase and improve areas where people can enjoy activities together. Stop hosting events that attract cars and rev heads and start thinking about events that encourage art, culture and heritage.</p>
<p>Good lighting in all public places</p>
<p>People need to feel safe to use these areas at all times of the day and night.</p>
<p>Create space for futsal / basketball on old bowling greens across the city. Also put futsal courts in honeysuckle</p>
<p>Encourage and assist a variety of events both community driven and commercial. Continue to work on activities that generate local pride and involvement. Do something with Wheeler Place, it has potential as a wonderful events space - look at the covering outside the Melbourne museum.</p>
<p>We have many really great public spaces in Newcastle. Some of them are in strategically important spots. Already lots of work has been done on them to improve them, I guess maybe need to focus on the outer suburbs a little bit and integrating those spaces.. Lambton, Mayfield, Broadmeadow. Lots of the spaces are used just for sport, maybe they can have dual utilities or have social spaces and areas for kids etc.</p>
<p>Again to do this, we need to find out what exactly is important to the majority. For me, history is a very strong focus. I want to wear my city's history with complete pride. When I look at a lot of buildings and areas that have been redeveloped or neglected without a strong sense of history in mind, it's very disappointing. I don't think we're doing enough to showcase the pride a lot of true Novocastrians have for this city.</p>
<p>Encourage inclusive community activities, support for activities that promote recognition of historical events specifically including local indigenous history. Provide secure night time event spaces, particularly in the CBD.</p>
<p>I think progress is great and I personally like some of the development happening in the CBD/ Newcastle west and Wickham. Some of it is generic and not that appealing, but I think it's important to balance development with keeping some historic buildings. These buildings give the city character</p>
<p>Public places that provide for diverse activity and strengthen our social connections. The only activity going on in Newcastle East is the environmental damage & holding of the V8 races.</p>
<p>If areas are considered safe, people will come. To be family friendly, some areas should be alcohol free.</p>
<p>Ensure safe pedestrian and cycle access to open spaces from common feeder routes. Additional footpath cross overs and pedestrian crossing/cycle lights where necessary to promote active, healthy community and inexpensive access to cultural events. Eg access to Honeysuckle from south approach requires creative use of footpaths, pedestrian crossing and traffic lights for safe family access. Eg Gordon Av is barrier to Learmonth park from eastern approach, could increase community access by supporting infrastructure linking population to public place. Jesmond park is an excellent successful example.</p>
<p>Public places including the protection of Blackbutt Reserve and other public spaces must be a high priority. There needs to be adequate solar powered lighting and safe pathways for public use day and night. New public spaces need to be created when opportunities exist and must be supported by developers. Heritage is important as is our culture but as we become more culturally and ethnically diverse these existing cultures will be refocussed.</p>
<p>Again, way too airy fairy.</p>
<p>Activated is a meaningless buzz word, don't use it.</p>
<p>research/consider good ideas in other cities, domestically and overseas.</p>
<p>looking after the homeless - not just shifting them. need more places for them. more support for mental ill more police and easy late night transport for the party goers to avoid congestion and fights</p>

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Good lighting, CTV around the city to deter crime

Do not pull down buildings that are part of the history of Newcastle. Save the Cambridge Hotel

Public facilities providing venues for public gatherings, entertainment etc and the council promoting and conducting some such events.

Council needs to invest resources into cultural and social events and infrastructure in the outer suburbs not just in the city centre. Lower income people live in the western area of Newcastle and can't afford to travel into the city at night. There is a need for a theatre space in wallsend or Jesmond. There is a need for events held in the parks in shortland, Jesmond and wallsend. The focus council has on the inner city is WRONG!

Ensure one group is not favoured and the diversity inclusion is for all.

Clean up the streets of the vermin of people and you will achieve the above.

I would like to see a huge playground (like Muddies playground in Cairns) built right in the city - possibly in one of the park areas near Nobbys playground. I am impressed with how many events and social activities are on in Newcastle, however finding out about these events is a little hard. I would like to see a combination of residential and businesses brought to the inner city, as the city is still quite barren. I would like to see amazing things done with the empty historical buildings in the city - I am envisioning a performance arts centre (like Carriageworks in Sydney), that could also be home to arts school and artists studios.

The placemaking activities the Council have been doing are great. More of this would be wonderful. I think the Council could play an important role in facilitating and enabling more community economies and related activities. Choosing projects and events that are going to be inclusive rather than divisive in the community. Recognising that diversity is also about economic issues, so should be inclusive for those who do not have much to spend, if anything. Community gardens can be a huge thing in this case because a) it gets people connecting in their communities, b) it can provide some fresh fruit and veg for those on restricted incomes, and c) it can hugely help people's self-esteem when they see their hard work coming to fruition, so its sound policy for social cohesion, activating public spaces, and supporting health and diversity within the city. In terms of safety especially at night, I guess the usual things of having visibility, light, cafes, etc. is important. Looking at how different genders and age groups use city spaces -- or WOULD use city spaces if they thought it was safe is a good idea. Women and men use the city and travel through the city in different ways. I think you've been doing some good work in these areas so far, I would like to see more.

More lighting, and a sense of community that doesn't tolerate anti-social behaviour. In some suburbs, there are no communal places where people can meet outdoors (e.g. Merewether Heights has no park / playground). People are forced to drive and aren't connecting with people who are immediately living around them. Maybe encourage street xmas parties? Where you will allow people to cut off street access to meet on the streets and have communal BBQ's. It'll create a better sense of community and neighbours will start looking out for each other.

Educate what is going on Get better on social media... make it feel like the council is everyone's friends. Regular, up to date and responsive. Provide opportunities for people to feel like that can have an opinion an it be heard, thinks like the make a place grant are great but maybe having other categories similar might work. Provide incentives to business to work with the council... perhaps through Newcastle Now... but be more aggressive about bringing in partnership with council to promote Newcastle on a big and small scale to locals and outsiders. In summary communicate, facilitate, activate and educate.

Work with the Aboriginal people to have something that represents their heritage. I'm not sure where but at the moment they seem to be absent from the city.

Public fitness areas. As in Islington park.

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<p>Re: Public Places, I would like to have more detail on what NCC considers "diverse activity" to mean because that term is vague and could include activities such as the controversial Supercars event that has had such poor community input and control.</p>
<p>Maintain the social media networks - Hunter Hunter, and your app - what's on - sorry I cannot remember what it is called.</p>
<p>More police on the streets with more power</p>
<p>greater publicity of cultural events not just on council newsletter...local radio, posters...multicultural events seem to receive minimal publicity</p>
<p>Public spaces must be truly public, not controlled by businesses. They should be available throughout the city, including residential neighbourhoods. They should be connected by good quality walking and cycle access routes, as well as public transport. Traffic calming should be applied to increase safety and reduce stressful traffic noise. It is critical that larger children are able to access public spaces independently in safety.</p>
<p>Working towards an attitude change in our night life culture.</p>
<p>How can U say you care about heritage when you take away our trains??? Now the beautiful historical Railway Station is just sitting there just like the old Newcastle Post Office. Not a good look for Newcastle as people judge a town / city by how it cares for its heritage buildings!! Newcastle is being ruined by ugly big apartment blocks everywhere. They are horrible & only benefit the council & the rich / greedy / ruthless developer's who just want to add more millions to their bank balances. Everyone I speak with agrees :-(I hate what is being done to Newcastle.</p>
<p>Draw more people into the city through events and festivals. People love new places and activities, and these would create and ensure the enthusiasm and love for Newcastle that people are already experiencing. Also, wheeler place and other public spaces such as Civic Park, King Edward, the Obelisk and the foreshore could be revamped to become more new and exciting spaces for residents to spend time within. The ANZAC walk has been such a testament to this kind of activity and return on investment. It is also a shining example of a space that facilitates ongoing positive social interaction within the community.</p>
<p>The public joint administrated cycleway between Wallsend and Glendale is currently used night and day by cars and motor cycles....hardly conducive of safe use by the public.This is used by many aged citizens and young families.To date this council sure is not looking at cultural and heritage values. Having destroyed the Newcastle east area which is of much heritage value.</p>
<p>More police getting about in full view</p>
<p>Toilets at islington park and more free community events in Mayfield and newcastle</p>
<p>We have more surviving old streets and buildings than the rocks in Sydney and we see how it is treasured and enjoyed today. knocking down and doing history boards and pictures are nice but it does make it more like just flicking through a book and observing rather than seeing and experiencing it.</p>
<p>light the area between the harbourside recreational areas (bars etc) and the proposed light rail stops very clearly; eg the walk between the brewery and the grainstore at night can be very dark and intimidating. as for walking down the mall at night or past the post office ...</p>
<p>When improving the local parks incorporate the traditional Aboriginal peoples art works and designs into play equipment.Put on and encourage cultural events around the city and in the suburbs.</p>
<p>Don't make the playgrounds all rubber and bring artificial colours. make them NATURAL. Let children learn how to play in the real world.</p>
<p>Council is already on the right track with this the only area that needs greater focus is mental health issues - including addiction- that needs greater support and medical resources.</p>
<p>Further and stronger engagement with Awabakal and Worimi people</p>

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Continue to provide free/affordable arts and community spaces to ensure the durability of our unique culture. Ensure the character of the city is kept and not destroyed by blunt and artificial investor visions. Reduce lockout burdens to ensure a vibrant night life also attracting non residents. Strongly enforce law on hooners and street racers endangering people in the city.

Generally we seem to be working towards this. However it is important not to focus everything on one area we need to include and link all the suburbs whether that is by somehow developing suburbs with different specialities that entice people from out of the immediate area. Perhaps Wallsend could become a hub for antiques like the antique markets in Paris. Lambton park could be further developed to include fitness training stations and perhaps Jesmond Park could include a mini cycle track like the one at Maitland Park. We have to find a way to get the people who live in the Suburbs to take ownership and help in their growth, Remove Politics from this and other local Government decisions and work for the best of the City.

Have high profile people involved in cultural events - promoting, being present but not taking attention away from the culture on show. Leading Australia in continuous cultural supports

What Aus/Newcastle defines as heritage is varied from that of around the world and other cities. i.e. Federation houses are not heritage.

we have many great spaces already in newcastle CBD. would suggest the lighting needs to be improved in most of these areas when utilized at night this would provide confidence and safety for all participants

More sports fields and activity/fitness areas outdoors

I love the big-scale street art that has been appearing on the sides of Newcastle buildings in recent years. I use the paths along the beaches and I like them. I love the Anzac day service at Nobby's beach and walking through the dark streets of the city to get there at 4.30am with thousands of other people. I love the brides at the ocean baths and the ballgowns in Civic Park for photos before school formals. I like the way we use Civic Park now for night festivals and ephemeral events. I love the farmers market at the show ground - I like the way our everyday city places adapt to all of these occasions. I don't like the office buildings at Honeysuckle - I think Honeysuckle is an example of everything that is wrong with new Newcastle. New buildings should not be allowed to create deadened street space. Charlestown, for example, has been destroyed by its mall - this is a place that now only works at the scale of the car. Newcastle beach is following, with high-rise apartments creating dreary dark streets below and buildings with nothing to give. Newcastle should create its focus around the idea of the pedestrian city - the walkable city should also be a beautiful city, from the small scale to the biggest scale. And that doesn't mean corporate bland - that means attention to detail and inviting diversity into tiny pockets of the city, letting art practices flourish, allowing temporary installations to liven up our day-to-day experience and of course letting plants and animals flourish at all scales.

no point in having "vibrant and activated public spaces" IF people cannot access them - due to poor/absent transport and clogged bumper to bumper single road in and out of city

Safety improvements, clean up the west end/mall after hours. Clean up obvious drug dealing areas - eg. park between Marketown Coles & King St.

Improving the safety of night areas is vital before full utilisation of facilities in the city will occur. Not sure how to address this issue in an escalating violent and impatient world.

Heritage valued & 'preserved'.

Cut down alcohol intake, cut down crime.

More publicising of Events in the area. More information needs to be made available about different cultures and their celebrations.

Walk its good for your health. It's nice to say "good morning" or "good afternoon" or talk to somebody on the footpath.

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Public transport access available at extended hours. Bicycle access and security Lighting and personal safety / protection assured (police or security presence)
We need to get the population off their backsides and 1. volunteer for various public places eg: museums, Blackbutt, etc (of which I am one) and assist these organisations to function. In my volunteering activities we find it extremely difficult to get assistance.
Don't mix neighbourhoods of homes with night clubs.
More public art. Develop a contemporary sculpture walk, park and centre of excellence. Potential locations Civic, Queens Wharf, Foreshore Park and the historic beloved Newcastle Train Station. University of Newcastle is a possible project partner with funding from development levies and corporate sponsorship from companies awarded contracts in Newcastle.
Create more outdoor gym equipment on walking/cycle tracks. have solar lights on walking tracks so people can be active and safe at night. Included local Aboriginal artwork in public spaces.
Be allowed to visit God's country and feel how fortunate we all are. Of course I refer to the island Carrington!
Keep the closing hours for clubs and Pubs down to before one o'clock in the morning
encourage small cafes, bars, restaurants make it easier for them to open - less red tapemaintain public places - clean the toilets, put bins, where needed, install BBQs at the beach.
There needs to be more happening in Darby, Beaumont, King and Hunter St more free activities
Paving and footpaths need to be safe and well illuminated. Spaces need to be activated after hours. The city can't shut down at night.
Leave some shops the are xxx Not all units not necessary all ready
Promote the use of open spaces, particularly parks and sporting facilities.
Night food markets with multicultural food. All religions have places of worship.
Leave it as it is
Note: 'Aboriginal' added to second item above Exercise equipment
I don't feel safe. Put street cameras on most streets with signs saying they are there
Celebrate our heritage, but don't let nothing happen as a result. What has happened to the post office is disgusting.
Don't know what activated means for a place.
Free homework and medical centres at all housing commission housing blocks
Placemaking is under resourced at Newcastle Council. Create a well resourced placemaking team to enable the community in breathing life and creativity into our public places
Really engage with the community before public domain designs are commenced.
This is a not very useful question as 'ideas on how to work together' - is always consultation and listening Do you actually want ideas?? Accessibility Affordability

Tell us your ideas re diversity, inclusion and opportunity

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A welcoming community that cares and looks after each other not just the needs of the V8 races.
Actively stand up for people in need inside and outside of this country (particularly when other levels of government don't), be vocal about our city's values, provide more services for Newcastle and the greater hub (if other areas eg, Port Stephens and Cessnock can't provide services then we should help).
Celebrate the arrival of new community members. Provide a welcome to our community pack. Partner with other organisations to ensure new members of our community feel included and welcome.
We have all that. That is already a thing. That's what this ridiculous, egotistical Council didn't anticipate
Listen to as many people as possible.
Have a Know Your Neighbour campaign or Best neighbour competition Enable communities to plant vegetables and gardens on the council verge, using wasted space Encourage community gardens cared for by neighbours
Promoting and supporting initiatives like Homeless connect day, and sleep outs, and raising awareness of mental health and poverty in public spaces. Continuing to support Renew Newcastle in supporting artists and makers to access affordable premises to promote themselves and connect with other creatives.
Having a community centre which can be the headquarters for different groups of people from different backgrounds would be good. The multicultural centre in Lambton is hardly used and the majority of the community don't know what it offers.
If we really care for disadvantaged people, they make a society safer, fairer, and more vibrant. Looking after old people is a key to being human, and we might get them to sell their huge houses so younger people who actually need space can buy them. What about supporting really great retirement & assisted living places? Refugees are the reason the BHP got as big as it did. Remember how Hamilton (little Italy) used to be? How could the steelworks have been what they were without the post WWII refugees? The city needs another injection of hardworking, culturally diverse immigrants. Welcome them, reward them, include them, and the city will prosper.
Any aims to encourage people to get physical, look after themselves & others, amongst rich cultural diversity is my hope for a strong community.
Yes - more motherhood statements - to be forgotten in a year or two. Please put forward some actual proposals or options - see real to comment on.
Free yoga classes, connection with the Hunter farming community for provision of fresh produce.
Once again less high density housing, people who reside in such complexes do not socialise and hence do not belong to the community due to their confined environment that they live in.
Encourage assimilation. Do not build mosques or Islamic schools.
Have people at the Council that can respond to simple questions and requests. The lack of meaningful communication when trying to investigate issues does not promote a welcoming community culture.
i am interested to know what are the specific strategies that the council has planned to achieve this...not just what is written in this plan
Don't bring half of Sydney up here who aren't interested in mixing in with the way our city already is. Don't bring people up here who change the way we are and do not assimilate.

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Cultural diversity can be used to develop community vibrancy. We don't have a "Chinatown" or "Little Italy" but could seek to push these types of cultural activities on a regular calander. With the usual ingredients of Food, Music and activities. We NEED a big, well organised festival that is unique and iconic to Newcastle.
Please make it easier to give grants to events and movements that do this!
"A welcoming community that cares and looks after each other" - motherhood statement.
Spiritual? There needs to be strong Policing of the CBD with zero tolerance for crime. When people feel safe in the city they will come out and exercise, walk and dine.
NGOs should be well supported.
Once again let's not pander to all state government policies
Lobby for Newcastle to be a special city of access for migrant groups
People make a city/community ... not buildings, roads, etc. While these things are important, if people aren't connecting than it is a dead city.
activate local parks
Include and encourage ethnic diversity at fairs and expo's. Including ethnic food vans and performers at Darby or Beaumont Street fairs. Many people are "afaid" of things that are new or different. The more used to seeing them people get, the less "afaid" they become and the more welcoming and understanding they become
Theatre precinct - "off Hunter"
Celebrate cultural days
reducing density of community housing in specific locations promotion of multicultural events such as pop up food stalls, chinese new year celebration etc
The prospect of cars racing past our homes at over 200km per hour is making residents of Newcastle East stressed and anxious. NCC has ignored our concerns. This is not how to demonstrate a community that cares. You ignore our requests for information and dismiss our concerns. Our active lifestyle has been affected by noise, dust and the distress of witnessing tress coming down. Supercars will promote an unhealthy lifestyle and has no cultural or creative benefits. Fund cultural activities such as art galleries, festivals, sports that involve actual activity, not driving fast, take back our city from Supercars.
Too much touchy feeley mumbo jumbo. Provide incentives for people born here to stay here. Encourage newcomers to accept the locals as role models
The art gallery is crying out for expansion and a redevelopment. This is something that has been suppressed for many years now.
I'm all for diversity as long as no one group is given special privileges over anyone else and I think our own heritage and history shouldn't be lost in order to pander to a minority group.
Get rid of Supercars...it doesn't fit the above criteria in any way. In fact it has created the exact opposite. Give Newcastle East back all the community based events you have stripped from the suburb for this race.
Multi cultural markets showing variety of beautiful objects, national dancing and singing and music would be good and food of course.
Improve Art Gallery
Welcoming and healthy/active communities will organically emerge if the other social needs and associated expenditures are carried out.
Encourage ethnic communities to embrace and respect the Australian way of life.

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Upgrade the Art Gallery.

Ignoring the rights and requests of the residents and local businesses in the Newcastle peninsula, and removing the ability for all Novacastrians to access local beaches, parklands and hold community events does not demonstrate a caring community, promote health or wellbeing. NCC has allowed the interests of private companies to curtail the freedom and rights of normal people. It has allowed social media and other media to demonise and deride legitimate concerns of residents and small businesses.

More Motherhood statements. We support them all. How will Supercars promote health and spiritual well being. The project has attacked our spirit and will do nothing to promote health. I cannot fathom how the community could work with such poor decision makers.

Celebrate diversity and rich cultural heritage whenever possible.

See previous comments. Promote a major multi-cultural festival.

See the answer on the previous question for some ideas on cultural inclusion and celebration. We really need to establish the Art Gallery (expanded as per under Ron Ramsey), the Civic Theatre and the Nc Museum as Triangle of Culture - they should be connected by sightline, by foot path, by programming. For multiculturalism, how about establishing a dance night at Civic Theatre where every cultural group performs? Dance, especially ballet and tap, are so integral to Anglo-Newcastle, if we had a mix of those dances plus the other cultures' dances, I think that would be of great interest and fun. Plus, maybe, all the cultures have food stalls in Wheeler place before or after the performance?

We encourage a get pissed at home first, then go out and pay exorbitant prices and grab a kebab later mentality, which encourages bad drunken behaviour. There are many examples around the world where people do behave well and have respect for others and enjoy the venue. Making the venues safe for all will be the challenge.

Build bridges not roadblocks. The council in one fell swoop disenfranchised the suburb of Newcastle East and placed them in the invidious position of advocating for the quiet enjoyment of the city and ALL its suburbs versus those that want a motor race. The council chose to not even consult on that decision, perhaps forced into it by the NSW state government, but in any case, ignored the common sense to include and bring people along in why it advocated that position, what the benefits were, demonstrated the claimed benefits by a business case (tempered by other needs within the community). Shame on the council, its officers, and protagonists for such an event. No respect, no concern, mealy-mouthed platitudes, without substance, and intentional delays as the commercial juggernaut pushed its commercial agenda, while ignoring the simple win-win-win-win solution of using a purpose-designed racing circuit in close proximity - Circuit Italia. I am disgusted and the trail to ICAC is well worn and will be seen to have played a part in the choices made by our politicians.

i am so sick of new age pop psychology as in wellbeing. as for the spiritual? strowth how is that relevant to anything? more new age navel gazing. contemplating the vacuum in their heads

Outdoor gyms and activity equipment free access to all Cultural festivals and facilities

Question the residents of the Newcastle East area and see the damage to their mental health caused by the V8 supercars. There are many vulnerable people who are being placed at risk.

Maturing of our local branch of civilisation towards effective public victory, accepting that no one need lose, and moving towards being a place where "Love Our Enemies" project can occur. I want to live in an area where the community embraces moves to end the war on terror in a sustainable manner. Resources like "Alternatives to violence programme", ABCD, and peer counselling, to be acknowledged.

Set objectives that are clear and capable of implementation

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Everything I said before to get people out of their cars, houses and away from the computers and mobile phones into public space. Boy kids' sport seems to get folk together. Not sure about girls' sport. Not sure everyone can be valued, contribute to something or belong in a city of strangers as more people pile into the area. Community is used loosely here but it relies on having common values, interests and beliefs. It takes time for real community to establish and is often closed to newcomers.

Until the council and the University take some responsibility for the Conservatorium which was largely built with the help of the State government when Arthur Wade was the MP ...it will continue to decay. Shame on those responsible for the lack of care. Newcastle citizens fought long and hard to have their own Con and now are being 'conned' out of it.

Stay XXXXXXXXXXXX. So fed up with XXXXXXXXXXXX. This is Newcastle, Australia with our own heritage.

Historically in this region these goals have been achieved by sporting groups and clubs. No doubt other artistic and cultural initiatives serve smaller groups but the numbers involved in sport achieves this better than any other initiative. Improve facilities and inspire the community to be involved by bringing other major sports to town. The V8's is a fantastic initiative but we need to do better with Cricket, AFL, Golf, Tennis, and Athletics. We are a sporting town with a wonderful heritage of success - that success is now dwindling as our facilities fall behind those of other regions.

Again, all important objectives, mostly met. Continue. They're a bit esoteric and fly in the face of capitalism

We could have special events including and celebrating diversity

Maintain focus and discussion groups to develop collaborative outcomes.

THE CITY WILL NEED TO SUPPORT FINANCIALLY THE CULTURAL VISION

A death in Mayfield, as for the rest, you've got to be joking if you think this is improving.

Have a Council elected that understands these things and does not see "progress" as cutting down trees or cramming home units into any available space.

More scholarships for minorities in school. Recruitment initiatives based at employing minorities. Events that celebrate diversity.

we don't allow car racing in suburban streets

One of the big problems in our country is drugs Ice Newcastle is not immune from it. Stop drugs and you stop crime. Then embrace a utopia society.

These things will generally sort out if good spaces are provided.

Continue to encourage events that are demonstrative of racial, religious and cultural differences.

Local and defined centres of activity and good communication about events

I think the focus on sports (Knights and V8s etc) is too dominant. It would be good to develop a Melbourne type culture who appear to have the correct balance, sports and culture.

Promotion and assistance to those with good ideas that develop social cohesion - concessions given for the 'leg up'.

Keep holding activities like the fire festival, street closure days in Hamilton and Darby streets with activities for everyone.

Not sure but it has always strikes me as odd that Sydney is so multicultural and Newcastle is not?

I see no evidence of this at any location that the council is involved in.

Ensure adequate funding for major cultural institutions.

Cultural activity has been downgraded by treatment of art gallery (no Director). What happened to prizewinning idea of several years ago which suggested exercise stations?

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To understand that NOT everyone is real fit.....or into Culture eg Art Concerts etc
At present Newcastle East community is described above. The coming supercars race is designed to destroy this community
Creative and cultural activities can also help activate spaces, and participation as sport does its important not to get stuck in trying to do more of the same but more diversity in activities
we seem to be working on this.
Encourage group project where the public partaken such as landcare, street art and music festivals. Encourage a programme of ethnic dance/ music performances in various suburbs. Pressure the shopping centres to sponsor and host ethnic performances in school holidays as part of their social obligations.
Affordable housing throughout the entire lga.
more community based programs that encourage interaction amongst people of all demographics
All good objectives but really, aren't they motherhood statements?
Encourage groups to use council facilities for events & functions.
Provide spacedone
build low cost housing for the dis advantaged
That is all on offer now. Stop trying to create stuff that no-one needs or wants. This is the problem here. Council is trying to run our lives for us, just stick to what the needs of the community are and do them well. Do 10 things really well rather than 100 things not so well.
More integration of lower income people with higher income people. I think Newcastle already does this however it will be important for Newcastle to secure these resources for Community Housing etc into the future as the city grows. There will be more pressure to sell off community housing to developers in the future (as is what is happening in Sydney) but it is important that Council does not do this!
Who would disagree with these motherhood statements??
Put in some cardio/gym equipment on the foreshore or Bathers Way eg Cairns is a really good example Plant more hedges (see Cleveland St Sydney)
Progress the planned development of Newcastle Art Gallery Community hubs where people are encouraged to meet Use libraries for discussion groups Network of cycleways linking all suburbs

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Car culture and urban sprawl are in direct opposition to these. So you need to get rid of most car trips ASAP! Basic human right to travel in safety and not put others in danger. We can be more happy with a transition to an ethical World's best practice city planning and transport: Clean, healthy, safe communities with safer energy that creates jobs: Stop creating danger to others (only dangerous vehicles need rego; prams and pushbikes do not)! Faster main roads for cars, more buses/trains (screen time and active transport), better pushbike shortcut paths. Pleases everyone, so we can stop the fighting of motorists vs cyclists vs public transport user. Need to start talking about the elephant in the room, the whole system. No silver bullet on one small part of the problem. More dense cities (affordable housing) are faster (spread out suburbs are inefficient and get people addicted to cars) and cost benefit ratios for pushbike paths show increase in society health and increase in business/shops near them. Train transport through the bush linking up higher density cities. Stop urban sprawl causing social isolation and wasted travel time and making housing unaffordable (Costs quarter million dollars of taxpayers money for infrastructure for new housing developments (road, water, sewage, phone/NBN, electricity etc) If you are unhappy cycling, then you are doing it wrong. (Get electric assist tricycles with trailers if you have to. Pushbiking is as easy as walking, choose the easy gears and build up your leg strength). Don't wait for automated robot cars to stop cars tailgating each other, get the right information, skill up, and be safer than cars now. SAVE TIME: Combine transport with exercise (needed for body and mind happiness every day) Door-to-door on a pushbike (and finding safe shortcuts in backstreets) can be faster than finding car parking/waiting for buses. We need walk/cycle/public transport for active transport to beat the obesity epidemic,

Consult, research and look for good models that work in other, similar communities.

Education is the only way in which we can create a cultural shift such as that suggested here. The current education system in Australia polarises the rich and the poor and Australians need to make conscious decisions about the greater, and not individual, good.

Sticking a car race in a high density community directly conflicts with these objectives. How can endangering the health of a community co-exist with these objectives?

look for learning opportunities in every way; accept and recognise

It will be all in the design of these areas. Consideration of ALL community members with common sense and not airy fairy thoughts and opinions being considered.

Have a consultation policy that sets out what consultation consists of in terms of process. There's a lot of distrust in consultation because it seems that the process is aligned to achieve a pre-determined answer all too often.

support refugees but limit wealthy sydney residents

Encourage more art in the city. Murals on ugly walls etc

Again, just words.

Education of other countries and their history in school, not just aboriginal studies all through primary school.

Reactivate neighbourhood centres. Make them work.

Provision of community spaces for cultural events especially youth activity, suport for the Victoria Theatre refurbishment,

Pop up restaurants catered by refugee communities. This is happening in Launceston, Tasmania. Same idea for performance

The ability for people to do their own thing can not be over emphasised. Commercial opportunity must be facilitated. For example the Art Gallery should be private. Pools should be private, etc

Demonising Ncle East residents because we oppose supercars does not make us feel inclusive. Encouragement for young artists - shows in parks, old buildings, cheap studios for rent?

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I don't know why you mention 'spiritual' wellbeing. This is not in the purview of government. People can manage their own 'spiritualism'

Free public entertainment in community spaces would help keep everyone included.

Newcastle is a rich and vibrant city with a culture of its own. Effort to improving and enhancing it should be a main focus.

Act on rarepayers direction, not on councillors and beaurocratic infighting which is totally negative.

Encouraging a diverse range of businesses into the city centre will spread awareness to the community. Visitors may come for one thing (a function, a meal, a walk) only to be introduced to others. eg there are quite a number of yoga / wellness studios in the city, run by young entrepreneurs which is absolutely essential to the future well-being of our community. Specialized hand-made products, design, artists, spiritual centres, film production, etc. Newcastle is blessed to have so many young creatives. To add vitality to our city, it is essential that these unique businesses are encouraged to flourish (as opposed to a string of Government Departments alone). Smaller, affordable, character-filled premises need to remain in the city.

I liked to see a major culture event on the foreshore with food, music, dance and multi groups of cultures. We should look at supporting groups like food and clothing runs for the homeless and less fortunate. The arts is a big helper for mental illness.

Health and spiritual well-being is a personal responsibility.

Farmers markets. Not elephant markets.

recognise the day to day benefits of walking and cycling where possible - for all of the community including school kids, workers, and those going about daily business

Another great idea, but without leadership, and not just airy fairy ideas from residents, it will never take off

Don't favour minority groups over the majority. Equal for everyone.

Creative and culturally rich, vibrant city thrives with music, art, theatre - allows diversity and encourages creativity at all levels.

I think we need to celebrate our history somehow, starting with our indigenous history. There are many nationalities represented here but people seem to assume that we are all of Anglo or Welsh background with a few scattered Irish and Scots, but that's obviously not the case. We're stuck, unfortunately, with some very boring street names but we can't do much about that. It would be good to see more night markets or day markets for that matter in the mall or foreshore or elsewhere (like Hamilton Clocktower Plaza) with all sorts of cooking being celebrated with somewhere to sit and eat.

Shared cultural events (e.g. Cultural harmony day could become an event where community get to explore other cultures food, customs, items, etc). Break down barriers.

Parks and open spaces where people can gather for markets, celebrations, concerts, picnics and walking the dog. Turn negative spaces into positive spaces.

Not sure how this is supported by Council, better alignment with NFPs perhaps?

exchange of cultural differences open and easy to access such as food markets, special 'ideas' days and festivities where exchanging a cultures particular craft (teaching it) happens, discussion groups or days where people with different loves and mores talk about the 'why' and 'wherefore'. Cooking festivals yummmmm

Encourage the formation of community groups gardening Dig parks Men sheds Tai Chi exercise groups Dance clubs

Let's create events in suburbs, not just inner city ... more attractions need to be available outside the city

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Design spaces where communities can come together in various ways eg: to cook together, to create, to debate ideas, etc. These should have minimal fees to book space or be available outdoor spaces. Community grants for organisers would be a positive step.
Let the secret that is our area out. Encourage more tourism, from both within and outside of our country
Every community in the world wants these things. The issue is whether they can be provided. With the disfunction of our Council it would take far more than the 13 years remaining until 2030! There is nothing specific in any of the above.
Have better facilities at the Newcastle and mere weather baths such as a gym, sauna, heated pool, aerobics. Get people out to the best part of the city.
More community collaboration projects. More community members will participate in consultation if the results are valued.
Charge entry fee to the Art Gallery, why it is free when you have to pay entry for the swimming pools, to park at Blackbutt Reserve etc.
Co-operation and dump the politics
Once again, support community groups that can provide the reach into the community on many different levels.
I see these traits starting within the family group and then extending to neighbours. Creating safe areas is the first step in my opinion. So then I think about, as a Hamilton resident, what about the homeless we see in Beaumont Street. Sure that started because of the closure of Newcastle Station, and will reduce with the opening of Wickham Station but what about the people. The Council cannot change this but we need to, in my opinion, may opportunities available for people to help in these areas. Is this rezoning and allowing organisations to help - like Mat Talbot near the Albion Hotel - ? More consultative work to pull in money might assist - who would do this consultation - would the current Council work with McCloy to help here - if they have to think twice to answer that then this survey is a waste of time.
Maintain local communities - encourage community events (e.g. unity in diversity festival) that promote caring and rich communities promote opportunities for creativity (e.g. Renew Newcastle)
Support of events & activities for young people is really important
Newcastle isn't very welcoming and public discourse as demonstrated in the letters pages is particularly vituperative. I have not come across this anywhere else. There doesn't seem to be a real attempt at consultation, decisions are made and that is that. It is depressing.
Decrease the power large developers & companies have over our city, our lives. The agenda there is NOT inclusive etc.
By adopting the principles underlying 'age friendly cities'.
Community is not a commodity. It cannot be created artificially ie dock lends Melbourne. While our planners are designing for massive population influx with no end in site they cannot build or design in any meaningful way.
Fostering and funding of activities, events and groups to draw in interested members of the community.
I believe that my previous comments would hold in this place also.
More low cost housing. No high rises that the away the unique ss of our city. We don't need another Gold Coast. How can residents live happily when there is no parking for trades people, those delivering goods, doctors and other careers, and all the other services that are needed in a community?
More meaningful opportunities to gather and connect through conversation

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Encourage refugee resettlement here. Ensure a mix of high and low income housing within every suburb. Promote parklands. Talk to various communities to see what they can offer.

There are lots of small independent, cultural groups which struggle to find funding (usually not very much) to keep them going. Despite their size they are usually very important in the social, mental and physical health of those who belong to them. They are rarely recognised or given the opportunity to shine in the larger community. There is currently a lack of facilities for gatherings of smaller groups that would encourage those with similar interests to come for interstate or overseas. For example when I tried to organise the Australasian Handbell Festival (held every 2 years) in Newcastle I could not find a suitable venue located close to suitable accommodation.

Promote cultural diversity. Promote events that harness diversity and harmony. We need greater exercise facilities and areas where people can undertake activities that promote physical and spiritual wellbeing- yoga spaces, soothing water fountains or man made water courses.

1. Consultation with the Awabakal people on what they would see as appropriate reparations, be it a monument erected in the name of their people, or the relinquishment of land back to its native owners, or positions on the city council/city advisory board. 2. Day and night all ages community events. 3. Geo-locked AR city history and art tour.

Challenging passive prejudice in local and national media, being active in promoting and providing readily accessible real world perspectives on other cultures

Provide shelter responsible programs and opportunities for the homeless

we need to have more open days at the various community centres in Newcastle and surrounding areas. Have the Newcastle Herald highlight a specific cultural group/nationality each week. Giving residents the opportunity to meet with newly arrived migrants (refugees).

Promote community support for refugees

More events to encourage bicycle use. More extensive cycle path network.

I think it is important not to focus too directly on any one very specific area of interest for development opportunities - as has been seen with the Supercar race, this can be very divisive. Similarly, it is extremely important to allow and facilitate community comment on such apparently huge investments of funding and the great level of invasion of existing amenity for an event that is not perceived by many to be likely to bring them any benefit, and which in fact makes them feel excluded. Many residents of the east end of Newcastle and beyond have been completely dismayed by the process by which this event has come to pass. This is not conducive to any of the objectives I have identified above as being extremely important. While I am aware that gaining a consensus on anything can be a difficult process, having something presented in this manner as a done deal will always be polarising, and will leave some section of the community feeling very isolated.

diversity can be embraced if those of a different persuasion to the mainstream are tolerant of historical attitudes to enable all to live together in harmony

Take clear and positive steps to look after our seniors - they are often forgotten!

Less priority given to developers, encouragement of community groups by offering eg reduced rentals of premises, community events in local areas/neighbourhood events built around themes as was done last November?

we'll only have healthy communities if we have a healthy environment. We need to ensure that new migrants are encouraged to participate in their own cultural events and not expect them to integrate fully. Integration takes time. Possibly newcomers can teach us more than we can teach them. We all ought to embrace each other with our differences and have more frequent public events.

More public activities about aboriginal culture, heritage and the natural environment

Why does Council seek to influence areas beyond your mandate and capacity to influence

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<p>Community grants extended. More playground facilities in more communities. Develop suburb identities. Financial and promotional support for community arts groups, inc industry groups.</p>
<p>Careful planning to ensure that there is a mix of housing types in suburbs to facilitate a mix of residents. Better/more celebration of cultural diversity through festivals etc</p>
<p>While the use of the National Park Bowling Club is no longer available to support people with a disability through Life Without Barriers it is incumbent on Council to ensure the facilities within the National Park precinct include disability oriented activities and playgrounds.</p>
<p>Do not create ethnic/cultural ghettos and a separation mentality with new immigrants. We need a cohesive society where they consider themselves Australians first but have a diverse cultural background heritage.</p>
<p>These objectives are clear outcomes that will result from a connected and engaged community. It is difficult to drive these without supporting the majority of people to become connected and engaged with their community.</p>
<p>Having places to ride and walk is very important. As mentioned looking to use places like the old Newcastle Station as a market hub and even moving some of the markets like the Olive Tree type markets to here, and even expanding to more than once a month.</p>
<p>create buy in from all groups in the community. break down the barriers between these groups.</p>
<p>Activities which are supported through programmes such as 'Make Your Place' need to demonstrate these as part of their criteria, not just "Deliver community benefit to those who live, work and/or recreate in the place".</p>
<p>Educate and encourage respect towards all age groups and races. Create events where cultures can display their differences, and different age groups and races can enjoy and share.</p>
<p>Expand the art gallery and keep a no fee policy of entry to encourage all walks of life to visit.</p>
<p>All very nice but how is this going to be achieved?</p>
<p>A council that reflects these ideas in how it deals with the community. It should do this by leading by example in its interaction with the community</p>
<p>Educate the population instead of buying into the fear mongering of the federal government</p>
<p>Supporting community centres and programs</p>
<p>Community events / special days to celebrate cultural events and 'holi' days - tie in with more active public spaces. Encourage sponsorship etc</p>
<p>support public outdoor family friendly events / markets, music and cultural events / have diverse groups present at these venues</p>
<p>Redevelopment of art gallery and fostering accessible cultural workshops and community activities eg Spanish night outdoors at the gallery. Engaging communities through cultural events that showcase the cultural diversity.</p>
<p>I think that this is something Newcastle does well and is definitely worth protecting and strengthening</p>
<p>Encourage residents to take pride in their suburb through local events & community gardens. Love that Mayfield is proactive about this.</p>
<p>Create sense of place through community engagement programs, activating local places - this change perspective and gain understanding of cultural diversity Seeing your place through new eyes</p>
<p>It sounds like Newcastle will be the welcoming place for many new residents from international sources. Supporting them in the same way as we support our populations to engage with their own future is recommended.</p>

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Community is based on relationships. Large apartment blocks don't enhance interconnectedness. Public mobility in public spaces and transport enhances connectness. Safe neighbourhoods enhance connections. Attractive neighbourhoods enhance participation and connections.

Improve public transport so that people can access community events and resources more easily. increase refugee intake.

make sure that all people with disabilities are more accepted and venues that accomodate these

Stop imposing events that cause communities extreme stress and anxiety such as Supercar races and start involving and considering the events that the involved communities may want and think is the positive for the city. Start engaging the community about what they want rather than letting power and greed dictate.

Regular promotion of festivals

Universal basic income trial. Fund refugee service. Fund youth services. Tax wealthy people. Recognise that citizens and potential citizens contribute in mulyiple ways and should not be assessed only on their ability to speak english

Tell the story of Newcastle's rich Aboriginal cultural heritage, loudly! Continue to work with all nationalities, celebrate and showcse their culture. Provide for active aging and advocate for suitable aged care services.

Seek input from minority groups. Help us help you help us

Just on creativity in Newcastle and culturally rich place. Newcastle has been stupidly resilient when it comes to creativity. But nearly everything that is creative of great has come from the community itself without a huge amount of help from governments local, state or federal. Take for example This is not art, with a tiny amount of funding it seems to create a festival that brings in people from all over Australia and has done for many many years. More people come for the this is not art festival than to say Mattara. It seems to me that in the distant past Newcastle had more civic responsibility towards the arts than it does now. Take for example the schools of arts you see dotted around Newcastle once set up as places for creativity by largely the community or privately funded by groups in the 19th century. The art groups that do exist today are connected via the university (watt space gallery) the TAFE or totally community run like Newcastle art space. These are educational facilities and sometimes only house transient populations of artists while they are studying. Once again Newcastle art space runs on very little and is run by volunteers. I have seen with those small facilities at the Newcastle art space some very big things happen to artists using those facilities (kilns etc) It seems to me that with very little input the Newcastle creative space does more than thrive it literally takes on the world. Imagine what would happen if you built a major art centre like the university in the city with facilities for upcoming artists in the city and opened it for everyone. The result would be pretty amazing and the net output could bring in some serious dollars or at least world attention for Newcastle.

Actively address the issue of street homelessness, access to overnight, temporary secure sleeping places for homeless people. Working with housing and NGOs to develop innovative solutions, both short and long term, to address the increase in homelessness across the Newcastle/Lower Hunter area.

These things are important but i dont know who much a local government strategic plan can influence these points.

A creative, culturally rich and vibrant community. The only vibration in Newcastle East is from the damage caused by holding the V8 races.

Council sponsoring of events that promote an understanding of a particular culture. eg. the Sudanese community be provided with space on the foreshore to set up stalls highlighting their culture

more public events in public spaces where all merging cultures can be demonstrated to existing cultures

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No affordable housing or government housing. There are a lot of outer affordable suburbs. We worked and saved all our lives to live in this expensive city and do not believe that this opportunity should just be offered to others who have not similarly saved for this right by living the high life. We do not want to live in the middle of a high density gifted housing area.

Another set of motherhood statements - incapable of precise interpretation. Why is 'spiritual' mentioned at all? Look at the latest census results. How many of us truly believe in 'spiritual' (in the religions sense)? There's plenty to suggest that 'ethical' is way more accepted - and that 'spiritual' refers more to the likes of George Pell and radicalisation - be that Islam or anything else.

again more facilities in place for mentally ill, homeless, refugees, DV victims - open and free information and drop in centres to cater

Help for the homeless and disabled

We desperately need Volunteers for all aspects of social life.

I dont see it the role of Council to provide some of these outcomes.

Ethnic cultural and food events, Public Celebration of special days of various cultures, conducted by ethnic cultures and supported by Council and the community.

Govt. Health services need to be place based in the outer suburbs not just in the city. Council needs to bring more funding into the city to support multi-culturalism.

Use advertisements to ensure the general public know the council are tolerant of diverse people and that they promote a safe city. Again, don't just target one genre or group of people, include all - including minority groups. eg Refugee's/Australia's 1st people, LGBTI etc

Good luck with this one

Free outdoor (anyone can join in) fitness program - like the different yoga/ mumbalates and zumba classes that they have in Cairns on the esplanade.

I think Council can support and facilitate what community groups are already doing and that will help enormously. And as I've suggested in other responses, seeing opportunities in other policy areas might be good -- e.g. Vancouver's food strategy and community gardens; particularly things that will give volunteer opportunities to people of all ages regardless of what type of job experience they have (if any). Some places that take volunteers now require you to give them your CV first before they will consider you, e.g. the Salvos, and that actually shuts out a lot of the community who have been stay-at-home parents, the elderly, and the newly arrived.

A mentioned before, the use of nature strips as edible gardens, where the community is responsible for looking after the plants. Having a good and balanced diet is imperative to health and wellbeing. It'll also encourage people to get away from devices and get outdoors.

Bring refugees to Newcastle. They are welcome here. We have expert teams who can be resources to provide therapeutic assistance to families who have experienced war and trauma.

Again I think we have an awesomely diverse community but they need a mouthpiece and advocate. So educating the community about what is out there, holding events. Events like the Beaumont Street festival area great but for NAIDOC week it was very hard to find information and there was a distinct lack of promotion. I think there is a need within the community to really focus on getting better at this.

Food festivals, multicultural food days in local parks with advertising to promote it.

Promotion of our art gallery, museum, community and commercial galleries

encouragement of multicultural groups to showcase their uniqueness at times that are more accessible not a weekday morning in a not so visible area.

Affordable housing initiatives to maintain diversity of socio-economic backgrounds in local neighbourhoods.

Survey #1 Q11b: 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.

Listen to the little man NOT the greedy / rich man who just wants to add millions to his already rich bank balance!!

Have many ideas about this and happy to provide advice as a child and adolescent psychiatrist A healthy and well population is the basis of a thriving community in all its ways. More funding and ability to connect services catering for young families. Projects like the first 1000 days in Europe are great. Education and schools are hubs where healthy living can be modeled and taught and encouraged and where vulnerable families can be flagged and supported. There is a significant amount of young people in face care living in local motels due to lack of suitable Placements. This is a health crisis. Many possibilities but too little time now to write all ideas

What can one say?? AN administrator to replace the current NCC would be efficient financially. I see nothing here to assure me that anything will change in the next ten to twenty years. A welcoming community for whom?

Everyone respects the Australian way of life, not their own.

More free community events

welcoming and caring is not the core business of a local council - however, health and culture are

lots of shared gardens. lots of festivals for sharing small business and health

Newcastle already on the right track - diversity festivals, market days, and meaningful appreciation and acknowledgement of the diversity is essential.

Again, seeing greater representation and reflection of Aboriginal history in Newcastle

Practice inclusion, encourage neighbourhoods to care for each other and work together in local projects. Ensure affordability and social mingling especially alongside new developments, encourage a "city for all" approach. Support the arts and culture scene to keep/create a unique city in Australia.

Celebrate our Cultural differences. Ignorance of other cultures doesn't help integration.

Work with government and non-government agencies and communities toward a shared goal

put a focus on the things that are hidden - mental health events with high profile individuals involved Engage aged care facilities to become involved and break the barrier of exclusion that exists across this sector - we as a city have a chance to create valuable change. Show we care - lead in what we do from NCC

Mattara seems to have lost its way and maybe its time to invest in a new newcastle celebration (first settlement ect -) 2 week window - which would encompass music, technology (Ted Talks?) art , Food festival.

A welcoming public domain is one part of this, and obviously community organisations are a big part of creating caring and inclusive communities. Being able to join guided walks is one way to get people moving and interested in their local city or environment. I have also really enjoyed street events, twilight markets and festivals in Newcastle, and I think they should continue to be supported.

an example needs to be set by our "leaders" for this :I see no such example currently

I feel we are already doing this very well

Continue and build on multicultural street festivals more outdoors Tai Chi/Yoga to promote well being & improve mental health. Be careful of where you put "groups". Alleviate ghetto's

I would like to re-enter the work force. I am trained aged care nurse Wickham, Islington, Maryville

The motor vehicle is an antisocial conveyance. If you walk, you look and notice what's going on around the place.

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Build more schools to cope with the large population moving to Newcastle. More health funding to John Hunter, Mater, Belmont Hospital to cope with all people. Definitely have to find more ways for electricity to be used for all the new buildings going up. The current power grids won't cope and we will black outs all the time.

Co-operative partnerships to provide recreation, support for arts, creative scholarships, prizes competitions.

Help all and include all the willings

Spaces for cultural community activities are vital for social interaction and feelings of belonging and self worth

kmpg can handle this, just spend more \$\$ on a groovy marketing campaign..give it a feel good twist

Establish a Newcastle Writing Award with prizes for both longform fiction and non-fiction manuscripts/books.

Know your neighbour program.Award for community organization.Opportunity for every single novocastrian to be part of a community organization.

Use of other locals to welcome new residents to their areas and to provide information re services available in the local area - encouraging neighbours to 'look out for each other' especially in relation to elderly neighbours or those who live alone - to make sure they are alive and well so we don't have situations where people are found months after they have died....

Use Carrington as a blueprint

Get people to keep their religions and shit to themself

Multicultural events that celebrate diversity which are marketed and financially supported by NCC Include Diverse races in council publications, websites & collatoral. We're not all white!

I think it is already happening here we embrace lots of cultures already

A very important objective.The future of the city centre rels on education, arts and culture. The Art Gallery, libraries and Newcastle Museum need to be supported as the hub of the city centre.

Encourage people to participate/be involved

I don't believe these are all council issues

Have Councillors and Politicians listen to the people instead of to developers and their cronies.

Help for the homeless ie housing (Boarding houses)

Under age discos, more indigenous theme stuff for kids

Festivals, public artwork, public celebration

a bit unfair to put physical mental and spiritual in one question - agree with spiritual, and less with the others.

Free/extrememly cheap medical facilities where everyone is welcome - especially mental health ones
Should include dentists

Reflect more of our diversity around the city

Invest in active tranport solutions.

More festivals celebrating different countries and religions

Tell us your ideas re making Newcastle an attractive city

Survey #1 Q12a: 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.
Best practice energy and water efficient buildings and infrastructure is not achieved by destroying existing green space for a V8 race.
Build for how our kids will live in the future (less reliance on cars so a more connected city, greener living, increase technology)
If you have to ask this, it demonstrates what you missed. This is already in our community. This community has been bullied and the truth has been deliberately withheld from us. We love our Newcastle and need a council that loves it too.. not motivated by their own ego.
Make Newcastle a visibly attractive city EVERYWHERE. Plant trees, complete guttering, add footpaths. Make it attractive for people.
Engage local architects for major developments, not just those from Sydney and Melbourne.Ensure new housing developments include space for residents to connect, grow food, park bikes etc.
We are very lucky in our water supply, but it means we can be world leaders, not just sit on it and be complacent.The key to a city is having some high and medium density housing to give environmental, economic, affordability and social advantages. The idea of villages that include that sounds great. Stop letting everything get concentrated into two mega malls, and really encourage smaller, but still vibrant centers where people live as well. See Melbourne city, Woolloomooloo. These places were largely empty at night/weekends, now they're amazing.
Newcastle needs an integrated approach to development and its future. All level of Government, commercial interests and the Community should, in a perfect state, work together to maintain the good things in our City and not seek short term gains which cause long term loss. Strong leadership and the ability to say yes and no when required and based on fact not spin would be good.
Getting the blend right as regards the built environment, connecting public transport & cycle-ways, whilst giving utmost regard to the deleterious effects of climate change is one of our greatest challenges.
Do you have software that randomly generates feel good jargon to come up with this piffle.
What is deemed as quality housing, once again not high density, leggo, dog boxes, the city will be going backwards at great speed, the only people who benefit from such disasters is the developer, he builds the structure, takes the money and retreats to his harbour or lake side mansion far away from this city and we the residents of the city are left with aftermath.
Sell off the public housing that's on very valuable land in prime city locations and build more houses/units in areas that are not as expensive.
we have such potential in this city..it's the right size to get it right..its hard to be optimistic with the raft of decisions that get passed through Council which don't support this vision
What does a 'built' environment mean? I want to maintain a sense of identity but not by building a bunch of rendered boxes and bringing in a bunch of people who want to change us.
Sense of identity will change with time and development - this is a good thing.My sense of Newcastles identity does not necessarily include old rundown unused buildings just because of some implied heritage "value". If you can replace it with a new structure that better suits its use and amenity - bulldoze it.
Again, where is the climate change bit in the mission statement? Let's not build stuff that distinguishes us without thinking of the cost to the natural environment, our heritage...The problem with the transport thing is it has already been negatively disrupted.
"A built environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity" - a bit vague for my liking. Do you mean maintains our heritage? "Mixed-use urban villages" What do you really mean by this? Under the current regime this means developers can do as they please "Greater diversity of quality housing" - What do you really mean by this? High density dwelling stuck in the middle of heritage areas?

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<p>Build 50 Story buildings on the rail corridor - with fabulous views of the harbour and the sea. People move into the city to live, work and play.</p>
<p>All good aspirations - you should have the educated, well informed people to put these into practice now, not in a sometime future</p>
<p>why not have a clean city. I live around bar beach and the garbage bins after theyre are emptied on mondays, is a disgrace because of their filthy state, why cant these be cleaned every month at least, they look unattractive, and would appear to the public, noone cares, about the environment & Health issues. especially around eating areas, such as the kiosk at bar beach.</p>
<p>People need to live more sustainably and council can be part of the force that leads the way! Lead by example ... and not simply force people to use recycle bins by minimising normal waste bins (although that was/is a great move!).</p>
<p>stop talking and labelling ideas - just do them</p>
<p>Energy efficiency is the future. We need to be at the forefront of that. Encourage the residential use of solar power, battery and other alternatives. Reduce our reliance on a costly and aging power systems. Flexible building codes that are sympathetic to the aesthetic as well as the functional and necessary. Nobody wants concrete canyons. We need to feel part of nature wherever we are. It is a restful and calming feeling and everybody could do with more of that these days. Parks, street plantings, gardens. Rooftop and vertical gardens are a rarity but shouldn't be.</p>
<p>High quality, energy efficient architecture. Quality buildings to last & maintenance of those we have.</p>
<p>question of identity is vague. What is identity? What identity? Whose identity?</p>
<p>providing incentives for Sydney companies to relocate operations to Newcastle into modern, purpose built, high efficiency commercial spaces. i.e. rain harvesting, solar power, rooftop gardens, living facades</p>
<p>Liveable cities do not have cars racing through them at over 200km per hour, 3 meters from peoples homes. They do not subject residents to noise levels know to cause hearing damage. They listen to include people, nit tell them to "suck it up".</p>
<p>There are two many social answers in this, not everyone can live ion or near the city. Easy public transport options to the city are are a starting point</p>
<p>Encourage a respect for the past and preserve the architecture</p>
<p>I think there needs to be an over arching vision for the city not an ad hoc approach. I think the integrity of the vision should not be for sale to the highest bidder and I think that what ever decisions are made should be made to benefit the majority not the privileged few who can afford to buy the prime positions as I feel was the case with most of the Newcastle Foreshore.</p>
<p>Encouragement for renewable energy installations and conversions</p>
<p>Maintaining a sense of community identity won't happen if you pack hundreds of thousands of strangers into a small precinct. Supercars will degrade the existing sense of environment (it's already trashing it) and will remove the sense of identity people associate with the heritage precinct.</p>
<p>Everyone knows in Australia resources are finite. This is because of global warming i think. It stands to reason that we need to build homes that conserve water and make the most of solar power. These should be part of the brief for architects o all buildings. I think it already is actually.</p>
<p>This is already being destroyed</p>
<p>all of these positions will see community emergence and activity. refer to my previous answers/comments</p>

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Developers have their eye on Newcastle and the NCC is facilitating profit-making at the expense of the general community interests. Our national reputation has been damaged enough with the resignation of MPs and Jeff McCloy. Destination NSW and NCC continue to be acting in an unethical manner by working together to turn Newcastle into the Gold Coast.

Good Motherhood statements, but the devil is in the detail that

Encourage selective development of high rise in Newcastle West, move away from boxy "same same" low rise buildings.

Ensure major developments are creative as well as functional

Housing has been hijacked by inner city developers which eventually will exclude working class people

More stringent standards for development in the city in terms to ensure these objectives are met BASIX plus perhaps?

I don't know what identity Newcastle has. Certainly the last three points must be addressed

None of father choices are something that should be avoided!

identity cannot be planned. it is a mental state. depending on one's sense of reality etc etc more new age BScity planning is still stuck in the 50s. that must change diversity of city planning. high rise set in park lands and no cars. public transport only

Affordable homes in the inner city not just an area for the elite

We need to clean up the streets which look very dirty. Encourage shop owners to care for their own buildings, which also are dirty. Encourage people and landlords to attract people living in shop top buildings. Paint and maintenance goes a long way Newcastle quite bluntly appears as a dirty and unattractive city now. I travel quite a bit looking and visiting other cities. While we have made great progress I do want changes to happen within my life time. I also was born and reside there

imagine a future beyond cars. return of horses. roads as water harvesting rocks. use of port beyond coal. Build new extension to Art Gallery, through financing with negative interest money (a project to point to, to explain why people support this issue of currency).

Council to be actively evaluating building development plans so that permission to build is based not only on unit numbers per block size but also on visual and social amenity. I think developers are building the ghettos of the future. Example 44/46 Sandgate Road Wallsend. ! 2 units built on 2 blocks, minimal play area for children, just wind tunnels between buildings and concrete drive ways. A planning shocker!

Develop realistic objectives that can be delivered in an open and honest way

All I said before, close off some areas to traffic and put interesting seating, quaint spaces for street entertainment around the cafes and shops and put in native trees and edible plants and flowers. Nothing compares to the village square and little shops for atmosphere. Lots of recycle bins, water stations, compost bins.

Land spaces need to be developed with long term visions of future use and liveability. E.g. building densities that are carefully thought through to avoid developing future slums by not overstocking areas with housing for housing sake. Better to ensure areas are not over populated to avoid developing communities that will be beset with social problems in the future. Communities need to be a diversity of all socio-economic groups to foster care for the community and avoid groups being forgotten due to social or economic circumstance.

All of these things are important, but they need to be done well and not just thrown together haphazardly. Newcastle people are not fools. We understand very well when something is 'shonky'.

More accommodation for ONE person households and disabled ONLY for the inner city.

Greater diversity of quality housing for current and future community needs - review DA objections more closely. Dont allow over development of residential areas with subdivision of blocks.

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Newcastle has some magnificent architecture from the past and some great new additions with the Courthouse and Newspace. Not all buildings will be to all peoples liking but the current mass production of soulless residential buildings needs to stop. There needs to be much tougher design criteria before we end up looking like an old eastern block European country. There also should be a requirement to build Units suitable for Families as the city is fast becoming less and less diverse in the age and variety of people who live in the city centre. In my view this could not be more important of the huge area the University of Newcastle has been given in Honeysuckle. Government entities like the University must be forced to add to the Architectural fabric of the City - not contribute to its decline. If the University is claiming to be a Green and Future leader of this City the Four major buildings it plans to build on OUR land should be features of our City. In doing so I would suggest that they represent 1.Environment (Covered in Greenery) 2. Aboriginal (External design representing the Aboriginal people of the Greater newcastle region) 3. Industrial / Shipping to represent our past and future 4. Design - to represent the creative future of the University - this building would be Architecturally not just within our city but any City.

Again, the objectives are noble, but don't reflect the Australian focus on the dollar

Stop trying to be a mini sydney. All the development in town is ruining / has ruined its identity. I feel like i could be anywher now. Newcastle character being lost. Parking needs to be included in built environment given failure of public transport. In the suburbs we need cars to get around, do shopping, transport elderly/ disabled. In the suburbs to "duck down to the shop" is. 5 min trip in car but 30 min by bus. What would you choose? Local atm closed so now huge trip just to get cash. In sydney you can duck to a local shop on foot but despite what council thinks we aren't actually sydney.

By having attractive affordable housing and by having public transport and facilities to cater to a very diverse mix of people in a thriving city.

Collaborative approach between development, environmental and end-user groups.

So little of this is actually happening, transport is going backwards, another layer required to travel to Sydney, now takes longer than it did in 1890's, or in 1990's. Redhead? anyone? Plenty of water rules, but little common sense.

maintain its unique heritage in buildings, parklands Nobby's Lighthouse and break wall. Fix the Post Office in Hunter Street and have a reason for shoppers to come into the city with somewhere to park. Attract big retailers and the smaller ones will follow.

We don't build racetracks that threaten our built environment, that shake our premises to bits

Apartment buildings need to have good common areas to create a sense of community. In Melbourne a leading project has a common laundry so people meet and talk.

Prioritise preservation of historic buildings-eg post office.We need an integrated transport network because of multiple modes needed to travel into the city now. If it takes longer to get around with multiple wait times and transfers people will drive. If it costs more and there is no free city loop people will drive. The network has to be convenient and inexpensive to get people out of cars.The rail corridor should not be used for housing development. Fernliegh track is a great example of public use of a rail corridor. Provide park and go carparks close to the city.

I have suggested this before & been ignored Make all new business building have collection tanks for water & reuse/recycle the water for the building combined with better use of natural lighting & with solar panels for power

Make Newcastle safe Make our Mall attractive malls are for people not cars

I think new Newcastle buildings need to be designed a bit more in line with the history and heritage of the town. Modern is great but we are losing some of the heart and character. Need to keep old building facades as much as possible as that is part of what makes Newcastle, Newcastle.

I simply don't know. It seems that Newcastle City Council will do what i t wants to, regardless of popular feeling.

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Put the brakes on rapid, wholesale development- Change to careful planning; lessen the overweening influence of rapacious developers. 'Ugly' development unacceptable. Far more emphasis on maintaining and creating green spaces and passive leisure areas - proven enhancement of health and well being.

I do not support community/affordable/housing commission in the inner city and will be disappointed and angry if that is the action intended behind this objective. We moved to the inner city to be in an environment not impacted by the challenges and complexities that often accompany families living in housing commission, and we have made substantial financial sacrifices to get here.

I fear with this topic I just see developers getting richer. Spend the money earmarked for this by improving existing communities with safe parks etc, good housing will naturally develop as people decide they like this place and want to live here.

Don't approve bad designs/DAs Respect heritage buildings

Less emphasis on noisy, disruptive sporting events.

All these ideals fall short in current practice. Too many expensive apartments, not enough social housing. Transport terrible.

Some homes have been around for a long time and some have older owners. They cannot afford the new appliances to be added to their homes. THEY NEED HELP

Ensure that minority groups do not have the ability to stall progress. The reduction in emphasis on the value of alleged heritage value of buildings and places that aren't of value in the overall context of settlement, both pre and post European. The cultural elite must be stopped from dictating their ideology onto the general populace.

Support people taking a risk to create new buildings discourage boxes, make it easier to adaptively reuse older buildings ie mixing modern with old not one or the other

seem to be moving towards these challenges.

I don't think the 'Cheap 'housing mentioned in the press for some societal groups is necessarily going to work. All housing should be of good quality and, hopefully, affordability.

Stop building the same uninviting blocks of units in town. We need a mix of smart unit buildings with much stronger green credentials. We need more terraces which would suit young families. Encourage some larger apartments for families rather than all two bed apartments. Make developers come up with more user friendly designs such as internal courtyards which are common garden space. Encourage more community gardens and consider creating allotments for rental as veggie patches as in UK

need to provide suitable accommodation that is affordable for everyone and that has not only transport networks but areas for recreation and sport/play plus native wildlife corridors

These statements are getting worse. What are "Mixed-use urban villages"? "Greater diversity of quality housing...."? Huh?

Maintain building height control in the inner city. All new buildings to be fitted with with renewable energy options & water retention facilities.

Plant more trees

We live in Australia, water is not a problem compared to so many countries throughout the world, take a wider view here. Diversity of housing is not really the problem at the moment, but in the next 10 years we need to provide a lot more opportunities to build upwards because Newcastle is largely built out. Transport networks are critical when housing can only go upwards and not outwards like Lake Macquarie. Forget the sense of identity, that is getting back to pillars, missions and visions. Cringe

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<p>All modern buildings (esp. public) should consider solar panels. At Honeysuckle, the newest addition is an ugly black brick building. This will heat up immensely in summer, contributing to the urban heat effect. There is limited shade in the area. No solar panels on it. POOR DESIGN. Is there a way to encourage 'green' buildings through DCPs? Can Newcastle (and maybe links to architecture course at UoN) become an example of best design. Where is Newcastle's vertical garden building example, such as the One Central Park building in Sydney. With all the projected growth in the city with new apartments going up, Council should encourage greening of the area (vertical garden walls and rooftop gardens).</p>
<p>Updating water use in the city. All irrigated public space should use tertiary treated water from sewage treatment and be applied at hours of the day to reduce evaporation. The architecture of the city should challenge what has happened at Honeysuckle. It should be finer grain, allow for different demographics to live together and avoid standard pre-fab styles. It should be unique to the city and be optimised for the local micro climate. Households should be connected to a recycled water main for outdoor use and connected to toilets. Water security will become important for the city into the future-beyond 2030 so the investments should be made now.</p>
<p>Everyone has a different view of what is attractive. Dont enter into that debate NCC.</p>
<p>Greater diversity of quality housing for current and future community needs - The most important</p>
<p>Urban sprawl and car culture are in opposition to this. Basic human right to travel in safety and not put others in danger. We can be more happy with a transition to an ethical World's best practice city planning and transport: Clean, healthy, safe communities with safer energy that creates jobs: Stop creating danger to others (only dangerous vehicles need rego; prams and pushbikes do not)! Faster main roads for cars, more buses/trains (screen time and active transport), better pushbike shortcut paths. Pleases everyone, so we can stop the fighting of motorists vs cyclists vs public transport user. Need to start talking about the elephant in the room, the whole system. No silver bullet on one small part of the problem. More dense cities (affordable housing) are faster (spread out suburbs are inefficient and get people addicted to cars) and cost benefit ratios for pushbike paths show increase in society health and increase in business/shops near them. Train transport through the bush linking up higher density cities. Stop urban sprawl causing social isolation and wasted travel time and making housing unaffordable (Costs quarter million dollars of taxpayers money for infrastructure for new housing developments (road, water, sewage, phone/NBN, electricity etc) If you are unhappy cycling, then you are doing it wrong. (Get electric assist tricycles with trailers if you have to. Pushbiking is as easy as walking, choose the easy gears and build up your leg strength). Don't wait for automated robot cars to stop cars tailgating each other, get the right information, skill up, and be safer than cars now. SAVE TIME: Combine transport with exercise (needed for body and mind happiness every day) Door-to-door on a pushbike (and finding safe shortcuts in backstreets) can be faster than finding car parking/waiting for buses. We need walk/cycle/public transport for active transport to beat the obesity epidemic, etc, etc</p>
<p>make sure the city's skyline does not turn into something similar to the gold coast</p>
<p>build it and they will come. consult and accept community views - the 'developer' does not necessarily care for community opinion</p>
<p>Energy efficient houses with solar passive design, insulation etc are significantly cheaper for the occupiers and the community. We all pay for the electricity infrastructure to get everyone's air con electricity on the hottest day of the year.</p>
<p>Newcastle City Council should be encouraging solar panels on every building in the city and local government area. Every new building should be required to meet low energy standards. Newcastle also needs to encourage the creation of industries to retrain workers in the fossil fuel sector.</p>
<p>Over-development should NOT be allowed anywhere because it will only cause slum areas in the future as demographics change. Always keep an eye on the future. The now will soon pass.</p>
<p>Why doesn't the NCC insist on rooftop solar on all new buildings? We have some very ugly boxes approved in Newcastle. Lights off in buildings at night. Demands for lights being activated by movement so they cannot be left on. Attractive means environmentally responsible.</p>

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limit high rise in newcastle cbd particularly in newcastle east and by the harbour-too much shadowing

Just what does all this mean in the real world? Again, the right words but can't see how this all translates into concrete actions. There is already over development re apartments in Newcastle now, traffic will be horrendous. Already too late for King St in the city.

See previous reply - need to ensure all new buildings are self-sustaining energy wise (eg solar power, not leaving lights on all night, etc). 'quality housing' does that mean housing commission? I still don't understand why there are housing commission flats in some of the best 'prime' real estate in the CBD.

Mandate affordable housing across LGC including salt and peppered in new development Deliver integrated transport and protect critical corridors. Overhaul DCP to focus on good design - water sensitive, energy efficient. Plumbed rainwater tanks to hot water and toilets. Protect biodiversity corridors. Ensure better by design principles.

Newcastle has a beautiful Victorian CBD which is being whittled away by neglect and lax planning laws. Height limits of new buildings and planning permission should attempt to reverse this trend.

Listen to and act upon community recommendations, rather than Council sending out survey requests under the pretence of community involvement and still giving preference to their political and personal agenda. Upgrade the tourist attraction streets, e.g. Restaurants, have a good look at the Darby Street footpaths, terrible, also tack a bi-directional drive along Hunter Street and observe and feel what the buses have done to the roadway etc., etc.

No more tower blocks that impede public views. Try for smaller apartment blocks eg. 4-5 units, with green space around. Keep the old terraces etc, as it is part of the appeal of Newcastle

Cheap and nasty public infrastructure like the timber fence along the coastal strip does not instill quality or show pride. Affordable housing in city buildings and classy suburbs just drags down the overall image. High levels of employment reduces poverty, homelessness and lower quality dwellings. We should aim for 110% employment

More lower cost housing, less glamorous apartment buildings. Student accommodation. More solar panels in public buildings

Council join with residents / developers in building "best practice" energy efficient houses to show case to the community - provide easy access to "best practice" materials with details on embedded energy, ongoing energy requirements, insulation, thermal mass, renewable energy etc

Perhaps the council or state government should adopt some building criteria that includes, energy efficiency, innovative design. Try to encourage developers to stretch their designs and create unique buildings.

More low cost housing for people who are unable to buy or rent a house. Transport to many essential amenities is abysmal.

Rainwater systems and greywater systems should be put into place on local well-used buildings. More effort into solar powered buildings as well. There's solar powered paint, panels, and even cars - why has none of been used? Solar powered transport as well. The introduction of recycling bins as well as the usual rubbish bins in all public places would be great as well. The upkeep and restoration of Newcastle's historic sites should be a main priority as well.

Provide parking and transport for future housing. Not less parking and more dog boxes, "slums of the future". Lead with a clear vision. Don't follow radical, stupid directions that are leading you all down the same path as all developments intend.

Our sense of identity is vital and I feel that maintaining the facades of the older buildings in the city area is primary. This "New York style" philosophy that was floating around for a while is ok to a degree - under certain circumstances. However to lose the character of those buildings only to be replaced by a soul-less square modern outfit is *not* Newcastle to me. That goes for "greater diversity in housing" also. Absolutely essential! Low-density housing with space for parks, walkways and bike tracks will maintain the lifestyle Newcastle is renowned for.

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Council should have most if not all roofing in its portfolio covered with solar panels. Much could be said about water capture with buildings for flushing of toilets and gardens. Community housing should be close to transport to commute to health and jobs. Even learning centres for cooking, housekeeping and accounting for youth, homeless and disadvantaged.

Ensure DAs and conditions of consent are complied with. They are there in part to protect existing residents.

the phrase 'urban villages' is a bit overused - maybe just neighbourhoods or communities? otherwise the connectedness - which is crucial - can easily be lost. Eg whilst Estabrook is a great asset to the community most of those towers in the city do not link well at all to the environment and encourage silo living

Compulsory laws that make new buildings recycle rain water from gutters for toilets etc solar panels to supplement electricity etc

Ensure we achieve medium density development that support effective public transport (at least 40 dwellings per hectare) especially on larger infill sites.

Let's not have any more "Crowne Plazas" on our waterfront and let's not have any more high rise apartments like those that replaced the old RNH hospital. Let's keep our harbour as the focal point and gradually work the height up towards the Cathedral, let's not do a Surfers Paradise. can I say that I'd prefer not to have V8 races included on the agenda - I know we want a vibrant city but that's insane. We seem to have a problem with public housing (e.g. Hamilton South), it would be great in the future to have sufficient work and health services for people not to need public housing, just dreaming I guess.

Greener high rise buildings

What is our sense of identity? The town has a history in coal and steel. Who gets to decide our identity?

Turn negative spaces into positive spaces. Don't allow bad development to ruin our city. Promote quality designs for the future, not for a quick buck. Look to other cities around the world that inspire and take some ideas. Don't accept sub standard architectural designs eg Entertainment Centre, is that the best we can do? Surely not. Let's use our manufacturing expertise to create buildings of worth and value.

Need better road infrastructure.

Get more environmentally trained people on Developers books and in council...those who know how waste should be managed, heat and wind corridors dispersed or re-used to advantage, how to retain habitat for native birds and animals. BIRDS particularly enhance the places we live in. Plant the trees THEY like. Recycle everything even electronic goods and mobile phones, old white goods, plastics, and that cheap broken furniture. Get some good minds onto this recycling organisation.

Every public building with its own solar battery storage system New buildings designed to have min impact on the environment

Keep high density to a minimum. Build smaller village type shopping. No more huge shopping centres. No high rise in the city. It currently has a Unique feel that will be lost if we have high rise. Encourage innovative use of current neglected buildings.

Stop ripping down heritage buildings to replace with modern eyesores.

Ensure all developments are overseen by a rigorous set of guidelines and that experts are consulted. An overarching vision should be developed.

Be more proud of our city. Let the world know how bloody great this place is.

Once again every community in the world would aspire to the above as a place to live. There is nothing specific in what you propose to do to actually make your objectives become a reality!

Integrated transport does not mean frequent and people will not use it if it isn't frequent and if we can't take our bikes on the trains or trams.

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We still need to promote little village type communities where we don't always need to jump in the car to grab what we need or have to go to huge shopping centres. Make it easier for small business to operate in the local environment
Dump the politics
The integration of housing and public spaces, and transport is paramount to livability. "Mixed-use urban villages supported by integrated transport networks" sounds wonderful, but need to be protected from "big business" that focuses simply on dollars 'now' rather than long-term livability and planetary sustainability.
I live in an old house (1904) and think keeping older homes in heritage type appearance should be a priorities it retains the character of where we came from
Don't knock down all the old buildingsLook for opportunities to enhance existing 'villages' Discerning development regulations
Need to be careful not to over develop. High density living is not good for all areas, and infrastructure needs to be in place before high density living is introduced
making it difficult for the youth and elderly to acces areas such as nobbys and Newcastle beach via public transport has been one of the biggest turn offs to people feeling part of Newcastle. it is rapidly becoming an enclave for the wealthy and a few priviledged houso's
People centred planning - through place making approaches Explore opportunity to enable cooperatives for neighbourhood building.
I don't believe this is possible with the planning skills and power that the city has currently. Just read about the Cambridge development. The life of the city is disappearing under concrete not growing g out of 'urban villages'
Consult consult consult! The community is an essential resource
High quality medium density and high density housing that is affordable is a top priority.
Continued use of public forums, especially community workshops, around plans for new built developments (residential and non).
Be mindful of providing opportunities for quality low income an housing that is integrated seamlessly into the social fabric
The identity that you envisage negates the existence of one already. It's terra nullus all over again while developers write the agenda and the government's intent on propping up the otherwise bankrupt economy through migration. If corporations paid tax, there'd be no need for councils to kow tow to these developer demands.
Involve the expertise of appropriate faculties from the University of Newcastle.Rate highly, the affordability of projects.
Preserve the old architecture is a must. So many places in Australia have had their beautiful historical architecture destroyed which is a sad loss that can never be recovered. This is where Newcastle stands out. So much still remains which gives the place a distinctive style that will be increasing appreciated over time. Plant more trees to soften the streetscape. Do not insist on natives as gum trees are a menace in built up areas. Find other alternatives.
We should help people from lower socio economic areas by offering free activities and services.
Mandatory solar panels etc on new housing.Mandatory building tax for developers directed towards arts and cultural development programmes. Close the chapter on the Post Office - do something, anything with it.

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<p>Yes please to all of the above. Lets build houses that don't need air conditioning as the first means of cooling or heating. Lets be more water conscious not just include water tanks but ensure that they are plumbed back into the property. Lets encourage street gardens to provide fresh fruit and vegetables to local participants</p>
<p>Transport needs to be improved from the city to the east lakes - light rail maybe? Upgrade to some of the older buildings in the mall and west end.</p>
<p>1. Increase the inner-city housing supply for low income households and casual and freelance professionals. 2. Reopen a Newcastle Youth Venue. 3. All ages performance spaces with organising support. 4. Community art projects. 5. Instillation of renewable energy generation and storage. 6. Tough restrictions on further development of all remaining green spaces, parks and reserves. 7. Instillation of electric car charging points. 8. Increased restrictions on carbon footprint heavy building practices.</p>
<p>Openness to tiny house development</p>
<p>Reject mediocrity in architectural design that only benefits the pocket of developers. Rectangular prisms of concrete and glass are pathetic. If we are to have a "diversity of quality housing" then the NCC has to have the intestinal fortitude to challenge developers who refuse to build quality affordable housing. Or worse use the special provisions to get support then miraculously lose it during construction. "Best practice" is a hackneyed phrase that is trotted out when needed by governments. If Newcastle had "Best Practice" our transport system would be entirely different.</p>
<p>Every building should have solar panels! Car parks should be planted with lots of native trees to provide shade and crucial habitat or a wildlife corridor. Ideally it would be really cool to have all car parks covered with a green roof that can be accessed by all. These can have veggie gardens, etc. Look at the Hi Line in New York City as an example. Close off Honeysuckle Drive to all cars and open this for pedestrians and cyclists and public transit only. There should be car free zones in the CBD. Need to get people out of their cars!</p>
<p>Parking is just ridiculous in the city, we need more housing in the suburbs. We need alternatives to driving cars and more efficient transportation options, light rail will only be useful if it is used to link the city to the suburbs</p>
<p>Protect heritage buildings. Protect Newcastle East heritage. Better promote Newcastle's history - including Aboriginal history.</p>
<p>More information distributed on what to recycle and how, as well as on how to dispose of waste such as batteries. Encourage curb gardens and community gardening.</p>
<p>I think it is important to retain buildings and areas of historical interest or significance, and also the character of intact street-scapes from earlier periods of development. I think developments incorporating communal green areas and gardens, with a variety of housing styles and sizes are needed. The trend toward high-rise residential developments is of far greater benefit to the developers than the eventual residents of these. Access to quiet out door areas, or at least somewhere to dry clothing in the sun seem important to me.</p>
<p>we live in a city that is heritage rich in the inner city and logistically (hills) is difficult to change. As you move out side the inner city there is room for development. The heritage of the inner city should be aided and assisted in retaining our historical image. maybe something like england has with it's maintenance of historical buildings</p>
<p>priority given to renewable energy wherever possible</p>
<p>We will continue to be controlled by the might off the developers dollar. There will always be public officials who can be bought and the perception managers will always dress up the 'benefits' and disguise the pitfalls.</p>
<p>There is an ongoing need for Renew Newcastle for temporary building use.</p>

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it all sounds so feasible, but is it? Newcastle will cease to be attractive if we're going to build it purely on cement and brick. It needs lots of garden spaces. Plenty of benches for seniors and young families. A lot more trees and less parking space. Space for bicycles. Access for mobility scooters.

More solar, large shared batteries, greener cities incorporating plants into buildings, esp rooftops. Make use of rooftop spaces as refuges/gardens for public access.

Put DAs and other applications online for viewing so they can be seen by working people. At present it's too difficult to comment because you have to go in to Council to view documentation. Listen to feedback.

re 1. "A beautiful built environment that is enjoyable to be in" is more important to me than having my "sense of identity" enhanced. I applaud the emphasis on energy and water efficiency

More fluff and bunkum. Please stick to what you can fund and deliver.

Less high rise and more medium density. Sale of council and state land linked to design competitions. More social housing mix and less exclusivity in suburbs. Long term planning and not short term development...

Best practice statutory and strategic planning and improved da practices to guide future development and encourage the development industry to 'step it up'

Innovative urban planning requires the taking of the good ideas from elsewhere and not being afraid to try them here if there is evidence to support the likely success. Be accepting of innovation in urban planning and don't reject ideas because they are unusual for this city. Foster sustainability of new buildings, both in resource efficiency but also in maintenance costs. Some new buildings look very old and tired in a short period of time. Ensuring developments are sustainable and will look and work well in 20-30 years is very important for maintaining ongoing growth and vitality in this city. Don't let developers come in and make a profit and then run, leaving behind a maintenance eyesore.

Make sure we run a virtual power station in cbd and surrounds with a micro grid focussing on renewable energy.

engage the local businesses to provide the best services. only go out of town if the products aren't available here

I think we can start demanding better architecture in our city.

Lots of nature and ease to move. Stations to charge quiet, low emission vehicles.

We have great natural resources but we need to work more towards everyones enjoyment of the environment.

Maintaining a strong heritage policy within the council. This has been eroded over the years by council employee interpretations. Listen to the different sectors of the community

Maintain heritage buildings. Avoid stark apartment buildings. Don't sell out to developers

We want to live in communities not developer lead cell blocks

Would Charlestown square meet the definition of 'mixed use urban village'? No to megaliths that shut down Main Street.

Supporting public art

Better public transport / cycle and ped paths etc. Encourage and support precinct groups / communities. Refer to previous comments

I can see a need for more community housing

Best use of renewable energy also reduces ongoing costs of administration by local government

Respecting and preserving important and significant buildings and landscapes through sensitivity in planning approvals and preventing inappropriate and over development

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Our sense of Identity? Remember we are not Sydney nor do we want to be. Bar Beach does not want to look like Bondi. Tourists want to experience the wide streets the historic centre. Our wonderful charm not a mis match of styles. Our open vista are like our hearts

Ensure developers are not using tilt technology? If water sensitive urban design principles are the policy setting then this would drive innovative, sustainable, newcastle inspired architecture / development.

I am concerned that the centre of Newcastle is being changed into a high rise jungle. We are a unique city, almost a big country town and I think that quality is being lost through development and lack of parking and transport options.

Educate people on the importance of green areas within their working and living environments. currently there is more concrete than greenery. Modern buildings do not seem to reflect community - i.e. knowing your neighbour next door or encouraging people to chat in the street. The buildings seem to just be facades

Best practice energy and water efficiency will need to exceed current national standards if we are to prepare our city for the future. There are so many smart ways of doing this and it could mean that Newcastle is a showcase city for green development. We need courage to bring this to fruition.

Large towers do not encourage interaction between neighbours.

There is NOTHING in these statements that, to me, reflects life in a CITY! These statements all reflect living in a village. One of the statements even says that word. We need to envision a city not a village. Cities are busy and vibrant and full of energy. These statements don't sound like a city to me.

Solar panels should be part of new builds as are water tanks. Encourage and support retro fitting of solar panels for electricity (& hot water). No high rise in CBD that compromises unique Newcastle skyline. Limit high rise apartments in other parts of the city eg Westend as Newcastle will just look like any other overbuilt city. The natural contours of the city will be hidden, disguised, removed with overdevelopment. Keep, refurbish, re purpose historic buildings. Encourage maintenance and beautification of our historic assists. Support local community beautification and maintenance to enhance community pride and engagement. Transport connectness. Improve arterial roads.

Stop giving developers a free go in our inner suburbs! Particularly, reject their efforts to build high rise (or any private development) on the rail corridor and other public spaces.

Always employ good architects

have a long term vision about the look of the city, what has made Newcastle so attractive is the lack of high-rise buildings

More needs to be done to provide affordable housing, and/or secure long-term rentals.

More funding for arts. Greater recognition of diversity needed in public art private billboards /advertisements and on council - staff and officials.

Newcastle is full of poorly designed buildings. The new apartment buildings at the southern end of Shortland Esplanade are a prime example. They are extremely UGLY. Compare them to apartment buildings on the Gold Coast. Why is our city building CRAP

Protect our beautiful and interesting heritage buildings. More living walls on developments. Ensure mandatory noise reductions measures for inner city dwellings.

Quite simply we need to relocate or demolish very ugly public housing in some key areas. Take for example public housing in Cooks Hill, Merewether, Hamilton South and Stockton. They are in very important areas that have peoples' attention, many of these flats are falling apart and an eyesore. These areas have a high land value, with the sale of that public housing you could relocate and house more people in better housing. Rather than sustain people in poor quality housing in an area where there are more resources for them. Some of these areas in particular places like Hamilton South have very high crime rates, and are costing the area and the government time and effort policing those areas and creating discontent in surrounding suburbs.

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Make sure new developments and houses build energy efficiently and include solar, battery storage and water tanks as requirements.

Water catchment is a large issue. This needs to be addressed in our area both on a grand scale plus for the average household. An increase to the number of community gardens should be allocated and sadly, regular community teachings on self sufficiency is a really important topic along with nutritional advice.

Setting scientifically supported best practice standards for environmental impacts of new buildings, including impact on transport infrastructure. Review processes and fees to encourage improvements to existing dwellings and businesses including assistance with planning submissions (rather than just saying no).

I think council should be setting a benchmark for developers to build the best buildings they can. some of the newer development is just generic and boring. The wickham interchange is the most basic and unattractive building in the city, which is unfortunate because it had to opportunity to be a great first impression for visitors and a welcome home to people who live here.

Retain floor space ratios and extend to apply in heritage conservation areas. Allow for use of semi permeable surfaces for driveways/access ways.

we must avoid ghetto building totally in the future. Existing ghettos must be redeveloped and integrated public housing in all new developmentys

How is Council going to do this? Despite often ineffective building regulations, it will be developers and private individuals (and businesses) who really determine 'attractiveness'. 'Distinctive' does not mean 'liveable'. A dump of a building, etc may be 'distinctive' - but far from 'attractive'. Get your meanings straight - not just use fancy words chosen by a committee.

We don't want high rise apartments along the harbour. That is not diverse communities, it is saving the harbour for the well off.

I just hope we can carry out these ideas.

It is important for the council to be more proactive in planning how neighbourhood develop to ensure diversity of residents in terms of age, culture, and financial status and avoid gettos of old, poor, rich, middle class etc.

By keeping at least the facades of older buildings when approving DA's and not just pushing these old (stylish) buildings over. Melbourne does it as well as loads of other cities around the world, don't know why we have to push everything over and make us look like an uncultured city.

Sorry but this is just a load of dribble someone overpaid has come up with, this will also never happen, dreaming.

Newcastle has lovely historic buildings with many beautiful industrial and heritage features. If the council could ensure strict development clauses so that all developers MUST maintain and not destroy the original historical features of the buildings. It is important for any developers to prove their understanding and adherence to maintaining the original artistic integrity of the buildings.

I think with the rapid level of development going on currently, that does raise concerns about built heritage and how it connects to our personal and social identities. I'm not saying development is bad, just that we need to be sure we are protecting and enhancing what we have, and not just through retaining facades, which doesn't always work as a positive factor.

We can start using our natural resources! Rain water tanks, roof top gardens, community gardens etc

We need to promote our city as well designed, small scale, connected and diverse. Changes to Council legislation to maintain these things, include design comps and promote sustainability in all development.

Again, keep it local, but look to the best ideas around the world to inspire us.

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The points in the middle that I'm not sure about - it depends on how these are established, planned and constructed - I guess there needs to be a great deal of trust in those designing these areas. They need to have the community and what is best for it as their agenda with no hidden or personal agendas.
Developing liveable neighbourhoods, with a diverse mix of housing. Maintaining affordable housing throughout the city.
Each new luxury apartment block has to have a certain amount of social housing apartments too
Affordable housing
MORE GREEN spaces not tall UGLY apartments that only benefit the rich / greedy / ruthless developers ...oh & the council as well because they get more \$\$\$\$ in rates. How can the council say they care when all they are doing is ruining the city with over kill apartment's they are so ugly & don't do anything for the future environment at all. In fact, they are detrimental to our future. Not good at all. Newcastle is becoming more like Sydney every day & the infrastructure cannot handle all the population growth. Too many people NOT enough resources. Stop ruining Newcastle!!!
The built environment should not consist of the current practise of knock down and build.....preserve earlier buildings.....serve the community NOT the developers....for heavens sake keep some of Newcastle! Build for the future.....without cars! Mixed use urban villages....could be a misnomer for anything some developer crony dreams up. Greater diversity??? Needs to take in the necessity to DOWNSIZE cities.....the more you spread the more and less efficient infrastructure is needed.Knocking down the lungs of the city is poor environmental practise.....the more trees and bushland you replace with house and concrete the more pollution and more wasteful water run off to finish up in the storm water system.
Let people from the outer suburbs enjoy it as well.
energy is expensive and for that reason limiting its use is important. water (though also arguably too expensive) is a naturally recycling product that this area has in abundance and should not be an important issue for local government
Environment must be number one, or there will be no life left on earth to plan for. Sea levels are rising.
Newcastle doesn't need a greater diversity of quality housing but simply a greater quantity of affordable housing. Council can do this by restricting development applications to ensure there's a quota of affordable housing in each suburb.
Affordable housing
All our buildings from now on need to be 100% sustainable. Create distinctive developments/houses aligned with the traditional architecture of the city to create a special city style and not a blunt characterless city like most other Australian cities. Diversity in housing and ownership ensures social mixing and a more resilient community e.g find alternatives to developer driven projects (Baugruppen).
with development have community housing incorporated to remove the "getto" approach that has only failed too many generations of people who must utilise this housing option.
keep it simple and energy efficient with ease of movement between designated new and functional spaces.
Utilise alternate energies better

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There is a lot of professional expertise that is being ignored in the development of Newcastle. Great architects and urban theorists around the world, who make the liveability and design of great cities their life's work, are producing ideas and solutions all the time addressing exactly the problems that Newcastle is facing now. We should consult with the best minds in the world on how to develop and enhance our city, and not rely on corporate contractors to provide the tawdry and ordinary built environment that is becoming normal in Newcastle and in which we and our children will spend our lives. Newcastle university has the top architecture school in NSW - consult with them. Use the best knowledge to create the best city - that's how to make a smart city. Have an architecture competition or an urban design competition to generate ideas for different parts of the city. And don't ruin our lives by allowing any more corporate built garbage - I won't even call it architecture - to invade our streets.

Don't close it in

What is meant by 'mixed use'?

Get rid of the rubbish the park near Marketown is a disgrace.

Brighten up the city by fixing or demolishing the buildings that are past their use by date that are not heritage listed. Employ the youth to put more murals around this city.

Keep working on the parks & gardens & the beaches to keep them at a high standard.

Don't turn it into a concrete jungle.

Focus on education, business and tourism. Make work access attractive with frequent reliable and relevant public transport system. Recreation and tourism potential is enormous due to city layout and abundant green spaces and water access

We do have an attractive city but I am afraid it is being degraded by the current goings on in the city, desecration of well laid out parks (eg V8s) absolutely deplorable whereas there are other areas that could have been used & developed.

Less high rise, less cramming, free flowing access.

Help to promote development that allows for housing that can cater to multiple separate identities to live under the one roof reducing our housing crisis

stop building high rise (future gettoes) apartment blocks, i see robbo got himself a demolition business, must be getting the heads up on all the future demo/constuction work comin up

Stop over development. Reduce the amount of townhouses that can be built on each block. Mandate more green spaces on developments

Ensure heritage features are protected and enhanced. Ensure all buildings developments include greenery, landscaping and public spaces.

Stop building tall unit buildings

embrace diverse buildings (residential) your current DA guidelines are resulting in all the new houses looking the same - BORING. e.g We couldn't have a round window on a new house in Merewether - it had to be square. WHAT A JOKE!! BLAND DEVELOPMENT = BLAND CITY.

More energy efficient facilities e.g put solar on all houses and major bits e.g. Newcastle Airport

More people need to be living in the city centre. This includes a range of housing options, not just top-end apartments. The western suburbs need to be included in this objective. These suburbs need to be liveable as well.

To make it a safe city in all ways

Good affordable housing in well maintained areas.

Connectivity is the key issue.

I would like to see Art Deco style architecture encouraged.

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AFFORDABILITY - in all suburbs not just the scruffy areas where rich people don't want to live anyway.

Celebrate heritage buildings and allow them to be repurposed in a sensitive manner.
Placemaking is under resourced at Newcastle Council. Create a well resourced placemaking team to enable the community in breathing life and creativity into our public places.
Use subtler planning controls to prevent inappropriate development spoiling urban villages

Energy and water could be in separate questions. We have never had the water problems of the capital cities, and I think putting in a rainwater tank for a token courtyard should not be considered offset for a big AC unit.

Not sure what integrated transport means - I am guessing it means having to change between vehicles often, which is tricky for the more senior amongst us.

Likewise "diversity of housing" is unclear. I am guessing this means poorly designed cheap student multistorey buildings and penthouse views in town?

Green wall investment, passive solar design, incentives for purchasers to buy housing without carspaces

Our elderly and people on pension can not afford electricity or water. This is unacceptable

We need more rental properties and affordable properties.

Tell us your ideas re smart and innovative economy

Survey #1 Q13b: 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.

A vibrant diverse and resilient green economy built on educational excellence and research. Holding a V8 race is not enhanced by a V8 race.

Encourage developers and businesses to come and set up in Newcastle.

We are vibrant, cultural and we were thriving before our park was butchered and our right to quiet enjoyment in our own homes was taken away from us and before we were forced to write to our children's schools to explain why we will be forced to evacuate in November for the safety and health of our children.

Hold an innovation festival in Newcastle. Be the lighthouse for the country.

Where financially viable, push for new buildings and housing developments to feature smart and sustainable technologies. Support events that showcase innovation and creativity through the university, the lunaticks society and other groups.

Use university links, arts funding (why you closed the Loft I'll never know) support for venues, maybe TAFE arts/music/IT/games industry courses. Use festivals like This Is Not Art, music festivals to provide funding/venues/networking etc. Look at the really great cities, they support and promote vibrant, productive, original artistic and creative communities.

All great objectives

Piffle, piffle and waffle.

Employment opportunities need to be high on the list.

Extend the Smart City Project beyond the CBD.

if decision making could be open, if consultation with the community could be open and honest

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The term "Green" is so overused that its meaning is now nebulous. Instead use sustainable. To thrive a city needs development continuously. We need to embrace the fact that we are a city NOT a country town. Move ON.

Do more to get this happening!

Be careful. This whole "Smart" thing is sounding like overused buzzword crap. Smart rubbish bins? Really.

these are explained in my previous answers. the appearance of the city is just as important as the cities efficiency, it should be clean and tidy to give the feeling of a healthy community.

Clean, green and innovative. A clean, green city is a beautiful place to be. The less waste around, the less waste that finds its way into gutters and the beaches. Encourage companies to bring green technology to the city. Big names like Tesla bring goodwill, good PR and headlines along with them. Be linked to "clean and green" and the "steel city" reputation will be enhanced to innovative and positive.

Create office hubs for short and long term lease - see London examples

Public art, encouraging diversity of views & challenging some.

Ensuring low socio economic backgrounds can access the same as those with other advantages already

increased spending on areas outside/around the university to make it more attractive to passers by and the surrounding student community improve transport links to university from CBD

How smart is inviting Supercars. This is a dying sport, if you can call it that. Idea - do something innovative, learn from the mistakes and successes of other cities. Supercars has lost money for other cities. Hobart is such an amazing success. No car race, no destruction of parks and city amenity, visitors who stay for weeks on end and travel over all of Tassie, spend money on great food and wine, not pies and beer at a Supercars.

Encourage new technology industries by way of subsidised appropriately zoned land

Why try to stuff the city with more people? Let those living here enjoy the present instead of always being inconvenienced for some future that might never arrive.

Again we need to invest in education we need a vibrant TAFE and University. We need to support STEM initiatives through engineering and science. We need to encourage cutting edge innovation to set up in our region. We need to encourage these industries to go into our schools and inspire young people and to give them a reason to want to achieve.

Greater connection with the University of Newcastle now located so close to the Council building may assist in educational excellence and research statement

Host conferences about innovation and offer grants for innovative industries. Set up Australian silicone-valley innovation hubs

A green economy has to encourage green events and green recreation!!! The businesses in the city will struggle to survive through the Supercars event, let alone attract people to work and invest in their businesses.

Places such as the old David Jones' building house artists and artisans. There could be provision for green initiatives such as hydroponic farming of vegetables and fruit for sale at fresh food markets along with food preparation and tastings.

we seem to be mixing options such as green economies which are important but green economies are not defined nor costed here.

Recognise that innovation is not just about the University; it exists and needs to be recognised and encouraged in small business, in government agencies; and be modelled by NCC.

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I think Newcastle should become a much greener city, banning plastic bags, take away cups and other avoidable waste. Build "fix shops" where the community gets together to fix things, rather than throwing away and buy new. Older citizens can share their knowledge, younger people can learn. a win win situation,

Encourage planners to encourage public input into future development.

Keep building on the work with the University. Ultra high speed internet and city wide wifi. Lead the way with Internet of Things, clean energy.

Get rid of Supercars - it may attract a few visitors in its first few years, but it will drive people away due to the extended disruption, and its image of a throwback sport from the 70's. Smart cities are not anchoring their future on car racing.

people cant invest if they don't have secure employment, so with that several other points become irrelevant

Please see earlier comments in previous response boxes. We need to fully fund Gonski, fully fund TAFE, and encourage the Uni and TAFE to work together to help foster a place of creativity so students stay here after they are educated here, and contribute to Newcastle's prosperity.

Newcastle used to be a thriving city, with great social venues, but it when backwards, depended too much on the steelworks, and lost its way. It does have diversity in jobs, great location and natural landscapes make it ideal for development. I just hope there are some smart planners around that implement the best designs and infrastructure to make it great again, even better.

the locals pollute the city and bang on about green values some green MP had three kids! overburdening the planet but this is so typical as they drive their 4 wheel drives all over the place pretending changing a light bulb is good juju research needs ppl with brains. currently generation #stupid is of no current worth. looking at a screen is being mentally deficient.

Council prioritising sustainability like previous years with climate cam and education in the corporate and community sectors a priority

Use innovation to construct a purpose built racetrack for everyone to enjoy that does snot rip through the heart of a residential area.

Plural - economies. Acknowledge the more than five existing currencies - National dollars; BarterCard; BBX; HunterLETS; TimeBanking. Fund local infrastructure by issuing negative interest money. Recognise the Volunteer sector. Plan a transition to bilingual (common second language) city.

Newcastle is fast becoming a Sydney suburb. See the numbers commuting down the freeway daily. Fast rail must be a priority for the state.

Newcastle has lost its way by allowing itself to have unsustainable visions and squander its true worthiness and heritage. It must develop clear planning structures based on a realistic understanding and professional documentation of potential and difficulties and with objectives that work toward the fulfilment of a mature beautiful city

The University and the Health System in Newcastle have served us well. They need encouragement and good buildings.

NCC has not articulated the benefit of this concept very well. What use is free WiFi in the city when access to it is an expensive exercise for the majority of ratepayers who live beyond Beaumont street.

The key to this is in your question - Smart must include better planning and understanding where and how far people come from to work and enjoy the city. While I agree that it is great the University is helping develop the city and giving it another focus it is important not to ignore the needs of the industries that make up a vibrant society. You need a variety of industries and our exporting, manufacturing, entertainment, retailing, sporting and tourism all need to be included in planning at equal levels to create a vibrant city. Certainly local government should not be involved in funding University initiatives.

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These are wonderful objectives for the top 50% IQ people. We need more to improve employment/sense of belonging for the remainder. An easy example is disbanding garbage collection teams, spending big, big money overseas for automated trucks and systems and creating unemployment. The economists should have to include full costs of unemployment (dole, crime, mental health, etc) in the cost of the trucks before changing

Dont want to overcrowd and further lose character esp. given unemployment

By creating employment around these things. Embracing renewables whenever possible as well.

See previous comments re attracting people to visit - tourism.

Forum to more widely highlight the success stories to date. Collaborative approach, particularly inclusive of younger residents.

A pity about the disruption to inner city life and destruction of natural environment to allow for a motor race

Not happening. Having lived in London, Paris and New York, as well as Sydney, not happening

Have a working CBD, not a dormitory.

FAST AND FREE WIFI EVERYWHERE. Continue to trial start-ups and be the Guinea Pig for new initiatives.

The university in the city will be a huge change for the better.

Accessibility is a key to attracting both businesses and visitors. If carspaces are unavailable then workers and visitors want quick reasonably priced transport to encourage them into the city. Free park and go carparks outside the CBD with efficient transport links would encourage commuters into the city. Low paid workers can not afford costly transport options including hourly carparking.

Education is good pick an industry like shirt and blouse manufacturing a good clean industry. People are tired of cottons coming adrift button holes not sewn correctly, and loaded with dye. Marketing. People have to be persuaded to pay \$20/25 more for quality and support jobs. Council employees to wear there shirts and blouses and encourage all Australians to do the same.

Better connectivity - between areas, to other cities.

All very commendable, but we don't seem to experience a lot of action to go with the fine words.

Innovation is a buzz word. It's an important concept but just dedicating an area as an innovation hub with technology connections and links to a university are not sufficient. This is the innovation of every other city In the world already touts. The other aspect of innovation is it's not typically a big employer. We need a diverse economy and the focus needs to be broadened.

The city will never be vibrant and magnetic unless public transport is an attractive alternative to vehicles. When people can move about freely, without hassle, the city 'comes to life'.

Keep the foreshore free and family friendly. The Ocean Baths are one of newcastles greatest assets - and the improved walkways along the beach are fabulous. Don't sacrifice family friendliness for those who itch to be innovative unless it really fits the Newcastle culture.

What is the point of a green economy when we cut down trees for a car race so that green is there if we do not have a better plan.

Encouragement and publicity for leading breakthroughs in renewable energy innovation through the university.

More people living in a limited space can lead to negative consequences. When inner city living becomes dense people turn on each other.

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All very idealistic but not in current practice. Fortunately lots of artistic people are making a diverse culture without public support. City is not thriving, and will not for some time with construction of light rail in HUNTER ST. and wrecking of East End for the private profit of Supercars on 3 days.
At a reasonable understanding of prices.....RATES are getting so high
How does having a supercar race fit in with a green economy? or encourage innovation or research.
More accessible technology solutions is important. Developing community wide assets for example the free wifi in town but better
advertise more positive stories about Newcastle and its attractions.
Extend the Art Gallery and provide it with the means to supply a first class venue for all.
Keep pushing to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions as an example to other cities .promote sustainable buildings by giving them rates breaks or other financial inducements. Start a roll of honour for green buildings but be strict in regulation not just meaningless standards
Ensure it is done collaboratively rather than competitively
Guess this makes investing in the University pretty important. Although these days so much of it is done online that a lot of the buildings will be empty.
We seem to be heading in the right direction already.
Let the city CEO have more business control and future town planning counselor do not have that experience. Bring back the leadership values of Jeff McCloy.
Not everything has to be green, stop listening to minority groups and the Newcastle "Tree Huggers" Herald. Innovation and creativity are very important, especially in the health sector where Newcastle achieves far greater than much larger cities in the world and leads the way in certain aspects of medical research and treatment. As for attracting people, stop it. Let's try to make this place as liveable for us as we can. Tourism dollars represent a very low percentage of our revenue, despite significant investment. The main attraction for people to visit Newcastle is for sporting events so we need to engage with sports more than wasting our time promoting our beaches that are useless for swimming and only good for surfers.
Need to create and retain jobs in Newcastle in innovative new industries. Need to attract large firms, currently many people my age are leaving Newcastle post university as there is a lack of professional jobs and career growth in Newcastle, especially in specialised professions such as the legal profession. How can we use the new courthouse (a fantastic building) to bolster local jobs growth? We need to attract other large institutions as well, and try and decentralise some jobs from Sydney.
Increased presence and influence of University of Newcastle in the city and to decision making. Free wifi hotspots throughout the city in public areas (for tourists). Culture of pop up stalls, food etc.
Not sure. We are still the largest coal port in the country, not sure how we can spin that to look like a green economy.
have covered this in previous comments and don't have time now to provide more detail and Council knows how to achieve all these objectives because so many altruistic people have put thousands of hours of their own time (and money) making submissions in the past (which have basically been ignored as the juggernaut of short-term self interest, greed and XXXXXXXX grinds on)..Newcastle is an embarasment in that regard, nationally and internationally. No point in putting more time into fine sounding surveys like this unless the resulting policies have some teeth.
Re-invigorate TAFE

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Urban sprawl will attract no-one. Basic human right to travel in safety and not put others in danger. We can be more happy with a transition to an ethical World's best practice city planning and transport: Clean, healthy, safe communities with safer energy that creates jobs: Stop creating danger to others (only dangerous vehicles need rego; prams and pushbikes do not)! Faster main roads for cars, more buses/trains (screen time and active transport), better pushbike shortcut paths. Pleases everyone, so we can stop the fighting of motorists vs cyclists vs public transport user. Need to start talking about the elephant in the room, the whole system. No silver bullet on one small part of the problem. More dense cities (affordable housing) are faster (spread out suburbs are inefficient and get people addicted to cars) and cost benefit ratios for pushbike paths show increase in society health and increase in business/shops near them. Train transport through the bush linking up higher density cities. Stop urban sprawl causing social isolation and wasted travel time and making housing unaffordable (Costs quarter million dollars of taxpayers money for infrastructure for new housing developments (road, water, sewage, phone/NBN, electricity etc) If you are unhappy cycling, then you are doing it wrong. (Get electric assist tricycles with trailers if you have to. Pushbiking is as easy as walking, choose the easy gears and build up your leg strength). Don't wait for automated robot cars to stop cars tailgating each other, get the right information, skill up, and be safer than cars now. SAVE TIME: Combine transport with exercise (needed for body and mind happiness every day) Door-to-door on a pushbike (and finding safe shortcuts in backstreets) can be faster than finding car parking/waiting for buses. We need walk/cycle/public transport for active transport to beat the obesity epidemic, etc, etc The only negative to pushbikes is the same as learning to ride.

Ensure there is equal opportunity for all our children no matter where they live and what school they go to. Encourage more diverse learning methods in our schools and interactions between schools and university. Bring back Tafe with more creative courses available as well as skills based courses.

support community who offer learning opportunities, technology and environmental, tourism and cultural opportunities

Instead of treating the Arts Sector as an ideological misfit, start learning what it offers. It's actually bigger than the sporting sector, the mining and forestry sectors. Start by revealing what every dollar spent on the arts actually means to the economy. Start by revealing how diverse the arts sector actually is. Insist on a strong and highly credible conservatorium. The past 5 years in Newcastle have resulted in a dumbing down of that education sector due to poor leadership and lack of appreciation of local talent.

ALL education facilities must be maintained and kept abreast of all societal changes. Only the best educators who have had many years of education AND EXPERIENCE must be used for teaching future generations. Without experience then their knowledge is only limited to hearsay.

A bit dubious about this disruptive innovative stuff. We need to have specific targets that have criteria, rather than adjectival phrases pushing textbook ideas. There's a lot of smoke and mirrors around the gig economy.

Provide incentive for business to relocate to Newcastle out of Sydney. Navy could easily be based in Newcastle. Close to Williamtown and an easy flight for staff to Canberra when needed. This would free up lucrative real estate in Sydney.

Again, just words. How does this happen?

Deliver smart tech across LGC. Lead energy independence including by owning large scale renewables.

We need to take commitments to renewable energy seriously and demand that the coal wagons and coal heaps be covered to prevent pollution

The City must mean the total LGA and not just the small and insignificant City Centre

Try to get rid of bogan image - by not enhancing events like supercars in the city - why not have a proper race track- it would not cost more than current race will. More events encouraging young writers, artists, performers. Look at success of Writers' Festival.

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Give tax incentives to small businesses to start up in Newcastle. Make it a strong policy to make this a green economy thereby attracting green businesses or tech businesses. Promote Newcastle to young families that this is a viable and beneficial alternative to the larger cities. Improve our primary and secondary schools as well as having a leading University. Encourage University students to stay in Newcastle by offering tax incentives for start ups or businesses. Create stronger links with business and university students so young people can have full careers in Newcastle.

Of course these objectives are admirable but more action is needed.

Giving students that have recently graduated from the university of Newcastle a position as a part of any of these programs will help to create the innovation and creativity being sought. The future is in the younger generations. Not the ones who have already lived their lives.

None of the above relate to Newcastle Council

YES! YES! and YES!! First of all, we need a "vibrant and diverse council". The "old boy" mentality needs to go. It is absolutely essential that the NCC gets with the program!

More solar powered smart street and park led lights. Parking stations (that could be free) in the suburbs near transport hubs to travel into the city. Wallsend, Mt Hutton, Even the old BHP site could be used until it's been approved for other infrastructure. More festivals and markets that are special and different than most cities. The V8 Supercars, Concerts, Cultural events

As long as it brings in people.

Innovation is another very over used word - like 'interesting' whilst in theory I support this I think it is important to be careful of new is better and also recognise what barriers are there for any small business - innovation is a bit subjective too...

You should be asking for our opinions on the ideas you have already come up with, rather than asking for ours. This is what I meant by leadership

Creative and innovative ideas come from people who are stimulated by the natural and built environment and the facilities it offers. In order to live, work, invest or visit, people must feel there is enough going on in the community to meet their needs for entertainment and education - and the needs of family members for a rich and interesting life.

I think we need to encourage more new age energy technology industries to Newcastle, our history has been with coal but time to build on that history and embrace the new technology to generate jobs and encourage the world to visit for work or play. Germany seems to have drained the brains from Syria, maybe we need brains from elsewhere to kick start us.

Reduce the red tape for business and development applications. It is not a smart city that makes it difficult to achieve anything of value. Be open minded to new ideas and events. Eg the V8 Supercars were fought the whole way in Newcastle. In Melbourne they would embrace the idea and make it work for them. We need a cultural change to accept new ideas and make them happen, not just talk about them.

If we DO the good things, if we put into practice some really innovative, liveable, sustainable plans and people can see them happening, people will be interested in us.

Fast speed broadband network hubs and on public transport. If our time on the bus/train/light rail is going to be long then let it be productive or entertaining.

Keep population growth to a minimum. Too many people will mean the city loses its appeal.

Let's just not make it about CBD

Harness the huge amount of intelligence, innovation and creativity in the community

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Keep the Government guessing. Each new Government is well aware of our city being a safe Labour seat. Change that, so a Government will need to pay more attention to Newcastle to win swinging voters' support. Than award contracts from any won projects to LOCAL companies and suppliers. Help ourselves to help ourselves.

Once again every city in the world would like to have all of the above objectives. What do you propose to achieve these objectives??? So far you have been pretty dumb, by opposing the closure of the railway line. I have travelled extensively in Australia and in Europe and I have never had anybody tell me that Newcastle has a reputation as a leader in smart innovations with a healthy, diverse and resilient economy. You are delusional if you think people outside of Newcastle think we are nothing but a provincial city in Australia. Most people from other countries don't even know we exist! A resilient green economy should be defined. It seems to be a throw away phrase to me to make us feel good!!

Art and music is vital. The Newcastle art gallery is XXXX sorry

Dump the politics

Lifestyle and livability are the factors that will attract productive people to Newcastle, but we also need to constrain size in order to achieve those attributes.

Broader base of industries is needed

The economy may be built on educational excellence and research, but it would still be helpful to have some diversity in the event of this type of work down turn. Also, we need to make sure that all schools, public schools in particular, have the funding and support they need to support their students and teachers. This includes a bus schedule for schools that is helpful to working parents -- e.g. a 9.15 to 9.30am start time for schools driven by the bus timetable is NOT family friendly i.e. it makes it difficult for parents to get to work by 9am!

Need development such that all social economic levels are catered for in developments, not just for the wealthy

Much to be done but some potential here.

Make the places people want to be or visit accessible. Greening is essential. Look at Newcastle road - the plantings there could be magnificent. Imagine a median area bursting with gum trees!

Focus on social programs that are innovative not just digital technology. Don't limit your investment in innovation into 'things' invest in creative social and people oriented solutions to problems.

Fostering and supporting the continued development of the University of Newcastle's initiatives in the city.

Changing world requires creative thought. The work of today most probably won't be the work of tomorrow. We need to provide opportunities for creative input into the future.

Loaded questions. This leaves no room for the type of investment and where. Inner city investment in existing buildings. Otherwise in research for new industries. You don't need massive population increase for this.

Encouraging educational institutions to grow and maintain high standards. Encourage new and innovative industries to locate in our region.

I am sure there are many people (outside the area) with fantastic ideas that would like to implement them here if only they could have some assistance. You could run competitions for people to enter that have innovative business ideas that they could implement here with a little financial help. Be proactive in doing this and I am sure that it would pay off.

Less concentration on buzzwords, more action. I like the plans for WiFi connectivity.

Public transport (other than taxis) between the airport and the city would be a great move and would encourage tourism

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State of the art wifi, public spaces that promote learning.
1. An extended rail system out to the Newcastle airport and the outer reaches of the lower hunter area. 2. A full conversion to electric public transportation run on 100% renewable energy. 3. Free internet wifi on public transport. 4. A pick-up/drop-off anywhere electric bike service. 5. Instillation of renewable energy generation and storage. 6. Tough restrictions on further development of all remaining green spaces, parks and reserves. 7. Instillation of electric car charging points. 8. Increased restrictions on carbon footprint heavy building practices. 9. Increase the inner-city housing supply for low income households and casual and freelance professionals. 10. Geo-locked AR city history and art tour.
Improved availability and quality of public WiFi and bandwidth in public spaces.
These things are mostly outside the remit of council.
This section has little if any meaning in reality. Buzz words with little relevance to anything except other buzz words.
Continue supporting festivals like the Fair Share Festival, Olive Tree markets, organizations like Renew Newcastle, Transition Newcastle, etc. have communities work together to reduce their ecological footprint. Have a space where people can go to learn about recycling, upcycling, having a repair workshop. Something like the Bower Centre in Sydney where they have a repair cafe. Have places where people can leave their unwanted/preloved items that can be taken by someone else.
We could be great if we don't allow power hungry developers to destroy the rail corridor
This is all very well however without an integrated transport system and network much of the city will decline with things like park and ride.
Embrace bold sustainability elements in public buildings such as green walls. More bike parking at shopping centres and other public places. Extensive bike sharing scheme for use by tourists and locals like. Set up an innovation hub focused on renewable energy and other sustainable technologies
Within reason, I think, as previously stated, that there needs to be some requirement on the developers of residential buildings to provide access to basic necessities like private outdoor areas in which to dry laundry, without the requirement to use a clothes drier routinely. Solar collection panels should be used to power lighting in office buildings where feasible. As I stated earlier I believe that building on our existing strengths - especially our reputation as a friendly creative community, and developing ourselves as an art tourism destination, either by attracting the likes of a Guggenheim foundation by offering a potential site (perhaps the site of the old Masonic Bowling Club, or the James Fletcher Hospital or both) to establish a museum or gallery of international standing; or perhaps initially, by establishing our own 'Sculpture by the Sea' style recurring event, all of Newcastle would benefit in a sustainable ongoing capacity. The short-term benefits of an event like the supercar race would pale into insignificance beside an ongoing and improving reputation as an art-tourism destination. The flow-on benefit to other areas of the community are obvious, and it is difficult to see any negative impacts.
these are three areas that would require a varied approach. They would be achievable with further expansion of research, the university and job creation.
We don't need an influx of Sydney people. Being an attractive place for regional nsw folk to resettle in would be ideal.
There needs to be a light rail between callaghan and the city OR a light rail connection on callaghan to Warrabrook heavy rail station to facilitate seamless staff, student and community use of the University and its facilities. A shuttle bus is neither smart nor innovative.
I think what I've previously said will fit in here
You need to think about what a thriving city is. If it's a city that is fuelled by alcohol consumption and fossil fuels (including petrol) then it's not a sustainable or thriving city - it's a bogan culture vacuum.

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Need to foster Tech industry in Newcastle and attract tech entrepreneurs from elsewhere, as well as supporting locals.
Ditto from previous comments
decrease the coal loaders impact on the pollution of the city
Green economy' why green? What about our economic potential in health and ageing?
Forget the green economy and just stick to a diverse economy. We need cheap power so use our local coal in new power stations.
Embed the smart city team in 1804 to actively engage with tech entrepreneurs.
How can we use some of our assets... a cafe at the nobbies lighthouse, markets at the old Newcastle startion, We have these places and we don't integrate them very well
talk to the local smart renewable energy and efficiency companies
Subsidised rent for new businesses
Create inspire and encourage new technology and renewable energy.
Great ideas but what are plans to achieve this?
I have an idea to reduce paper from retail. Maybe Council could collaborate with local businesses and financial institutions. A simple idea that is effective. Example: You make a purchase with a debit/credit card. Instead of a printed receipt, the cashier enters a code and the data for your receipt is sent to your account in a Receipt Record. (We have transactions showing on our banjo accounts, another page linked to the account showing only Receipt transactions). If a refund is needed, the cashier swipes/taps card, enters a code and only that stores transactions show. This would eliminate paper and provide a record for tax time. I know this idea is something the banks should look at, but as a city it would be great if Newcastle businesses were to try this.
Constantly assessing the community views. The council is very poor in this area. For example emails and and phone calls are not responded to. There is very little transparency within the Newcastle council.
Support initiatives such as artists and small businessness in town.
Community lead not just developer greed determining everything
Again, jargon. Practically, what does this mean?
Investment and commitment to establishment of manufacturing in new and innovative areas ensures that the semi skilled workforce is supported
Council activities set targets and advocate through education the value economically in becoming a leader in the green economy, innovaton and creativity.
Smart city has become catch cry for this that opens thinking to hook into new ideas - the enhancement of environment to build resilience in changing climate and associated landscape changes is pivotal to leadership and innovation capacity
Practical innovation built on excellence
The first statement should also reflect that Newcastle can be built on industry & business. We should embrace new technology companies that thrive when they are close to research centres. Education and research is critical, but it needs to exist alongside industry and business. This concept is lacking in these statements.
Most of the items I have mentioned before contribute to this section.I should have saved my answers and used the technology to make it easier for me to modify my answers to more particularly suit each section..

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cut the redtape! Council takes too long to debate issues that should just be approved to encourage more investment in the city
People will attracted to visit and live if we maintain and improve our current cultural icons e.g. the Regional Art Gallery, improve public transport, and don't fill the rail corridor with office blocks/tawdry apartments. We need to maintain our beaches.
build a port on the newcastle side for visiting cruise ships and make the old newcastle station come alive again, and not let it run down like the old museum at ncle west.
Attracting the "right" people is the key
bring more tertiary institutions into the centre of Newcastle, ensure sufficient public transport options for staff and students
Sustainable creative engaging and socially just. Our definitions of success should be linked to how we share resourves and care for all
Thriving city means looking closely at what industries we want to attract, the people we are encouraging to live in Newcastle (retiring baby boomers buying a flat in the city might spend a heap of money they are not opening a business though are they?) What sort of businesses..(how many coffee shops do we want and is that the only sort of work we want just hospitality and retail? Where did all our factories go? How has our politicians let us down with moving contracts to different states (trains) building trains overseas. I stayed in Newcastle but many of my friends moved away, because the work to survive just isn't here. I had to change industries half a dozen times to stay paying my mortgage. ..why? Because Newcastle hasn't been able to sustain one strong industry...it has to keep changing to survive. We need more stability..something solid other than coal whether that be technology or creativity or renewable energy..im not sure..
Identify what you are doing or will do to create a "green economy" and a culture that encourages innovation.
I think we are doing much better with education in this current day although accommodation for further education could definitely improve. In relation to attracting people to live, work, invest and visit Newcastle, I feel that we don't do a wonderful job of really promoting our city. In most cases it's not until someone comes here by recommendation or by chance that they get blown away by its beauty and benefits. This is by far an issue as we don't seem to market our city very well.
Investigate ways to attract locals back to the CBD as opposed to the mall hubs of Kotara and Charlestown.
as i mentioned before Newcastle hemorrhages talented and smart young people. Turning the city into a smart innovation hub might help this.
a green city is not the ultimate. A fully functioning smart city with hi-tech commercial activity leading development of the smart city concept will allow greening to take place if developments investment includes contributions to greening
Once again, the first 2 'indicators' are motherhood (and often conflicting) statements. What do 'green' and 'education' have in common - that cannot be met through other factors?'Green' may well include 'nuclear' - but nobody's prepared to even use the word. Why not?
Rewards for excellent ideas and innovation
Research what has been valuable and successful in other cities with similar characteristics.
We need to encourage our young people to remain in Newcastle. We need to provide education and jobs for them.We also need to re train older peop[le who have Wisdom and experience
Involve community and invited experts to workshops for innovations and ideas.Implement good ideas (use partnerships, where can, to do this) Host national and international conferences to help achieve Innovative leader ship in these areas.

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My past responses combined will answer this question.
If you managed to get a decent train into Sydney, high speed all this would come and you would attract the right sort of people, ones who like to work for a living
It would be great to have public talks and mentorship for entrepreneurs and small businesses. I would also like to see open public access (after hours) to lectures and talks by artists and other creatives within the city like those in Sydney at the Art Gallery of NSW Society, whose lecture series and talks are very popular. I would like to see a cultural hub where alongside public lecture series, there are masterclasses and ongoing courses where people could go to learn new skills and creative pursuits.
I don't think we need to work to attract more people -- they are already coming, especially as Sydney grows. That's going to put a lot more pressure on our transport, housing, affordability and lifestyle. We do need to work to be an inclusive, resilient, creative city that is good to live in. I think you're on the right track in general. I think we should think more about how we connect with our regional towns northward.
This is what we can really sell as our economy strong holds, this is what really sets us apart. International recognition is great so getting us in front of groups such as the UN and technology groups. More focus on the integration of creativity at the grass roots...funding. Council needs to be driving this, which they are through the Smart Cities strategy but integrate the take homes so that Council as a business walks the walk!
It would be good to know more about what NCC means by the terms "innovation" and "creativity"
Investing in research and development - unfortunately sometimes when a decision is made that technology is already out of date so Newcastle needs to be at the forefront
Implementing great solutions which enhance liveability (including walking and cycling infrastructure) will make Newcastle stand out among Australian cities.
MORE GREEN SPACES, MORE TREES ... LESS PEOPLE AS THE INFRASTRUCTURE CANNOT COPE WITH WHAT'S GOING ON. MORE PEOPLE = more pressure. We don't want another city like Sydney but it's too late as you have ruined it with what you have done with all the ugly apartment's & chopping down all out precious trees.....shame :-(
Built on education and research??? Do you really think that this airy fairy notion will provide for our future? Pigs do fly also? Innovation of what precisely? You must produce SOMETHING. A thriving city must firstly benefit the present inhabitants. To attract others to live here you must be making something. Invest in what? More building? The bubble always bursts....no way out of that. Knocking down your heritage areas, vandalising our parks, is not good for attracting visitors.
It's an industrial city not a greenies city.
green economy? expensive and ultimately useless experiments. It's convenient for many involved in government to forget that without the coal industry this town has little to make money from except its service industries
Make Hunter Street an urban eco environment that displays and uses green energy in a beautiful way. Similar to the Singapore trees create something unique, environmentally friendly and beautiful
must plan very long term, plan as if it is going to 3000
We don't need to enhance our reputation just the quality. If the only ones who appreciate this improvement is the residents that's ok.
Only if that research and education is inclusive of the 60,000 years+ of Aboriginal history
keep up and market the current initiatives. Encourage strong education with independent and critical thinking to encourage innovation. Be a model city in Australia for interconnected sustainable transport, sustainability and green infrastructure while ensuring great life quality and culture.

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We survived the closing of the Steel Works. We need to work together smarter to create and attract innovative businesses.
What is a green economy???
Have events that showcase the excellence at all levels - Make innovation a competition at all levels - Bring national or international events that build on innovation, creativity and inclusion to the city
Yes!! Smart cities are all 'sustainable' and carbon neutral cities. More work needs to be done to make Newcastle more 'sustainable' and therefore smart.
try and attract more international trade delegations and or International Fairs. If not create one wine, surfing, ect
Very important area to help newcastle thrive and become known worldwide
Newcastle's great advantage is that it is still an affordable city to live in. Our housing is not great, but it is affordable. We are already a thriving city, but we could do so many things so much better. We will have to make a big adaptation to the changing climate and I think that will be one of our major challenges. Our built environment will be inadequate for extremely hot temperatures, and we need to prioritise passive solutions for the sake of sustainability. Who knows what impact sea level rise will have - but we should be planning for it. This city will have to adapt to these big-scale changes and not get stuck in thinking everything will carry on as normal - the smart city will have worked out its resilience plan. I like the sound of a green economy - the era of coal is coming to an end, thank goodness.
Nice words; but what is happening currently does not support this ;people will not want to live in a city centre that they cannot access due to traffic mayhem and chaos(as it is currently)
Developers are not the answer.
Does 'thriving' mean like Sydney? No thanks.
More businesses needed in the area. More shopping in the city - Marketown just isn't enough. Congregate more commercial down the bottom end and residential up the top end of the city centre.
Newcastle is a leader of all the cities in Australia with its parks, gardens & beaches. The council is doing a good job now.
More needs to be done for employment opportunities.
Integration and co-operation of education research development innovation rather than the current culture of competition. Compete for industry and service contracts - Amazon bid may be over ambitious, but smaller scale similar industry hubs may suit Newcastle.
We have to overcome the State Gov complacency over our city & environs. Sydney gets enough.
Do not follow other cities be your own. Use our own ideas.
We need to offer greater support for smaller start up and less pandering to big companies that only want to reduce employee numbers
kmpg
Promote the Newcastle University. All should flow from that
Put more shops back in the city not housing units
attract big employers to the region. We need more job opportunities. Don't just write a framework, action it. Put money towards attracting employers.
We need all the above goals to be a Smart and Innovative City
New industries and technologies are vital parts of the future. However, we still need our traditional trades and industries as well. Newcastle needs a balance between the "old" and "new" economies.

Survey #1 Q13b: 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.
and shop
Innovation should be linked to production if it is to support a regions population.
24 hour economy
a decent internet would make a big difference
Establish research partnerships between Council and the University
how are you going to make tertiary education affordable? educational excellence and research will decreasingly not reflect the diversity of people living here. How will you make sure that people who own investment rentals will be fair and install power-saving devices, including batteries and solar and not pass it onto tenants? Affordability will be much-lessoned.
making the city attractive as a place of employment is extremely important. With the East end Mall area being predominately residential development, the Newcastle West and Wickham are extremely important areas for employment.
People will do this themselves to some extent. Changing all of the street lights to LED will probably not offset the environmental impact of the construction of a single multistorey building. Even the packaging used in one day in one local industry or the amount of plastic from China can't be offset by fashionable and cute gadgets.
Support urban farming and schemes for turning food waste into mulch Fast track construction of the hub where innovators can meet to share ideas and access businesses that can assist them. Develop policies around the use of the data which smart city generates to ensure it is used for the common good - not just to enrich private companies

Tell us your idea on democracy and an engaged community

Survey #1 Q14b: 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.
Active citizen engagement in local planning and decision-making processes and a shared responsibility for achieving our goal is not achieved by ramrodding through a V8 race on our community.
Increase communications, show actions and progress. Use channels where people are (eg. Stop letter box dropping homes asking for hand written feedback). Have a consolidated regular Comms strategy
We are active. Our beautiful park was a demonstration of amazing design before it was ripped out and nuked, all with the support of an egotistical leader
It would be nice if NCC was an organisation of excellence - but I haven't seen that yet.
Continue engaging with your constituents - you're doing well.
Resourcing genuine community engagement in planning and decision making within council.
Mindsets need to change - the idea of developing the City artificially instead of organically and well planned, will ruin the City. We need to take back the opportunities given to us and rethink where we want to be. Sectors have begged Newcastle to revitalise and renew, but then complain about lack of parking, increasing traffic congestions, the increase in homelessness and inappropriate developments. Newcastle needs strong leadership and a commitment to its people - all of them.

If authorities in all levels of government can collaborate with true local views, good science and the best academic minds, then we have a chance of getting it right.
Please read the following by Don Watson (or run the risk of getting quoted in his next book). Death Sentence: The Decay of Public Language (2003) Watson's Dictionary of Weasel Words: Contemporary Cliches, Cant and Management Jargon (2004)
Local government organisation of excellence, now there's a point that can be drastically improved on, the super car debacle and the environmental disaster that is unfolding is one instance of excellence that has been thrown out the window.
Don't waste Council (rate payers) money. If you liaise with the public, really listen to what people have to say, don't pay lip service to feedback.
the City of Newcastle isn't an organisation of excellence..decisions are made not to benefit all, could be improved greatly. these objectives are not being achieved and there is little evidence that the third is even considered..loads of time and money on consolation after the event..such an insult to all
NCC should be looking to spearhead a regional council that will have real pull at state level. We need to move away from outdated local council dunghills and seriously consider becoming a force within the larger state environment. Council efficiencies could improve dramatically with unnatural boundaries.The council area is NOT our identity the whole region is where we live.
Um ... actually, doing what these objectives state.
Failing dismally on all of this at the moment so anything is an improvement.
there is too much pandering to special interest groups that have loud voices and not enough logical thinking. A panel of people with a genuine commitment to advancing the City and making it thrive should be formed to guide the planning process.
Implementing all four of the point fully
Where have you people been for the past year? All these progressively trashed under city admin
listen to the people not the political parties
If the leaders are seen to be corrupt, indecisive or short-sighted the general public will lose interest and trust. We see enough pandering, lying and self-serving politicians on the national stage.
Get leaders that actually lead and make decisions. Increase the power of professional council managers and reduce the "political" stuffing around of self interested elected council. Better still remove all elected council and leave the management to professional administrators.
Keep the developers and greenies out of council. Train your council staff to stay out of bed with the developers - completely lost faith in their abilities to be independent from years of observing them in assessing DAs
Meet expenses transparent
Prove there is an active culture stopping corruption at all levels
The challenges here are many fold. It is great to involve community to participate in filling up a small precincts grid of the master plan as opposed to create the master plan for the entire city. Again, it requires inspirational leadership and communication for the citizens to volunteer to improve their immediate neighbourhood. There are great successful models, where the partnership with local government and community had created pleasant neighbourhoods to live in.
The council needs to stop making stupid unilateral decisions without any community consultation - the case in point being Supercars.
People must be kept informed about what is proposed.
democracy doesn't equal politics. The city has been held back for far too long due to political in-fighting. A strong operational team should have more autonomy on the day-to-day operations of the council, without having to heed to political pressures of certain parties in majority

<p>Idea - learn the meaning of collaboration. Learn the meaning of considered decision making. Supercars was decided with no collaboration. It appears there was little consideration of the impact on the environment and people, little research into the history of Supercars, no planning and no financial modelling. You cannot treat people the way you have and expect to be taken seriously. Talk to people, don't make overnight decisions, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, don't agree to stupid events for political reasons. Start to have some meaningful engagement with people affected by Supercars. You can't just keep ignoring us.</p>
<p>Ensure that public monies are wisely spent</p>
<p>Thought we had a long term 2030 plan a few years back? Why another? People impacted by planned inconveniences should have more of a say before being told ~ too late to change. Try the Supercars that residents do not want or business interests in the CBD.</p>
<p>Well for a start Newcastle Council and Councillors need to put party politics aside and concentrate on getting things done for everyone's benefit. Show the rest of Australia what a council is capable of achieving if they work collaboratively not combatively.</p>
<p>You will need to work very hard to ensure newcastle has a strong local democracy. Many decisions seem to be made st a state level by people who have no connection to the city or its people. E.g. Ripping out train lines that previous generations have paid for to be replaced by an expensive tram that does not showcase the city. V8 races through our city streets are for a mainly male audience and who will reap to profits from this event. The council seems to be very good at destroying the heritage natural and built of our unique city.</p>
<p>Encourage attendance at Council meetings. Encourage participation in local government decision making through surveys and workshops as Newcastle Voice is doing</p>
<p>To date this is the worst aspect of Council. There is NO transparency. Queries and challenges are thrown into a bureaucratic black hole. If you are lucky, you might get a response 3 months later....usually a form letter. Consultation with the community does not exist. At best, Council tells the community what its decisions are and the community may get a chance to comment!!! There is no onus on Council to actually act on community input, nor is there public accountability. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX are the order of the day, with XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX media statements released in order to make Council look as though they are doing the right thing!</p>
<p>A city as large as Newcastle has many intellectual gifts to bring to the collaborative table. Refugees and students can contribute too.</p>
<p>This is already being destroyed by our greedy government & developers.</p>
<p>Long term planning is essential as is accountable leadership. Organisational excellence will only be achieved sustained and carried forward policies and planning. Unfortunately we are unlikely to experience these while ever we have adversarial governments all striving for power rather than populace commitment and long term. What we experience now is a political flurry to allocate spending where votes are needed.</p>
<p>Resist interference from the state government and party politics when decisions are made by council.</p>
<p>This goes against the prevailing ethos but I truly believe that we can overdo the consultation process; sometime we just need to get on with the job.</p>
<p>The councillors have to be held accountable for their actions and spendings of public funds. I like the forums and questionnaires for the public to raise their voice and express their opinions</p>
<p>Fail to see how the current leadership can achieve these goals. Their actions are in complete opposition to the vision statement.</p>
<p>Our local government is supporting the Sewercar disaster. No partnership here.</p>
<p>Ensure that Newcastle has a strong voice within the State Government. The wishes of the community must be taken into account when planning and subsequent funding are being considered.</p>
<p>It all depends on the quality of people in leadership positions.</p>
<p>The Supercars decision was the exact opposite of the above principles.</p>

<p>Some of the organizers would not pay attention and oppose many good ideas mostly on political ideology</p>
<p>We have to have control of the development that takes place Newcastle. Every single development I know of in Newcastle for the past 20 years has had vocal, local opposition and the development goes ahead anyway with tiny, insignificant modifications - sometimes - with the single exception of the Hunter Street Mall height restriction on the proposed development. Local communities are almost entirely ignored and the processes place a great burden on the locals to fight against the lawyers of the big developers. We have to have better control in the hands of the local communities where development is proposed. And we have to keep developers' money OUT of Council, State and Federal government.</p>
<p>Less motherhood statements and more iron clad policy and development standards that meet the objectives and are capable of surviving political whims!</p>
<p>Listen learn and put it out there for the community to comment on before implementing</p>
<p>Unfortunately I do not see our council actually truly embracing these. Inept in the extreme from XXXXXXXX to XXXXXXXX - uninspiring to the nth degree. Self-interested personal agendas defined by self-aggrandisement. Sorry but it is true: XXXXXXXX for developers, XXXXXXXX for aspiration to state parliament. They are not no-hopers but really they show the worst of what can go wrong in a council.</p>
<p>given the past record-there is no hope. this is just window dressing leadership in transport? when they still drive cars? hopeless. active citizens- the overwashed mentally deficient retrograde no hopers who are the problem not the solution</p>
<p>Council working for the good of the city and community not their own agendas.</p>
<p>I think these are important points that the Newcastle City Council XXXXXXXXXXXX should read through and then visit the Newcastle East residents and explain why XXXXXX is not displaying a open and collaborative relationship.</p>
<p>Encourage people to be proud of their community and buildings. Dont make slow decisions and let building stand vacant for years</p>
<p>Embracing volunteers. Pay for submissions, in TimeBanking "hours". (Equalise the field between people paid to work on submissions and the unpaid community member who still needs put bread on table). Participatory budgeting. Sharpen the saw (Habit 7, of highly effective people). Public training in 6 thinking hats, 6 action shoes, 6 value medals; 12 principles of sustainable system design (Permaculture); Simplicity (for community).</p>
<p>Remove all political parties from local government. Independents only allowed to stand. Applications required from all people wishing to stand for LGov to be made to a committee of rate payers and business people. The committee decide who has the ability, brains, education, commitment to stand. (this will never happen)</p>
<p>Newcastle needs to refresh its corporate memory and face the future with a determination to eventuate the positive, identify positive achievements and worthwhile k</p>
<p>Leadership is currently secretive, colluding, and unresponsive. Genuine community welfare issues are rarely dealt with, correspondence is almost universally unanswered by Councillors,XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. Elected as "honest and transparent" this Council has actually been worse than the previous XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Council. I now reluctantly believe that our city would be better served by an Administrator.</p>
<p>Council and community need to engage at all levels for important decision making that will impact local communities amenity and liveability. Strict rules and operating protocols to be in place to prevent working groups going forward and reaching decisions and outcomes.</p>
<p>Well how grand do all of these things sound and how much of them have we got. We have had a XXXXXXXX who didn't act very well and now one who seems to have forgotten to ask people what they want. So I don't know where collaboration has gone ... nor Leadership which has integrity.</p>

<p>Our Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act- the most important piece of legislation in the nation, does NOT allow Councils. So, they should withdraw- and be not much more than an organisation team / committee for a works department, and local matters addressed to the state member whose job it really is. There is no LORD MAYOR, or councillors of great importance or an expense account, in our laws.</p>
<p>would really like to see some accountable leadership within Council. I have had some dealing with a couple of managers and they clearly do NOT like community (we seem to be somewhat of a hindrance)</p>
<p>There are serious resource equity issues current ward councillors are not effectively addressing. Recently there were 28 major projects advertised on NCC website - 18 of those were inner city projects - that situation does not translate into excellence. Use of the terms 'citizen'and 'shared responsibility' in this context is inappropriate. NCC ratepayers are NCC employers and customers, who expect delivery on core business activities. A return to a 'servant-leadership' style is long overdue.</p>
<p>The last few years there has been an increasing level of closed government. Largely by the State Government but I've no doubt Newcastle Council has had its part in that. The local area activations often don't involve the local community in the planning process but rather in a conceited information service - simply telling them what will happen rather than consulting throughout the planning stages. Further, the council has been repeatedly notified by the community that car-parking is one of the highest priorities and yet no solutions have come forth. We are on the brink of a disaster. The amount of businesses that have closed in the last 18months should be ringing alarm bells and yet nothing but blame shifting between State and Local government continues.</p>
<p>Newcastle's elected council and senior management should demonstrate more respectful relationships if the council is to achieve governance excellence</p>
<p>The last one sounds like business-school glitz</p>
<p>This seems to be so unattainable in Newcastle it is not worth commenting on.</p>
<p>I would like to see the council working maturely and collaboratively together for the well-being and best interest of the city. To engage the community on an exciting journey of renewal.</p>
<p>Perhaps if the Herald came on board there would not be so many negative stories that have the aims of putting the Council in a bad light or political point scoring.</p>
<p>Again, collaborative approach among diverse user groups.</p>
<p>What can I say, not a word of truth in any of this lot.</p>
<p>Revisit the fiascos of the Rail corridor and Supercars when there has been no consultation collaboration or transparency and learn from those unhappy experiences. Anyone who has attended the Urban Growth or Supercars "consultations" is disgusted at the spin sessions they have turned out to be. We are not fools and do not appreciate being treated so. NCC has not the slightest intention of "working together". It cannot provide the most basic information about the Supercars' occupation of our city.</p>
<p>Expose Newcastle Voice more because I think public opinion and holding governments accountable to that opinion is the best way forward</p>
<p>we abhor spin doctors (XXXXXXXXXX) who lie and cheat and disregard community opinion in favour of promises from known liars (XXXXXXXXXX)</p>
<p>Perception is important. The perception I have is that community consultation happens after decisions have been made. Consultation is a means by which council makes the community aware of what it is going to do regardless. The rail corridor is a classic example of this. Does anyone in the community (who is not profiting from alternative uses) believe not using the rail corridor for the light rail is a good idea? Supercars is another example where council locked into an agreement with no consultation with affected residents until after the fact. A rushed job! A lot of anguish for some with very late answers. Some questions still not answered!</p>
<p>Get rid of the present XXXXXXXXX & backward XXXXXXXXX Particularly the XXXXXXXX</p>
<p>The above is what is expected</p>

Planning coherency between local, state and federal levels.
I'm not sure what the 4th point is asking/making. 'Local' democracy suggests serious involvement of the people of the city. It seems that the "people" are ignored more often than not.
The engagement of community is okay but would much prefer a focus on actions rather than discussions.
Recent workshops, inviting members of the community to participate have been very successful, in my view. Results of this consultation needs to be made public (through Council News, perhaps), so that everyone feels the community's views are being listened to. Councillors need to work together A tight rein on developers: right now they seem to be 'calling the tune' for how the city is to develop.
To date, our Council has mostly become well known for bickering and a dilapidated city with parking and traffic flow problems. It would be great to see a vibrant, modern city full of innovation and creativity. To be honest at this point I can't see it happening based on the history of progress here. It has taken a major event to get long-overdue public works happening.
Stop the Council infighting and replace the XXXXXXXXXXXX with someone who will be a true leader.
Never ever ever allow developers on to the council again. Make sure everything is totally above board financially and don't take action like shutting down train lines without full legal say so especially when it's against a large section of the community's wishes. Sorry but the word that automatically springs to mind over the last few years wrt Newcastle Council is - not trustworthy. I believe this is changing for the better.
Don't take money from developers
I have no faith in the current leadership
Don't get caught up in with awards & faff. Just do a good job.
Continue to listen to what the community wants.
Too much political influence. Claiming to listen to community but really don't. Dreadful waste of resources (money). Appalling decision making. (5 years to remove a rock and cut down some trees).
Televised information to engage people who may not know how or have time to seek knowledge needed
Leadership has brought us the current disaster with no consultation. If these objectives were followed we might have a sustainable city. When have citizens been given any realistic say. Transport to inner city campus of uni. is a disaster.
Good luck
Whilst the council is democratically elected, once elected they should not be hamstrung by vocal minority groups lobbying for their own self interest. Too much weight is given to consultation with community interest groups who do not have the professional ability to deal with the issues that highly educated professional council employees are dealing with.
At present important Council decisions are made at closed meetings. There is NO collaborative transparent or accountable leadership.
Less talking at us more talking to us. More collaboration with volunteer based organisations. Supporting regular forums such as politics in pub, Newcastle institute, etc to encourage community activism not discourage. You need to make the community feel like you work for them not the other way around.
doing your best.
Newcastle City Council....what a joke...a culture of get stuffed don't bother us. We will do what we want and when we decide to do it.
Good luck.

<p>Be a great deal more transparent. The v 8 decision is a disgrace. No consultation with the community and no opportunity to discuss and critique the conditions of the proposed decision. My community in Newcastle city feel totally bullied and disregarded by council in this matter. In addition I feel they have been duped by big business at the expense of our rights. In view of the super car race decision it's laughable for our council to think they care about the community.</p>
<p>Accountability for leadership positions, transparent processes, not just lip service but actually doing it!</p>
<p>More important that you get it right than you pat yourselves on the back. Not sure if planning for the future needs and technologies has really been put into your rhetoric</p>
<p>programs like Newcastle voice are great</p>
<p>As you are doing now.</p>
<p>Stop being influenced by developers and consider the greater good.</p>
<p>Strategic Planning is a requirement of government, not a choice. Collaborative and transparent only need to be moderate, there is too much engagement that sets off the loonies now. Active citizen engagement - see above. You are elected to govern the City of Newcastle, so govern. Organisation of excellence is getting back towards that vision, mission, pillars territory again.</p>
<p>Most plans are for 2030-2040 but what about beyond this? What is the plan for Newcastle in 2100??? Important to start planning for that now, especially with sea level rise effecting alot of low lying Newcastle. Transparency is important, marketing is important for what the city is actually doing. E.g. I didn't know about the 2030 plan as it wasn't super in your face although it is super important for the city. It is important to establish robust systems of reporting and governance so that what I say as a citizen full of ideas can actually be heard and acted upon</p>
<p>The Supercars race and its management by council has been an example of appallingly bad community collaboration, consultation and transparency.</p>
<p>Pay more attention in the future to the people that live HERE, not outside planners who just do a job and move on.</p>
<p>Our Council has to stand up and be the voice for Newcastle - it seems we often have to take whatever Sydney thinks is right for us, from people who don't live here and visit twice a year to go to the opening of an envelope.</p>
<p>Considered decision making based on collaborative, transparent and accountable leadership - This one went missing in the lure of the Supercar dollar!! Active citizen engagement in local planning and decision-making processes and a shared responsibility for achieving our goals - This went AWOL in the supercars fiasco as well.</p>
<p>Ethicalness only gets good if in an ethical city with ethical transport systems that you experience everyday. No good getting brain washed with unethical car culture everyday. Are you racist, sexist or just pushbikist? If you get annoyed with pushbikes on the road you are pushbikist and have not yet opened your mind to the 5 critical issues. 1. Traffic congestion is mainly from poorly planned cities without enough public transport and too much urban sprawl. Focus your energy in the right place. 2. Cyclists are not forcing you to overtake them dangerously, by having to cross onto the otherside of the road. Would you walk closely past someone, holding out knives to your sides so one wobble will cut them? see Extra information below 3. Basic Human right to travel in safety please. Cars are more dangerous than you think, 99% of them constantly tailgate, not able to stop if the car in front emergency stops. 4. You have a choice to have a fully covered pedal electric cargo tricycle. You are not forced to drive a car. 5. If an ethical pushbike network of connected safe backstreet shortcuts existed car and bicycles would be separated</p>
<p>no further thoughts or plans for council mergers</p>
<p>I don't believe Newcastle council is currently transparent and open. I don't get that impression.</p>
<p>OMG. Secret back room deals with Supercars is hardly Active Citizen Engagement.get real. Sack them all.</p>
<p>obvious: do what is asked in the questions above. not currently done!</p>

<p>NCC needs transparency and honesty in its negotiations. At present, its residents feel ostracised for speaking out. There needs to be vision, backed up by education and research. Newcastle has a vast population of highly educated people and they are not being consulted. Unfortunately it also has a "bogan" image and that sector of the community will hold Newcastle back and has successfully done so to date from what I observe.</p>
<p>A strong Council is needed who is capable of managing its finances and carefully consider ALL community requirements. It should NOT be influenced by small minority groups who only have self as their motive. Transparency of all Councillors and staff is important as is clear community involvement in decision making. Any politicking should be kept out.</p>
<p>Well... there needs to be a reluctance to cite commercial-in-confidence reasons for not being open and transparent. There's much cynicism around this phrase. For example, the way the SuperCars were dumped on the East End. There needs to be a framework for public consultation and a clear determination on how it impacts decisions - otherwise it is a waste of effort on everyone's behalf if it is just box ticking. Not everyone will agree with all decisions, but when NCC uses "adaptive reuse" to circumvent height laws in planning it becomes a bit obscure how decisions are made.</p>
<p>Nice vision much more difficult to deliver</p>
<p>Improve council business case process to prioritise based on community feedback and expectations. Balance out pure economic factors. Consider LONG TERM in economic assumptions - too many short term decisions lacking sufficient detail. Triple/quadruple bottom line reporting in annual report. Proper sustainability KPIs</p>
<p>More community consultation is required, The decision to allow the bogon supercar race in heritage streets was taken behind closed doors with no input from the residents and the users of the foreshore. Car racing is a wasteful and polluting activity but if it happens it should be on dedicated race tracks well away from the CBD.</p>
<p>Motherhood statements ... the lot of them.</p>
<p>Re the last question, Council have a long, long, way before this is achieved.</p>
<p>Listen to people. Keep Crown land for public use. Don't let palms be greased so that bad decisions are made. Don't sell public assets like hunter st buildings then buy them back and leave them to rot.</p>
<p>NCC must open the doors and let the community in.</p>
<p>Party politics has too much influence on our future. A council of independent members might throw up better ideas. Some consultation of events of the mayoral ideas of Joy Cummings might give council and staff some thoughts on sustainability and good planning</p>
<p>I wish these were the objectives of Newcastle Council. There is only occasional token transparency in the decision making. Rarely are we told what is being planned and the implications of it. e.g. the invasive and destructive car race later this year. No-one realised the impact and extent of works required. Are we all paying for this imposition on our city?</p>
<p>The people should be able to be heard. It's their city as much as it is the council's. The council can't just say "oh, give us your ideas and we will take it into consideration" and then not. They need to actually listen and demonstrate that they have heard. All ages should be heard as well. Not just those that are seen as "more experienced." A voice for all cultures and religions too.</p>
<p>What a load of garbage. Council is dictated to by Sydney. To achieve credibility refer to previous comments.</p>
<p>I cannot articulate the "how" at this point. However the "what" is as stated above. "Considered decision making based on COLLABORATIVE, TRANSPARENT and ACCOUNTABLE leadership". A team that is made up of a diverse range of ages and mindsets, with mature insights and collaboration skills. NOT an antiquated gaggle of geese.</p>
<p>I'd like to see more growth and local decisions move forward with out to much song and dance of the small powerful minority groups. If a person moves into a restaurant, entertainment or sporting precinct then tries to shut down an industry that supports musicians and hospitality.</p>
<p>None of these are currently happening. Council officials seem to run the show and not follow due process or code of conduct.</p>

<p>These are fine words. Present practise by elected State and Council members does not embody these aspirations; it is time they did. State and Council staff may mean to apply these objectives but there is too much authority and not enough accountability in staff actions.</p>
<p>More transparency and education might help the council show work that gets 'almost there' and then is lost in the beaurocracy to support some of the great initiatives that get so close - such as Jan Gehl's idea for bike paths.</p>
<p>Council who works together for the well being of the city, not personal gain</p>
<p>Get politics out of local government</p>
<p>Accountable leadership is a great objective. The council is elected by the people to make decisions which the community has to wear. Some decisions are not popular with everyone,like the fig trees, but the council must get on with making those decisions and not spend too much rate payers' money on endless community consultation which is bound, often, to be unproductive. There must be a happy medium we don't want the council surely so spend a large propotion of their budget on public consultation, advertising and public relations etc. Lets get on with providing the services and planning the future.When a long term plan is put in place it would be fantastic to see it actually eventuate.For a start can we plan to get a new art gallery - how good would that be to take visitors and family to a great art gallery with a shop and a restaurant to spend some time in. There must be a way of pushing that barrow.</p>
<p>Online forums may help generate ideas. Act decisively on situations rather than prolonged debate eg Laman St trees, railway line etc.</p>
<p>Council elections funded by our rates. Ban all external funding. The privilege of representing newcastle should not be bought by any interest group.</p>
<p>Let people in council have a long term vision</p>
<p>Strong leadership and good example set by council members will encourage community engagement. Bad behaviour by council leads to apathy from the community. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX needs to stop or we'll never get anywhere.</p>
<p>Do things for the city/area - NOT to preserve people's jobs and Government careers.</p>
<p>Once again every city in the world would like all of the above objectives! Tell us what you are going to change over what has transpired in Newcastle for many years of disfunctional administration to enable your objectives to be achieved. It took 2 years to remove the rock at South Newcastle Beach and 21 years to approve Surfhouse whilst the Post Office is the direct result of Council's procrastination! "Considered decision making" has never been in the DNA of NCC! Tell us how you are going to change??</p>
<p>Newcastle people will never trust local government again. You will have a lot of work to do to gain any respect and trust back. What you did to the trains was so unjust and greedy</p>
<p>When the majority of residents want the same outcome in an area they are listened to and action is taken in such a way that local opinions are value.</p>
<p>Dump the politics that have put us behind the 8 ball for so long</p>
<p>NCC needs to fight for Newcastle and what is best for Newcastle and not be beholden to NSW central government in Sydney. For instance, how can the developments within the CBD precinct be viable with NO mass transit system (light rail with a capacity of 600 passengers per hour is NOT mass transist system). Nor is it good value at a cost of \$600M. Get real and fight tooth and nail for real outcomes and cost-effective and value-oriented infrastructure.Consult with communities, provide specific contacts within council for each of the communities so that engagement can be coherent and effective.</p>

<p>I do not see long term planning in local councils. A political party will buy the area and then a see-saw between parties will see money pulled in the longer term. I see us currently in a Liberal spend and when labour get in we will see nothing done for a long time. Is that bad? Well we have our turn at the money now and those that missed out - staunch Labour electorates, should see some reward when Labour gets back in. My point is the money and development is not long term, just politicalise seems to be the Council. If accountability is to be discussed then we need to see some sacking and resignations when promised, important targets are not met. Newcastle Council - organisation of excellence - I'd like to see that. Has been a political bun fight during my life time - why change?</p>
<p>Appropriate and transparent engagement throughout decision processes to ensure that the community has an opportunity to have their say and be heard</p>
<p>Party politics should be removed from local government, and all decision making needs to be for the greater good of all people, not self interest, or in the interest of developers, or those with the most wealth and power</p>
<p>regain ownership of the cities assets from the state government</p>
<p>Take risks with engagement processes - citizen jury... New models for deliberative democracy</p>
<p>If only it were possible!</p>
<p>Encourage the public to attend council meetings, briefings etc. Have local committees to have input on issues.</p>
<p>A lot can be achieved by collaboration and partnerships with people. Invest in ways to build collaboration and engagement.</p>
<p>There has to be more specific ideas with a lot more consultation. Not the fiasco surrounding the "supercars".</p>
<p>It is important that citizen engagement is not just lip service. Also that shared responsibility is not a token phrase that shifts responsibility to the private sector and citizens that should be the responsibility of government.</p>
<p>This is a list of motherhood statements. The council is a part of the "Laberal" two party XXXXXXXXXXXX. It took XXXXXXXXXXXX to facilitate on behalf of foreign developers the power over the future of the city. Transparent govt would be when we know who owns what and who pays whom. Getting rid of Corruption in govt must be a major goal. Otherwise the communities natural cynicism will prevail and further empower outside agents who are calling the shots.</p>
<p>Provide feedback on these surveys that address people's responses.</p>
<p>The council could start acting as if they are interested in the environment.</p>
<p>Don't follow the process used for the V8 race planning - it was the opposite of all these goals.</p>
<p>It would be nice to have a Council that actually respects its ratepayers. It would be super to have a Council that actually listens and takes into account suggestions from citizens</p>
<p>Council provides a great services to the community. However I feel there can be more they can do on a regular basis to engage with the community. Festivals, events etc</p>
<p>1. Diversification of city boards and councils. 2. Inclusion of women, First Nation's people, people of ethnic backgrounds and people under the age of 40 in city boards and councils. 3. Increased digital engagement. 4. Online citizen voting. 5. City of Newcastle innovation grant for under 30's. 6. Putting citizens needs and concerns ahead of business interests.</p>
<p>Stop making dumb decisions. eg put a car race in a residential suburb.</p>
<p>If you turn each of these statements around you will find the way that is required. This mantra has allegedly been the case for years. Unfortunately the NCC is expert at "going into committee", claiming "procedural fairness", invoking "commercial in confidence" and several other ways of excluding the public. Ridiculous hours for meetings and requiring pre-registration rather than just being able to turn up. Meetings dominated by the same old same old hacks. Acting on the decisions made by duly constituted Council Community advice panels EVEN when they go against what councillors wish to happen.</p>

<p>What we need are governments on the local, state and federal levels to develop a long term vision on where we see ourselves 1, 5, 10, 15, 100 years down the track. What do we want? How can we get there? We need politicians and local citizens to have a vision and be leaders.</p>
<p>Not sure we're there yet. We need our council to support the university move to the city, let it bring people back into the city</p>
<p>Long term planning is critical to the ongoing liveability of the city. Drop the warm and fussy feeling word sustainable as this is not possible. With a well directed council and skilled staff with the capacity to make well designed planning decisions the involvement of the community in every decision only leads the delays and descent. Let council do what it is elected or employed to do.</p>
<p>I think that it is very important that the community responses to surveys such as this one are actually taken into account, and that as stated earlier, opportunities are clearly granted to have input to making decisions about events that will have significant impact on the community - as with the supercar race. Nobody seemed to have heard it was happening until the deal was done.</p>
<p>as stated earlier..more integration of the people in (voluntary) interaction and workshops to gain the feeling of the people. It would need to ensure a balance of backgrounds to get an informed concept of ideas</p>
<p>Continued community forums, newsletters surveys opportunity/ options provided to protest to state govt over decision making that does not reflect the interests of a greener Newcastle</p>
<p>The focus changes every election.</p>
<p>you must be joking. I'd really really like to see all of the above achieved</p>
<p>More Q&A public meetings with councillors prior to elections</p>
<p>stop letting developers influence decision making. Learn about macroeconomics so Council can challenge the vacuous economic rhetoric that has allowed state govt to flog off our assets for private profit.</p>
<p>Why doesn't you ask questions about waste, roads, parks and planning. This is what you are supposed to deliver.</p>
<p>Council should look outwards more rather than fighting internally. Assess its current practices against a best practices model (or even close more effective LGAs) and undertake the changes necessary to achieve these objectives. I would suggest a systematic approach to organisational review and change. Active engagement only happens when people see relevance to their lives and the results of their contribution.</p>
<p>Unfortunately, Newcastle has a minority group of vocal residents who are adverse to any change in any form. They have a disproportionate influence in planning matters and this is reflected in local governance.</p>
<p>And the region is very important here. We need some regional focus at times.</p>
<p>engage the local community, don't think that the NCC knows what's best for the community. give the community buy in and they will own it.</p>
<p>Certainly an encouraging, supportive local government organisation is important but sometimes the way we use 'excellence' is about ticking boxes & words more than heart & actual processes. Currently some of our Managers in Council can use the right words but the practice on the ground is draining our workers instead of resourcing & appreciating them. The fact that an 'army style' of leadership can continue for so long without being softened/changed/challenged means teams are being worn down & find it difficult to give their best let alone go above & beyond like they once would have. This makes it extremely difficult to engage the community & have effective partnerships.</p>
<p>Collect public feedback and respect their opinion</p>
<p>The ratepayers are excluded from most decisions the council makes. I feel there is a lack of transparency in the most important decisions made.</p>
<p>This is where the Newcastle council fails. You need in response time in your emails and phone calls linked to reportable KPI.</p>

The ideals encapsulated in the above objectives will be unachievable in the current partisan political environment.
It is hard to say be collaborative with the council is party political, they will always be at odds as most councils are. However care needs to be taken with certain high ranking officials inside the council to be clear what political affiliation they have.
More open discussions about future items being tabled. I know this has definitely improved but could still be better. Maybe a TV show on NBN covering items like this Community Reference Panel discussion points and encouraging viewers to become interactive at the time. Segments creating actual locational footage of locations up for discussion and experts being interviewed providing and showing educated research.
Ensure community consultation and input on all major changes. Early recognition of problems and open communication when these occur. Transparent bidding processes on all developments.
Considered decision making based on collaborative, transparent and accountable leadership. There was no collaborative decision making about the V8.
The notion that Newcastle City Council can act in isolation when considering the previous questions is nonsense. All LGA's need to collectively and responsibly consider each councils plan and incorporat ideas where one LGA impacts on another
Ensure that the above item are sus.tainable
Fantastic! But how may anyone pretend that an elected council based on party political dogma tied individuals can ever be "A local government organisation of excellence"?
Council officers do an amazing job and should have more of a profile in Newcastle. Create an environment where the best talent in the region is attracted to roles within the Council and also retained.
Transparency in what council does or doesn't do
The Council needs to listen to the people
Focus should take into account the usage patterns of Council activities to ensure the money is spent wisely and for the greatest benefit. This data needs to be shared with the community so they can understand the dilemma. Many investment decisions are a matter of weighing priorities - the community should be well educated with data, and involved in making these choices.
Involvement of all segments of the community in discussing ideas, deciding priorities, developing detailed plans, implementing and celebrating achievements. Participation!
Ensuring the people's voices are heard and considered. not just a small group of people making big decisions in a silo fashion.
Once again probably sack the existing department and hire in new staff who can forward think and look at other communities.
it is hard to see this being achieved with the current council
I think there is a lot of distrust of the Council. A perception that the Council has been XXXXXX with rates. Good leadership, speaking directly to the variety of sectors of the community through leaders like the Youth Leaders is important.
Consult with locals
These strategic objectives have been set out - a timeline with goals could be mapped, measured and evaluated. How are we travelling - let the community know - is council on track, is there something that could be done better or differently
Find the term excellence much overused, jargonistic
The local government hopefully can be more vocal and decisive on plans and be more transparent and forthcoming
- Create more awareness behind city initiatives - Don't just say you are going to do something and not do it, you need to develop trust with the community

<p>How can U gain excellence when U are doing what you are? People are NOT happy with the way Newcastle is going. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. Not enough affordable housing only the rich can live in Newcastle. It is soo terrible & unfair as not all people are rich!!!</p>
<p>These questions would be better to ask if questionnaire participants feel that any of these things are being met and if one has any faith in their achievement. Integrated planning is important but I see no signs of it happening. Transparent and accountable leadership???? NO WAY!! Not in this city. Just really does not happen. ie supercars, rail corridor, light rail. Shared responsibility! NCC way or no way! Organised excellence? We are the laughing stock of other cities. I see no improvement in the future while ever the population do not turn this into a swinging seat.....then perhaps the people of Newcastle will be served.</p>
<p>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. It will never get anywhere with political types filling their own agendas.</p>
<p>citizen engagement in this town is done by the same old activists - members of the Labour party and greens party masquerading as concerned citizens: classic XXXXXXXX tactics btw, or by XXXXXXXX friends of XXXXXXXXXXXXX large developers. if youre going to try it, insist on any formal affiliations are declared as well as any relationship with people concerned in the issues. use due diligence to follow up those who dont and specify a significant penalty</p>
<p>Increase community involvement on council committees and platforms for community engagement. People feel like council don't value what they have to say when they listen, mostly because some residents are often trying to restrict progress council is making, and it is difficult to distinguish this.</p>
<p>More online participation (like this) Neighbourhood/city working groups for projects formed of residents, reflecting the societal profile.</p>
<p>You can start improving question two by removing the current leadership. That question is a joke as she is the exact opposite of that.</p>
<p>To get to this end we need to remove Politics from Local Government and have our Councillors working together for our community not against each other because of political leanings. We have a great City which needs to show other cities how to work together for a common good and look past some of the small town issues that are holding us back. The Bowling Club site in King Edward Park should be developed into a Cafe/Restaurant with a Kiosk so that it caters for everyone. Like Birubi Beach and Centennial Park in Sydney.</p>
<p>Allow each event, activity and decision to have residents involved. Use a resident role to utilise different members of the community to be involved in the decisions over time - bit like jury duty.. If they want to.. Have so many at each major event/activity/decision over a certain budget maybe?</p>
<p>Council needs to make change happen. Get out of Newcastle to see what other parts of the world are doing. Melbourne is an awesome city, you should model 'leadership' to that of Melbourne Council.</p>
<p>Must plan and work to help the city</p>
<p>What we always worry about when it comes to local government is special interest groups - and I'm really thinking here about property developers and real estate agents - governing in their own interest. I am happy for the Greens to govern in the interest of the natural environment, but self-serving local politicians can do a lot of harm. When the local government aims for excellence, why do we get a lot of ordinary? Put that together with state government efforts to wreck our city and it's hard to be hopeful.</p>
<p>Of course these are all excellent "concepts": hopefully a change in local government and some real visionary leadership in september will give the residents a chance for this (but not this current council)</p>
<p>Continue to recruit locals to have a say and look at the broad spectrum not just elite.</p>
<p>I don't think any of this is happening now.</p>
<p>I am filling these papers but no-one will take any notice</p>
<p>Newcastle must keep it beautiful parks and gardens as well as looking after the great beaches.</p>
<p>Don't want to get to a position where Newcastle is run by a small group of influential lobby groups. Vocal minorities are scary. Employ ethicists.</p>
<p>All the above are important but I reiterate talk to the citizens & rate payers AND LISTEN.</p>

Inform us. More info by more ways.
Maybe need to pay less attention to a very vocal minority often sabotaging our cities efforts to move forward
time for a clean out,start with an icac investigation on what has gone on since honeysuckle,clean the slate and then we can move on until its business as usual i suppose
Work towards renewable energy - listen to the experts on renewable energy. Climate change exists and it needs to stop
Note as a body - personal goals put aside
Don't let XXXXXXXXXXXX ruin it
This survey is a good start.Actually listen to the community not just the NSW State Government. Stand up for what we want. don't just roll over to the Premier.
I agree on all these
Councillors need to be visable and active in thier communities. People need to know who their elected representatives are and how they can be contacted.Council officers need to be approachable and listen to community concerns.
Requires good leadership from the top - Lord Mayor, Councillors, Council Staff
Good leadership Sound ideas Positive and inclusive pathways
Encourage suburban progress associations to learn what matters in individual suburbs and get people involved in the well being of their suburb and LISTEN TO THEM!
Suggestion box at libraries and public places
Continue to improve on Council transparency and communication and consultation with the public. Encourage a culture of innovation within Council
make the reporting back to cpouncil process so so so much easier and less strenuous
Move to an open data model
Not really sure what some of these phrases really mean

Are there any additional ideas or comments you would like to provide?

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The Councillors have demonstrated they are not listening to the concerns of the citizens of Newcastle by supporting the V8 races so why do you both to pretend you are consulting with this survey?
Open the harbour up to mixed use, connect the city to other areas of the state/country, budget correctly, encourage investment/businesses into the area
Please no more art gallery debate. More important issues
No new art gallery. Charge customers at Art gallery the same as pool entry at Lambton. Get rid of the gallery society and the sycophants who hang off it with there names plastered on a board of their donation. Every rate payer donates to council. Why aren't there names on a gallery honour board. An antiquated process that strokes the ego of the wealthy who strut into the art gallery for free while the working class and the impoverished of Mayfield scrape the entry fee together for an outing to their local pool. Hang your head in shame XXXXXXXXXXXX!!!!
We are an angry, broken community. Thank goodness we have each other
Sell off some assets and do some important public works with the proceeds. The council doesn't need to own property, other than those required for governing and maintaining the city.

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Perhaps you should stop speaking in platitudes and start giving some definite plans. Surveys of this kind are a waste of time.

Need to renew sporting infrastructure urgently. No 1 Sportsground, Townson Oval, Passmore Oval etc etc all are embarrassments.

Don't just use clever language, but actually do it. We've missed out on the Federal government Smart Cities. HOW? I've been to Hobart - just one really inspired Art injection, and great local and state government work has totally transformed that city. It is so much better than it was 15 years ago - and it doesn't have our advantages of climate and proximity to other centers. Find that key investment and support it!

Any deleterious outcomes for the environment must be avoided at all costs.

Stop spending money on glossy, useless brochures. Spend your time on planning, building stuff and maintaining stuff.

Arts, environment and innovation are key.

Council needs to learn to live within its means

Free wi fi. Free and readily available charging stations for phones/ipads/computers etc. Food trucks around the city would be good. The regional Art Galleries are very good in the Newcastle area. Encourage more exhibitions and perhaps have a close relationship with Hazelhurst/Campbelltown Gallery and share exhibitions. Need a coffee shop in the Newcastle gallery.

Stop building along the foreshore. This space should be open space for all to enjoy and access with transport corridors for bikes and pedestrians etc. Especially near the new station at Wickham. Look to Cairns as an example of good use of foreshore space. Most of Newcastle's foreshore has now been built on - don't waste the remaining opportunity to make it a vibrant place by building more offices (no one is there on the weekend) and apartments (no one is there during the week). To compensate for the loss in revenue from land sale use the rail corridor for developments and keep the foreshore open. Consider having the traffic from Honeysuckle diverted to Hunter St with access to Honeysuckle via sideroads from Hunter St.

Today this was printed..I think it says it all..and answers this question well. Gillian Triggs says an "ideological assault" on community advocacy is being waged by Australian governments and political leaders that threatens the fundamental ideals of democracy. The president of the Australian Human Rights Commission said the right to advocate and freedom of speech – "some of the most basic ideas" underpinning a democratic society – were under threat from federal and state governments. "And it's all the more dangerous because those most likely to breach our human rights are the very governments that are elected to serve community interests," she said...especially our local councils.. you don't seem to represent our best interests..

RESTORATION NOT KNOCK DOWN REBUILD

Please consider closer contact with neighbour councils as a first step toward regional councils.

Words are empty without actions.

The City should build housing and sell to residents without fitout (like HDB in Singapore) - imagine the corridor from Hexham to Maitland filled with affordable high rise villages. The proceeds should be used to incentivise business to relocate from Sydney and Melbourne.

I am pleased to see the words "transparent" and "collaborative" in the plan. Overall plans for many aspects of the city have not always been transparent and collaborative. "Drip-feeding" of details is the best description I can come up with. Many of us often wonder about the aims, personal connections or other influences, behind decisions. And money behind the scenes.

Real collaborative approach by councillors, not lip service to the concept.

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Stop labelling and using corporate speak - just get on with the job. Bring back curbside recycling which promotes recycling and gets neighbours together. Let the GM do the job - not have the elected officials interfere.

Green doesn't have to mean anti-industry. I work in mining but I know mining and heavy industry are not the future. Innovation and technology are.

Think about the city 100 years from now that you aim to emulate and structure your 10-20 year plans accordingly. I look at a place like Vancouver that sets a pretty good benchmark.

Don't be afraid of the big picture.

The council/council employees need to be competent and show strong enforcement on building/planning breaches.

It is hard to reach the silent majority, most people are too busy with family and work. They just need to be able to get around the area easily, and not continually hear about local disagreement over wasted resources or mismanagement.

Continue developing areas around the beaches. These are unique to the city and vital in attracting tourism spend. Improve the streetscape surrounding the university. It is a major employer and brings many students to the area. There appears to be very little public works in the areas surrounding considering the economic activity it brings to the area.

Words mean nothing if your actions are not in sync. Collaboration, natural environment, smart city, heritage, caring - great words. How about you start to show you really care, give people some reason to have faith that you can deliver. For many of us we have lost faith as trees disappear around us and our parks are turned into roads and carparks. This is such a backward step. We have been vilified for questioning a decision made by council. Council appears to be working with a big private company to the detriment of people who once thought this was a great city.

Greater emphasis on public transport into the city by way of newer transport technologies, e.g. light rail and park and ride facilities.

Try distributing the plan before it is set for the possible next year. Try after the council election as there might be an impact. Set up consultation group for each Ward consisting of people actually living and paying taxes in the city. Put a nominal cost on each item of proposed change.

We need to encourage better architectural practice especially in the outward appearance of private development. Our inner city apartment buildings to date are very bland and look identical to each other. A good look at the architecture of apartments in the City of Melbourne would show what innovative and artistic architects can do to enhance the look of a city.

Yes I think Newcastle City Council need to take into consideration the whole of the City of Newcastle not just the inner city suburbs because sometimes I think the outer suburbs get forgotten and neglected.

Noise monitoring and control in the inner city particularly the week-end and night time invasions by hooners in cars and on motor bikes. Realisation that the inner city is now a predominately residential village rather than a retail and commercial centre.

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Newcastle has traditionally jumped from one thought bubble to the next with very little long term planning.the city is not a play ground for developers - What is the logic behind 80% of the apartments being built are 1 and 2 bedroom? Real estate agents say it is because there is better return per m2. There is no planning about what we want the city to be. The ratio of flats will encourage the pub and binge of the past with out a balanced community.10 years on there has been no assistance to Wallsend flooding and further development. The Glendale exchange is limping alongThe connection of the major road going past the hospital has had no considered planning. It appears that whatever happens in Newcastle is based on a series of thought bubbles - not long-term planning.Our heritage is left to crumble (Post Office). The new court house is an exception, this is an iconic building. The new Uni site is brilliant but there has been no thought on access - NCC seems to have no control over State Government and has no capacity to stand their ground. Elected Councillors need training.

Newcastle Voice is doing a great job. Please keep up the good work

solar powered stations

The Newcastle East community has been sacrificed by this Council for a 'quick buck' that probably won't eventuate if other city experiences are repeated.There has never been any 'working together' and if this doesn't change drastically, the people of Newcastle will simply dismiss Council as the economically driven, socially incompetent model it has become.

i believe the role of the NCC is to treat citizens as even handedly as they can. Example, if developers are give an opportunity to build units, there need to be some set aside proportionately for low rent housing. AND there needs to be green space for children and the elderly. AND security.

Our City Council is already allowing the sale of all our parking areas. They are also allowing construction of apartments with only 1 parking space - thus more parked cars jamming up our streets. Inadquate public transport

Go to it NCC!

The council to work as one, not fragmented groups with hidden agendae

Get rid of Newcastle 500, put back the trees and green space, allow the entire community to access beaches, parkland and streets. Don't enclose a community and force them to be "accredited" just to access their homes and businesses. Don't subject the community to excessive noise, drunken crowds and congested streets. Try listening to the community and having collaborative and open leadership. Stop the hyperbole and hypocrisy.

Ncc is doing a great job on the Bathers Way and on refurbishing the City Hall and other developments.Yet all of this is negated by its support for Supercars. A really horrible decision that is destroying the cultural fabric and social cohesion of the city.NCC gives little evidence of wantin to work with community that is not just developers and wealthy entrepreneurs.

Future planning must consider what the people that live in the community and not be made by authorities that do not reside in Newcastle. We have a great location and this must be preserved. Greedy developers must not be allowed to create unsightly hi rise buildings with profit the only thing on their minds.

Be more supportive of progress - there are too many nay sayers who want to live in the past and try to block every new development. The city should embrace the future and not pander to the vocal minority.Someone has to sort out the mess to do with the Post Office. It is a blight and embarrassment to the city.

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I visited Bilbao (Spain) a few years ago. It was an old industrial city that re-invented itself through the Guggenheim - it was a huge gamble, but was paid off in a few years through international tourism. Same with Hobart and MONA. Our future should be based on culture, arts, music, natural environment, good food, innovation, festivals - we can leverage off our proximity to Sydney. We should build on the reputation that Lonely Planet gave us a few years ago. We should not squander our unique position and opportunity with Supercars, a sport anchored in the past. We should be looking to the future, not the past. The sugarhit it will deliver will be short lived - we need sustainable tourism 52 weeks a year.

Macquarie St in Sydney has too much influence on the outcomes for this area and will continue to do so until the city has complete autonomy

Connectivity. Expanded Art Gallery. Move the light rail to the heavy rail line, and extend it to the JHH and airport so we don't have a 2km white elephant. See my comments in previous response boxes. cheers.

Best wishes in reconciling the undoubtedly wide variety of responses from the Newcastle Community. Overall Council does an excellent job of managing its community parks and assets (Super v8 being the exception) and supporting economic, social and cultural diversity and innovation.

We need to create human structures that attract people here and spend money. At the moment people drive pass Newcastle and go to the vineyards, and Port Stephens. The roads are terrible. We used to have very little accommodation but that is slowly changing. We need more hotel accommodation. If we create big venues, attract big ticket drawcards, like they're doing in the vineyards, if we crowdfund venues like a good wildlife park, a rock concert arena, a passenger terminal next to the city not at Carrington, a multipurpose venue for any event under the sun, and sell it to the Chinese, the Japanese, the Americans, have international airlines fly in direct to Williamstown, coupled with car free pedestrian areas, and trendy shops, that could change the game and really put Newcastle on the map.

I wish our council and their staff could truly adopt the aspirations of the 2030 Community Strategic Plan. They include excellent opportunities, mainly motherhood statements that no side of politics would dispute, The problem is the actions that are taken in the name of these aspirations. One false step sets Newcastle up as an untrustworthy region. McLoy handed out bribes yet wants to apply again for the job. Nelmes did not consult with her community before deciding to commit the council to a motor racing event through Newcastle streets, premised on \$\$\$ and no other balances of community, green space, heritage damage, lack of independent thinking. Hood-winked by commercial interests who will suck funds from council and state government in their own set-interest. It is an outrage and in due time the truth will come out. So what to do? Behave as say you will in the 2030 Community strategy - the community can see when all you blow is hot air. I say this as respectfully as I can.

more pubs. more clubs. more venues. more night life. stop drug sniffing dogs. keep them for bomb detectionno -time's up. 24hr licenses like in genuine world cities

good luck towards getting a consensus and priority with your outcomes.

The Supercar event that is being supports by the Newcastle City Council is not an example of how the council can works towards these goals in fact it is a fine example of bullying and not being transparent.

Newcastle is not alone in facing a huge increase to its older population. This section is also much healthier than in the past and will require transport not only to medical facilities, shopping centres, etc. but also to recreation areas such as beaches and parks.

Please refer to my first few comments

Work efficiently and quickly.

yes - conversation please, not vertical power play. (Horizontally structured Win/Win Agreement has 5 explicit components: Desired results, guidelines, resources, accountability, consequences) It would be nice if this were adopted in grant applications, along with EOI before hand.

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I think it is important to not just look at the inner city but concentrate on the whole of Newcastle.

There already appears to be momentum across the city towards many of the above outcomes. Something is working well, so collectively we need to build on this.

What a waste of time this is, it is all talk and no substance. Why do you think the people of Newcastle are so apathetic? Our "elected representatives are there for the politics or what they can get for themselves, comforts, travel expenses.

Set up genuine collaboration before the decisions are made and not just spin. The XXXXXXXXX "Zoom, zoom" moment has to be a low point in democracy.

Get rid of coal for crying out loud, we've had enough. It looks ugly, (not to mention the Terminals being Prime Real Estate), hurts our planet, and only makes the rich richer. Invest in Sustainable and Clean Energy. I really want to emphasise that we shouldn't invest in helping outlying suburbs get connected to the city, make the suburbs themselves worthwhile enough that there is no need to travel into the city. Only have the City as a back up, like the Government, people don't use it all the time in everyday activities, majority of every-day living, but when we NEED it, it's still there.

Please ensure decisions are made in the best interests of the whole community you serve. I'm not convinced having a level of government at a local level is beneficial. Sometimes it appears vested interests benefit at the expense of locals. It is unclear that council is independent from the state level influence and is therefore redundant. Transparency is questionable.

Newcastle has a long maritime history. It is disappointing to see how run down and neglected the Maritime Museum is.

More transparency of longer term urban planning and transport plans.

Be transparent and honest with the citizenry. Listen to the citizenry. Keep promises.

Ensure the zoning above the Newcastle heavy rail line is such that it can be used as an independent transport path in the future. The future growth of the city (traffic and parking) need further detailed consideration from experts.

I would very much focus on making this an Australian city not yet another cosmopolitan city. I think this way you would attract overseas visitors. ie focus on beaches, animals, laid back lifestyle, innovative Australian artisan at and craft, Be the city that every overseas traveller wants to visit because it is friendly and very Australian

Get a new and better leadership in place

Newcastle to be a place where employment opportunities are enhanced and encouragement that the city is a good place to live.

Listen to our concerns and ideas/suggestions. Stop treating local government as a stepping stone to higher office.

Give consideration to what is here now, inner city needs proper transport planning and interchange with services. Consideration of neighbours when highrise being built; did I mention THE RACE - a disaster, with no cost benefit analysis - only what you have been told by Destination NSW and supercars. A fanciful figure. This city cannot accommodate the projected numbers even if they eventuate.

Just good luck. Hope things work out for EVERYONE.

Think first about ratepayers and renters who live here. Talk with us, not to us as you are doing at present.

Volunteering is the key to a stronger more vibrant community but many are being discouraged by red tape need to make it easier to participate.

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<p>I think you are all trying and doing your best. All one can do. But please don't let that XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX become our Lord Mayer. He is not right for the job.</p>
<p>It is motherhood statements which no one can disagree. Really have a go and do something useful.</p>
<p>Stop the infighting</p>
<p>Please listen to your community and not make self interested short term decisions such as the V8 car race. Stand up to Urban growth which constantly approves developments which are of poor quality. Employ some first rate city planners and listen to them rather than caving in to developers. Developers will still developers even if they are pushed to higher standards.</p>
<p>Yes, employ different over-priced consultants for the next survey. The current lot have grossly over-used all the usual corporate double-speak that means nothing.</p>
<p>Last time I was very impressed with the overall direction of the plan but the finer detail did not live up to the high (wonderful) ideals. Just as an example, Lake Macquarie appears to be much more active in promoting sustainability and in actively engaging the community (e.g. through the Sustainable Neighbourhoods program). I recognise there are limitations with their approach, but from what I can see it is a much greater priority there. I want to see Newcastle be a world leader in this area.</p>
<p>Encourage local house owners to buy solar storage batteries.</p>
<p>Newcastle and the suburbs are spreading to the western areas, because it has little choice - no where else to go. The road system to these areas is only very basic, but needs high priority to plan and improve them. The traffic in the Wallsend area is already at a level that is unsustainable and really needs to improve in the short term - not the long term, when it is too late. Traffic de-congestion needs to be a high priority. A new and workable transport system needs to be put in place for these areas. Extend the rail system?? Put a light rail network in place??</p>
<p>Stop the engagement with the entire community as it is only a box-ticking exercise and a waste of time. Speak to the relevant, qualified professionals in their respective fields and proceed. There is a very small minority that believes drastic change is required in Newcastle. It does not have to be the most vibrant, connected, innovative technological hub in the world. Newcastle is one of the greatest places on earth to live, a view shared by many from other countries that have lived here. Stop trying to make it something it isn't and concentrate on doing the little things really well.</p>
<p>Stop taking away public transport and parking options.</p>
<p>Newcastle is still lacking in a shared vision for how to improve the wellbeing of the community overall. The council has made decisions in recent years which have been detrimental to the outlook of young people and creative communities in particular. The quality of leadership must improve and the city needs to build an identity based on local vision and values, not presumptions from state government that they can set their own agenda based on politics rather than quality of life.</p>
<p>What has recently happened to the community group Save our Rail is a disgrace and all those including "public servants" and politicians who have contributed to the demonisation and silencing of groups such as SOR should be immediately removed from positions of power. Without that cleansing, none of the objectives in this "vision" will be achieved. It reflects the true state of our democracy and the likely fate of our city..lets get real about whats going on here. Hopefully the reason for this survey is to gain some public support for a decent outcome for Newcastle, but people are very disillusioned by the way their input has been disregarded (or manipulated) in the past...democracy has been eroded and the built and natural environment is being systemically undermined on many fronts..by whom and for whom is the first question that needs to be honestly surveyed.</p>
<p>Invest in the arts - we have a huge population of artists and creatives. Why do we not see it in our cityscape?</p>
<p>I think the current Council's done well considering the last Council was like and there's till room for improvement.</p>
<p>This is a very good start</p>

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Stop unethical car culture. Are you racist, sexist or just pushbikist? If you get annoyed with pushbikes on the road you are pushbikist and have not yet opened your mind to the 5 critical issues. 1. Traffic congestion is mainly from poorly planned cities without enough public transport and too much urban sprawl. Focus your energy in the right place. 2. Cyclists are not forcing you to overtake them dangerously, by having to cross onto the otherside of the road. Would you walk closely past someone, holding out knives to your sides so one wobble will cut them? 3. Basic Human right to travel in safety please. Cars are more dangerous than you think, 99% of them constantly tailgate, not able to stop if the car in front emergency stops. 4. You have a choice to have a fully covered pedal electric cargo tricycle. You are not forced to drive a car. 5. If an ethical pushbike network of connected safe backstreet shortcuts existed car and bicycles would be separated

Talking about it is a good start.

Assessment, management, accountability, Implementation & enforcing building guidelines from the design stage through construction & occupancy stages. Impact assessment of each stage on surrounding residential & commercial concerns (physical, psychological, financial)

Encourage more use of sustainable energy. Build wind farms and work on using more solar energy. We could capitalise on the sustainable revolution and be leaders in this area.

look always for learning opportunities from all parts of the community; consult, consult and listen to the community

Council to promote community engagement by seed funding events involving volunteers

Protecting what we have ie. parks, nature etc. and not cutting down trees for the sake of the almighty dollar ie. Supercars which could be run in hundreds of places within NSW

This last 3 years, I have been very concerned at the direction Newcastle has been taking and I have wondered if this city has the right fit for me. I hope that changes.

Keeping the community informed and up to date on all issues is very important and using over all common sense is a must for success.

1. Put environmentally sustainable into the mix of all decision making. 2. Let the community know and understand what the purpose of public consultation is and how it will or will not be incorporated into decision-making. 3. Get the cars out of the city as much as possible - it won't be popular but get rid of free car parking from Darby St east. Make people pay to park their cars at the beach. 4. Work with the new private transport provider to get a ferry service that goes to Wickham and Carrington. 5. Extend Bathers Way through Glenrock Lagoon to the Fernleigh track. 6. Fix Newcastle Baths - this is an icon in Newcastle and has just been let go - do it up like Merewether and stop dreaming about a private partner - just get on with it.

Removal of 4 way stop signs in Newcastle suburbs such as New Lambton is a quick win. They detract from the appeal for visitors. No one knows how to use them. All the RMS can advise is to "use extreme caution". There is no mention of them in the road rules. They increase vehicle pollution and wear and tear on brakes, due to having to constantly stop and start.

Increase the ethics & integrity of the council. Do not XXXXXXXX people into doing work that previously listed & promised by council. Complete all promised work before taking on new developments. Resolve & address all problems & complaints of logical nature do not just ignore them.

Inner city access is still too difficult from outer suburbs, so we drive in, but there's limited parking. How about a parking hub connected to regular inner city public transport so we can get closer to accessing inner city resources easily?

Just hope that someone is co-ordinating all these issues and that the right hand talks to the left. I get the feeling that Newcastle is staggering into the future. All these feel good words don't mean a thing unless the practicalities are considered.

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Most of strategic points no-brainers like asking whether clean air is important, for example. Hence time/money could be best spent actually implementing specific measures instead of re-inventing the wheel, so to speak. Oh, and there already exists expertise in these measures...so why waste time, money on delay tactics that tend to benefit only the 'consultants'?

Plan for transitioning economy. Lead debate (not be a passive bystander). Be genuine. Communicate, communicate, communicate.

What a waste of time. Who would disagree with any of these statements.

I have no confidence that the current council is able to achieve these basic concepts

The major problem lies with Council and its administration, together with its reputed reputation re political and personal agendas. Unfortunately this is unlikely to improve until such time as the decision making process also includes the non political community opinion and vote, Newcastle is a beautiful city and now has the opportunity of becoming a magnificent city, but is in the process of being destroyed by greedy developers who will eventually walk away with a bag full of money and onto the next town and city.

Eliminate public drunkenness and lack of police presence. When trying to go for a family walk with our children on a Sunday morning, we have to ensure that they wear proper shoes so that they don't cut their feet in broken glass. We need more law enforcement to ensure respect for the community and our safety. Too many nights we have witnessed drunken altercations outside of our apartments on Zara St. We have called the police at different times over the years which is a few blocks away from us, and the police didn't even know where Zara Street was located. By the time the police finally do appear, the drunken people have left. Our children have been awoken and frightened. It is only right to live in peace while allowing others the right to enjoy their evening, but not at 3am with loud and raucous behaviour.

NCC by going it alone will fail. There must be a strong connection between the Council and the ratepayers and levy payers.

Bring councillors to Ncle East to see what their mindless approval of Supercars has done and will do. Money spent on this will not be available for much more needed projects.

The biggest impediment to Newcastle moving forward is the interference from Sydney centric planners and consultants, and the state government. These two groups do not appreciate why people want to live in Newcastle and often cannot see the differences to other places.

I would love to see a DETAILED long term plan for Newcastle not a list of great sounding objectives with not much action.

Maybe a council of local representatives from the public that don't work for the council can meet with those running the project to let them know what the public thinks.

A 2030 vision is a ridiculous futuristic waste. Local action, local results. Local vision. Local initiatives, not dominated by Sydney, then we may have a chance of a future that doesn't make us look like every other overdeveloped city.

The buck stops and starts with the people who are elected to run the show. There needs to be more transparency (as suggested by you) as to each stage of a project and officials held publically accountable for their actions and spending. Newcastle cannot afford to take yet another backwards step.

Try and engage with the youth, elderly and disadvantaged to engage their views as others can make or tolerate proposed changes to the community. As change generally affects them more.

Working together means listening to residents. Not deciding what is going to happen and writing reports that support that regardless of facts.

Privatise services to assist in having Newcastle remain economically successful.

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<p>These concepts are all very well but I have no faith in a council that sells its. City's soul for a car race track and turns King Edward Park into a car park for commuters.</p>
<p>Horseshoe Beach carpark needs a fish cleaning table</p>
<p>The obvious key to all seven sections of the Strategic Plan is communication not only with experts in their field but where possible open forums, and dissemination of information so that all have the opportunity to have a voice should they wish to do so.</p>
<p>Thanks for the opportunity to have a say but from my perspective you guys are the experts on planning or at least have access to that expertise so you have my encouragement to get on with it and make it happen, but I'd still like to have some street lights in Hamilton and have the dealers etc around Clocktower Plaza cleaned out. Thanks.</p>
<p>Emphasis on sustainability, and inclusion. More job prospects. Focus on research and innovation.</p>
<p>I want to live in a city where I can walk to my local shops and get the bread, milk and a coffee. Maybe go for a meal at a resto or cafe and catch up with friends. Where I can walk the dog and have a picnic. A place where community is important. The American way of malls, shopping centres and franchises is definitely not the way for Newcastle. European style villages where local people can meet and live and work and not rely on cars to do these things. Eg Cooks Hill, The Junction, Carrington, Kahibah and New Lambton type villages with their own style and flavour are to be encouraged. Places like Kotara, Charlestown and Glendale are cesspits to be avoided at all costs. Don't go for second best. We are worth it.</p>
<p>These are good words but it seems the council just go ahead and do what they want ignoring input from the community</p>
<p>Minorities that want to stop progress must be ignored</p>
<p>Move the car races from the beautiful part of Newcastle to somewhere else where it does not despoil the lovely parts of Newcastle city. Everyone I know is appalled at what is going on. I, personally, am devastated to see the destruction of the trees and natural beauty. It is an absolutely retrograde step as is cutting off the rail into the city. I cannot understand how a light rail will benefit Newcastle. We had a rail system going right into centre, now one has to change trains. Why? Why? Why? Who benefits? The developers that's who benefits!</p>
<p>Consult us Consult us and consult us.....and listen to what we say.....</p>
<p>Newcastle has a number of assets that make living in this city a pleasure we should make them assessable to as many of the people as possible.</p>
<p>I would like councils main focus be to diversify new and old development. Not just in cbd. Let's give people back their own local community. I like to be able to walk and do my shopping, dining locally and would be happier spending my money at local businesses rather than the generic shopping centres. Let's make it easier for local markets and encourage locals to shop locally. We are so lucky to live in a beautiful city, but all I'm asking is for the resources to be spread amongst the greater area of Newcastle. Give every suburb a museum and art gallery for local artisans... then the cafes and shops will come.</p>
<p>A waterpark such as Southbank in Brisbane at foreshore park in Newcastle near Nobbys beach would be really great and a great family place and would be a great success I believe with achieving and interactive city and bringing people right to the centre of this great city. Another suggestion would be extending the light rail as mentioned in a previous response. Lastly creating a smart city is a fabulous idea and I also think a major shopping centre would go great at the Current "the store" building next to the new transport interchange this could be an iconic place that would thrive in its location, people would come from all areas to use the centre if it became reality because it would be so easily accessible with public transport right at its doorstep and once finished shopping you could use the light rail to head towards the waterpark ;)</p>

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I love this city and am excited by the possibilities we have. I believe we are in a unique position, and have an enviable way of life, a beautiful city, and a huge amount of intellectual/innovative/cultural/environmental capital that can make this one of Australia's (and the world's) great liveable cities full of opportunity for all!

Yes - let EVERYONE have a fair say. NOT just those who think they have a God-given right to make decisions for all of us.

The document could have been prepared to suit any city in the world. It offers nothing but fancy terminology generalised to make us all feel warm and fuzzy, but it does not provide one specific instance in what Council actually proposes to do in the future. It is a great exercise in "Public Consultation" where the Public is not really consulted because there is nothing specific offered, so when Council does what the Politicians want, whether good or bad you can tell us you had proper consultation.

Hope

Police the dodgy developers

Yes. I'm reading noble intentions via words. I have been hearing similar things for many years. Political and minority grandstanding has kept us in the dark ages for far too long and the self entitled mini committees that our city seems to breed capture the attention and support of media. Negativity to any change is good for paper sales and ratings, but bad for the community. Centrist politics are winning in France hopefully they will show the way to the left and right. We have followed the Left blindly since birth in the 1800s and it shows. I am liking what I am seeing now and realise that re-birth is difficult.

Please don't discriminate against renters. I know they don't pay rates, but they provide the money landlords use to pay rates. They also make up a huge sector of the community, and with housing affordability as it is may continue to grow. Current council policies often poorly effect renters, and this should be considered as planning goes forward.

Proactively plan and make those plans publicly visible, so that council's planning and actions show foresight rather than lag behind the communities needs.

Newcastle Council have an opportunity to implement good leadership at the next Council Meeting. I'll read about the outcome in the paper

The greater good of the community needs to be given the highest consideration

put an end to precinct parking- handing over ownership of the streets to a privileged few for peppercorn rents is stopping people from visiting Newcastle for recreational and trade purposes

More attention to be paid to servicing the small needs of the local wards. Streets, curb and guttering, parks, local infrastructure, these needs are at present ignored for years to allow the money to be spent on "BIG" headline grabbing plans that grandstand some people's political aspirations and do little to satisfy the needs of local communities.

It's a hard thing to do well. Many divergent views, needs etc. But so much common ground & goodwill, so much experience in the community which could be brought to bear on decision making. Consultation is the best way forward, along with all the other aspects of moving our city forward. Thank you.

State government is a great partner but also a great risk for the city. Finding ways to get better outcomes from state government is important - or finding ways to fund projects (extended light rail, cycleways, art gallery) without having to rely on state government should be investigated.

Be mindful of following process and not working in secret against court decisions (such as the removal of the rail). Local council needs to claw back the local from the state and let the state concentrate on the state wide issues not get involved at the local level unnecessarily. This may need to be fought at a legal policy level with other local councils working together to better define the balance of power between state and local councils.

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<p>Any developers who wish to develop existing buildings in the CBD should be given priority and planning concessions. The scale of priority could be that if the development will use existing building, local labour, and local products and services, serve local demand (not massively imported pop i.e. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX) of which we have nearly 600,000 in Australia to the detriment of downtown Melbourne and Sydney as they buy apartments rather than rent of locals) then they should be given tax planning concessions. It seems that whether you build a tower or renovate a building standing for 150 years the building codes the same. If this existed in Europe most of the old cities would be bulldozed. This is the planning creativity needed.... To make our heritage buildings viable as small developments rather than redundant as GPTs of this world would have them.</p>
<p>Need to provide incentives for people to implement their innovation and inventiveness here and support them in early stages.</p>
<p>Some of the questions are hard to answer without actually knowing what they actually mean.</p>
<p>Reduce green and red tape. Should not be so difficult to build and develop in Newcastle.</p>
<p>Build on sustainable future thinking events and neighbourhood connections. Support local small businesses, make it easier for them to have a go. Move away from old technology. Work on a permanent solution for hooning and park the V8 race on a permanent track at Raymond Terrace. Stop the PR spin with events like the V8 race - no one believes it, it belittles the community most affected by it, and demonstrates how Council has lost touch with reality.</p>
<p>Inclusive and accessible public spaces, including playgrounds for disabled children. We need to make a city a inclusive city to all abilities and cultures.</p>
<p>1. Within the 2030 document, it states "The emerging creative industries sector driving growth and commercial activity in the city center is building a reputation for Newcastle as a culturally rich and vibrant city. Artists, designers, small businesses and community groups are attracting people back into the city to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and support local businesses. " my question is where will they live? What actions are the council currently taking to increase the inner-city housing supply for low income households and casual and freelance professionals? 2. The Newcastle 2030 Review background paper available on the Newcastle council website states that the Loft Youth Venue is one of the key community intuitive in "building a Caring and Inclusive Community: So, the documentation needs to be updated, and/or funding should be returned, the excellent youth worker should be rehired and a Newcastle Youth Venue should be reopened. What steps are the council taking to rectify this?</p>
<p>More street music. Mobile food vendors. A city that makes walking + cycling easy.</p>
<p>The NCC must get its act together and become vibrant and best practiced at making decisions. STOP the politicking and realise that the citizens elected the NCC to lead and to set an example of modern governance. Without this the City will crawl to 2030 with little if any change. LISTEN TO THE MAJORITY AND NOT THE NOISY MINORITIES. WORST OF ALL ARE THOSE PEOPLE WHO ONLY SEEK TO FEATHER THEIR OWN NEST. THEY MUST BE TOLD THEY ARE NOT WELCOME IN THIS CITY WHERE EQUALITY LEADS.</p>
<p>Build more cycle paths, establish an eco centre, where people of all ages and go and learn about reusing/reinventing what they might think is waste. Get people out of their cars!!! More urban gardens that all have access to throughout the city.</p>
<p>We need rail to civic but failing that lets make the light rail link the university with the city</p>
<p>Council management needs to get rid of the direction from top down allowing and encouraging lower level staff to think for themselves having and input in day to day and long term operation. I often see many staff including the packing officers not being able to make on the spot decisions which leads to poor attitudes and productivity which our ratepayers are paying for.</p>
<p>Make it real not just empty words!</p>
<p>At the moment I find it too difficult to travel to Newcastle. Have difficulty using buses. So I shop in Maitland. I live in Tarro.</p>

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Make all public officials and developers take truth serum before they address the media, the council or public gatherings.

I wouldn't dare to try and make any additional comments

Noise is going to be a significant issue into the future as density increases and Council should be prepared for that. Waste management should also be factored in to planning.

This seems like it's going in the right direction. Well done! I look forward to seeing more detail. Climate change is the biggest threat and opportunity we have. Please keep it central to this plan.

Your framework is flawed and beyond you mandate. Stick to what Council, can fund and deliver.

Hopefully by 2030 there will be no more Coal exports from Newcastle due to the use of more sustainable sources of energy .Local government needs to be ready for the impact on the city when this happens

I would reiterate the need to have some measurable indicators of 'smart, liveable and sustainable' that are monitored and responded to if this work is to be of any real value

keep politics out of council.

Make the Council, elected councillors and its officers be fully transparent by placing all information and decisions available for free searching on a web based interface into the Council website.

Be Australia's leading renewable energy region.

Stop the building of houses over the whole of the land. Less duplex style housing.

The creation of an official 'night mayor' role. A stronger council that will stick up for vibrancy and not succumb to the complaints of a few wet blankets.

Please try to include interested residents in decisions that effect us all.

The council members should be independent and not be affiliated with any of the political parties

Greater emphasis on our indigenous heritage. There is very little visible information, knowledge on this heritage. The art gallery for example has a tokenism approach to indigenous art. Many schools in the community do a much better job. More responsive councillors. Better assess to information about how councillors are spending council money and how they vote

Run a Readability score through this material. Long sentences and weasel words...you have shut out 90% of the community who are less well educated than you. Keep it simple! The Foreshore Pines took 40 years to grow, were cut down, fait accompli. The mayor spoke to the press but not the community. Where was the meeting at Town Hall when we needed it? Are you serious about community dialogue or just pretending?

Recycle and respect the environment. Ban the plastic bag for starters.

Keep giving everyone the opportunity to be involved and informed through focus groups, surveys, newsletters etc. Additional focus groups / workshops would be great.

Our emerging workforce needs support at EVERY level to ensure our young people don't need to move out of the region for employment

Prioritise green community space over economic attractions like V8 car racing. (An appalling abuse of community property).

Focus on what council's should not all the other stuff that the NSW and Federal government should be doing. Less waste on resources and costs.

We need to put functional plans that link the city, transportation and people together to enhance our city. Stop the constant talking, feasibility studies and get on with it. People need to stop their personal agendas like stopping the rail being removed or the trees needing replacement and see the big picture for ALL residents.

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Very commendable plan it would be fabulous to see this implemented.

A lot of lofty aims. Are they achievable without a strong financial base? Probably not. Quick money crumbles society

I want to see Newcastle lead the way in switching to a sustainable, energy-efficient, less wasteful lifestyle for Australians. That would make me extremely proud to be Novacastrian!

Establish dialogues within council and across wider community that can create commitments that we can "sign up" to as our true collective aspirational goal fit city - the expanded goal if city at beginning of this survey was great - everyone should know they deliver on this

The plan is great. Newcastle needs long term and authentic planning to prepare ourselves for the future and this is a great step in the right direction. Keep engaging us but also let us know how much influence our decisions will have over your process. We need to know that before we input data.

Lets promote the benefits of city life. High-density living has many advantages not just for the city itself, but also the surrounding region. When people live closer together they have less impact on the planet, they use infrastructure more efficiently, they have an increased sense of community, they feel less isolated. Newcastle needs to have less fear of building a real high-density inner city.

I am a bit worn out giving this survey my best input. Was there a way to start, stop, review and then continue the survey? I like the highlighting option at the beginning. I am concerned that the Historic CBD is not as connected to the greater Newcastle and close regional areas and this will become more evident as the Westend is developed. See how Charlestown and Kotara killed off the CBD. When I came to Newcastle in 2008 I used public transport to travel to Sydney now I don't as it has become too time consuming with the changes. Friends and colleagues have also noted this. I came to Nctle because of it city/ town convenience and I am still pleased with my move. However, I do have a long family connection to the city. However, I feel some of the soul has disappeared. Many things have changed for the better in the intervening years but I shake my head at some of the "progress" that has been implemented and foreshadowed.

The centre of Newcastle should be a glowing example of how good things can be. The heavy rail closure has been a debacle and it appears that the peoples views have been ignored in favour of short term economic gain. Big business should not be allowed to dictate the long term future of our city. The community opinions should have more power for such important long term decisions. Isn't that what Newcastle Voice is all about?

I looked at some old photo's of Newcastle recently at an exhibition at the library and noticed how many old buildings we have lost. I think it is important that we keep as many old buildings as possible, so we don't lose the character of this city

The plans sound very good but there does seem to be a sense that we are told what we want (like the cutting of the railway) without actually being asked. I greet many hundreds of visitors to the city and know that the things which they most admire is our history, architecture, greenery and friendliness. Please do not sacrifice our valuable and unique history to mindless progress, and keep our accessibility to both residents and visitors, especially working toward public transport for both. Why not extend the light rail to the beach areas (would have been better than cutting the rail, it could have connected). The rail landed visitors in the heart of our city, now they have to navigate (and will continue to have to navigate) connections and chaos. Please please preserve the treasures, find good uses for the existing before building new and ugly structures which won't last, and obstruct and intrude into the character of Newcastle.

Due diligence, appropriate cost planning and community consultation before embarking on developments which make issues of public health and well being of residents as well as the beauty, sustainability and amenity of our city subservient to private profit would be a good starting point. Integrity, maturity and foresight in those who have the responsibility of representing our community, would also be a bonus.

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If you want to have people using public transport, you need to have free car parks just outside of the centre and free access to public transport within, as already exists in major European cities. We need to lobby for an upgrade of our trains which are so uncomfortable, slow and user-unfriendly. You need public transport that accommodates people with bags and suitcases, and prams and walkers for older people. You need buses that are easy to climb on and step out of. The frequency of public transport is pathetic. Once you have buses that are frequent and itineraries that are useful, you'll see the use of public transport rise again. Over the years you've made public transport more and more inadequate and then you concluded that people didn't want it. It's because it's inadequate that most people don't use it.

I'd be very impressed with this plan if I wasn't completely disenchanted with Newcastle council and its repeated poor, XXXXXXXX, short sighted decisions

put more police in newcastle and its surrounding suburbs to get rid of violence and drugs

Get the Council to start listening to the people it is supposed to represent and delivering promises.

We need a much better art gallery.

I would like to see Newcastle to benchmark with great cities in other countries e.g. Vancouver or Glasgow which underwent a renewal process

Strive to be a welcoming and friendly people.

I believe that so far this City is going very well considering the constraints of finance and present day absence of secure employment and further careers for our citizens. The Bather's Way and Anzac walk are world class developments. Streets and parks are well maintained and tidy. Traffic control, street lighting, garbage collection, ensuring the hygienic preparation and sale of foodstuffs, are some of the services the average citizen takes for granted, when these require considerable effort and expenditure

Need to add 'affordable' into the thinking. All the rest won't be much use if people can't afford to live here.

Open government with stupid party spats and secret closed meetings when making an unpopular decision.

Dont try to emulate cities that focus on growth via unrestrained development. Focus instead on how we engage with each other and share resources and ideas around how to enable meaningful lives in a caring city for all residents and newcomers.

Unfortunately the CBD is spread too much which dilutes the atmosphere

Make engagement fun and interesting.

I think that the inner city and inner suburbs have made massive massive progress, and would like to congratulate Newcastle city council on their work. Esp on works on bike tracks around Newcastle baths and to Nobbys refitting the library, Anzac walk and many other works that have ended in making our city so much better. I feel looking into the 2030 to a strategic plan, the focus needs some serious town planning to the mid suburbs. Adamstown, Broadmeadow, Mayfield, Lambton, Kotara, Hamilton south. The first issue as I mentioned earlier is the social housing issue. Assessments need to be made on the state and repair of these, the impact of crime in the area and the concentration of problems and places like Hamilton south (fowler st) etc need to be demolished. Then the town centres of places like Mayfield which already showing progress needs to be sped up by spotting run down buildings and places of disrepair. Pawnbrokers and nefarious type businesses need to be assessed and moved on. Basically focus needs placing on these suburbs and we can have our own gentrified inner suburbs like in Melbourne. Thankyou I hope you take some time to consider my ideas.

Deliver on what you promise and don't listen to the noisy minority. Provide services for the community not just roads rates and rubbish and put into place long term solutions rather than just listening to the short term bean counters

Survey #1 Q15: 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?

Yes, please please please save the old Newcastle Post Office building from development disaster and help to completely conserve its fabric. It would be a disgrace to our community to allow a modern addition to this amazing building. I am 48 years of age and would loving more than to be able to look at this building in the next 40 years knowing that we had enough sense of pride in Newcastle to fight to keep it.

The lack of access to temporary emergency accommodation for homeless people, particularly those with a substance use problem, impacts on the community, emergency services and businesses in Newcastle. This problem is worsening due to multiple factors, one of which is the complete lack of secure emergency accommodation as many NGOs ceased providing this service many years ago (St Vincent DePaul, Salvation Army) to focus on other areas. There is no emergency homelessness shelter available in Newcastle and hospitals, police and ambulance services are continually involved with patching up issues that arise due to people having no safe place to sleep if they are homeless. Innovative solutions (container housing/tiny houses/overnight shelters) are being developed across the world to attempt to address this issue. Newcastle is not yet in a severe crisis but the problem is increasing.

Most of the questions contain "motherhood" type statements. I do get the feeling the council do this survey to make it look like the punters are being consulted but then the council will do what ever they like. e.g. the destruction caused by the V8 stuff.

The development of Newcastle airport as a transport hub is extremely important for our future development. Local Government should be assisting the airport in developing more routes which the region can access. A hub that has good regional, interstate and international connections is more likely to attract businesses to locate in Newcastle and it will enhance tourism.

Encourage both a proactive and also a reactive to obtain a possible balance in the future needs.

Stand up to not only the current State Government, but stand up for the residents and business needs of Newcastle - without bringing party politics and personal views into account. Oh, but I forgot, how can this happen?

There are not enough off leash areas available for dog owners. The empty land on Park avenue in Kotara would be ideal.

Listen.

I would like Newcastle to become a place that offers a future for my children. Being educated here to the highest standard is not enough. We need to create opportunities for them to find fulfilling careers with opportunities for growth and career progression. When considering your decisions in regards to infrastructure, innovation and economic development, please ask yourselves, will your decision force our young adults away to find opportunities, or will your decision be the one that creates opportunities for them to stay.

Please remove the tower at Queen's Wharf. It is an eyesore and an embarrassment.

Wonderful ideas. It was a pleasure to do this survey.

As mentioned previously, information on cost and usage of all Council services should be shared with the community so that they can comment appropriately on where the priorities should lie.

you need a better process for consulting with the community. You didn't provide enough notice of the consultations and you didn't network the meetings through the grassroots in each local area. Many people didn't know about it.

Please just be considerate to the culture Newcastle has, that's environmental as well as social. We have room to grow but keeping the essence would be great as this is what makes the city so great. Also protecting our great environmental assets. Keep it stylish - we don't want an ugly city which some of the decisions in the past two years have lead this way - for example, taking down the old Wickham Train station.

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I guess in terms of including the broader community, I'm thinking you need multiple pathways that will work within multiple communities. E.g. not all volunteering will work for everyone, not all public place activations. I think enabling more activity in the community is something that will pay huge dividends for the city, so that not everything has to be top-down and delivered by the council, but rather the council can help get things going and the citizens can drive it. Again the Vancouver food strategy is a good example of connecting up different parts and actors in the city and generating all sorts of opportunities. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Looking forward to being involved :)

This is a fantastic way of community engagement

Be more efficient time wise, money wise, decision wise. And get on with it.

Listen to the little man not big men with the fat wallets & big bank balances who just want more \$\$\$ to add to their already riches. When is enough enough???

I'm so glad that this strategy is coming into place, Newcastle, and it's ability and willingness to move into the future has always interested me and has inspired me to study Landscape architecture in order to create and improve spaces for people and communities. Thank you for putting so much focus on improving such a fantastic city!

Since developers have already alienated a lot of waterfront land I suppose stopping another wall of buildings on public land (ex rail line) near the harbour would be too late?

We need to place more emphasis on the first inhabitants of our region and encourage local aborigines to be involved in all council processes. There needs to be a greater, more visible recognition of our first people and the way they lived in this area.

NCC has never really worked for the people....the replacement with an administrator would be more efficient....preferably one with Newcastle heritage.

Everyone does not go into town, stop raising our rates to cater for those who can afford to live in there.

Toilets in islington park, a playground in Mayfield south east area near Nelson st. More community events in Mayfield, encouraging cafes and restaurants to Mayfield area, more playgrounds updated with proper toilet and change facilities, less parking meters or cheaper parking on weekends

#fix the mall paving and general appearance #insist on painting regularly - Paris does it #lower the rates on rundown sections of the cbd - they are rated as if they are in a money making paradise #improve night time pedestrian lighting

Ensure that the goal of the Strategic Plan is not to merely produce a glossy, feel good document that then is lauded then left to collect dust until the next strategic review is undertaken some years later. Action must be taken immediately to ensure written goals are met, and within a time frame that allows current residents to enjoy the outcomes.

if there are great cycle ways there will be less cars.

We council needs to support local business in every part of its business. I have spoken to people that were brought in from Melbourne to capture local content for a council based project. We should recognise more local people that achieve great things other than football or other sports.

Further consideration and consultation with those who are marginalised or otherwise disengaged

Great work. I hope the Strategic Plan will be complemented by a strong and creative implementation plan.

Find a way to get people like the Friends of King Edward Park etc to compromise even if it means getting a mediator in as people like this are holding the city back and I'm sure there are similar groups in other suburbs who seem to have a big say because so many others cant be bothered to engage.

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shorten the time on approvals for building, renovations, additions when submitted to council. Apply the above to both domestic and business applications. Get LOUDER in the promotion of all major events within the city - to residents and to the nation
Look at new and innovative technology.
Fix the inner city to become vibrant, utilise old bhp site
I think that an architecture panel should have some role in the vision for the city or in vetting proposals for development - and this should be a panel comprising reputable intelligent architects and people of serious intent. I would like to see any plan for the city respect those things that we value in the existing city - for me, this would be the low-rise city, Christ Church Cathedral as a Newcastle landmark, and continuous public access to the ocean front. Some things I would like to see emerge from any plan for the city include the removal of polluting industries from the harbour, the end of coal dust, protections for clean air and water, and great designs for the public space of the street and for the experience of the pedestrian.
How did the human race ever get sucked into the antisocial motor car.
Using local resources ie building material etc. Local employees to do all this work.
Tourism is an essential part of a prosperous future and requires easy access to efficient transport options.
It all revolves around Q14b we, the community are complacent because nobody will accept our suggestions and as a result do not have much confidence & interest in our local government.
Light rail to airport will bust the city. We dont need Sydney we can be better than them in our own right. Light rail people will stay in Newcastle as a base good for whole valley.
Affordable spaces for artisan or craft groups to store equipment, run classes or display products are necessary for such groups to grow and be effective. Such activities create social interaction, support for all levels of ability and a feeling of inclusion and self worth.
Start the process of re training our mining community in how to manage solar and wind energy production
build the link road UNIVERSITY DR/INDUSTRIAL DR, don't sell the land, the cycleway you are proposing in and around maud/lorna a street is a disaster waiting to happen, you can't make a 20,000 plus car intersection safe, build the cycleway under the maud st bridge, and build that link road, something that should have been built 20 years ago
I love Newcastle...
Community gardens, fruit trees in public parks and outdoor areas
Realise how fortunate we all are to be citizens.
No to actually make all these goals happen Newcastle has a lot going well for us but still needs lots of fixes
Planning is important. Listening is vital. Once the Plan is in place, it needs to be the basis of ACTION. Actions coming from the plan is important, not the plan itself.
Cut out some of the high rise buildings
I'm disillusioned by direction of Newcastle.
Have the support of the Federal and State Government.
and DO WHAT THEY WANT

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More parking for people going to both ocean baths or maybe shuttle bus to both baths from points in the city. Cafes near Newcastle baths that are more aesthetically appealing than current cafe. Adopting incentives to get people to recycle not just rubbish ie War on Waste program on ABC. ie compost bins free from Council. More second hand shops. Worm farms free! from Council. More attractive Public Housing 'Green Theme' in city. More Boarding houses or housing for low income earners.

Create satellite Council offices with a place based approach to services delivery. This would reduce the travel time to work for many staff as well as allowing the communities of Newcastle to have local teams in their areas

Growth will happen. Spreading this around will be key to keeping the suburbs vibrant and the centres accessible. Rather than trying to do something clever as plan A, try not to do anything stupid. Avoid cute game-changers and look around to see what has failed in other cities.

Keep the development going! Please consider the sense of place and architecture. Development can occur without creating a city of eyesores. No one wants another Marketown or Palais KFC.

More community gardens funded and monitored by council and local delegates

2.7 Survey #2

Alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on strategy to achieve integrated and accessible transport

Survey #2 Q1.1 You disagreed with the draft strategy ' Support implementation of the regional transport strategy '. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
Rethink the Regional Transport Strategy
Strongly disagree with proposed light rail Hunter Street. Existing rail corridor should be used.
Regional transport is fine.
The NSW government can't be trusted to implement a regional transport strategy that benefits the residents of Newcastle. Newcastle needs to fight much harder to prioritise public transport to all parts of the city - cutting a good rail line to substitute it for a poorer one, for short term gains mostly going to developers is the opposite of a decent transport strategy.
A regional transport strategy looks to the broader connection by roads and is unlikely to eclipse a regional public transport plan. A Newcastle public transport plan (as opposed to regional, hunter wide plan would be more appropriate and achievable in terms of getting people off the roads and on to public transport
The strategy at present is not easy to understand or interpret.
use the rail corridor and ditch extra home units
The strategy does not provide for fast rail to the centre of regional centres incising the Newcastle Civic Centre. The strategy maintains a car based transport folly preventing a spectacular pedestrian bicycle, light rail precinct, using the existing rail corridor for the light rail, and a contour loop to Charlestown, New Lambton Heights, North Lambton , University. The domination of the city by the motor car is sheer nonsense,
The removal of the transport corridor is a poor decision. The transport corridor should have been extended west and north to the airport.
The cost and development of light rail from the West End to East End is unnecessary. A main bus terminal will be located at the final rail stop at the West End, therefore buses should be the preferred alternative to travel from West to East. This would save untold amounts of tax payer money and could service the public in exactly the same way the light rail would.
I have been fighting since 1980 for a half hourly bus system but everyone is deaf

Survey #2 Q1.2 You disagreed with the draft strategy ' Advocate for public transport improvements'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
Government is hopeless at providing services. Technology and ingenuity will solve our transport problems via new private transport options.
Enough money has been wasted on this already.
Too much emphasis is placed on public transport which just "feather-beds" inner city services for inner-city property owners. Road infrastructure must come first as that serves everyone.
the advocate has nothing to do with community , but Urban Growth and its satellites. How would a proper consultation with the community fit and not the charades hosted by xxx?
The current disruption to public transport into the city with the build of the light rail network has displayed the lack of foresight by the Newcastle City Council. These "public transport improvements" show the Newcastle City Council puts selling valuable public assets ahead of serving the community. With this mindset the NCC has displayed it is not an advocate for the public population.

Less trams, more on road cycle lanes.

Survey #2 Q1.3 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Plan and deliver accessible local infrastructure improvements for public transport (Bus stops)'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

There does not seem to be any long term plan for light rail.Perhaps include a structure to carry light rail to the airport on the Toule st bridge.Turning the Fernleigh track to light rail connecting with the city.Light rail to the uni, hospital and Maitland.It would be suicide to ignore the suburbs that feed the city CBD

Bus stops already locks you into the bus option.I'm a fan of trains for mass transport. And I get it, that decision is made at state level. CONTINUE To agitate for train stops at better locations: First priority for NSW transport- shift KOTARA station so it serves Westfield.

If the bus service is private then this should be paid for by them not public money for private profits

A bus will stop as the sign. We don't need tiny houses everywhere and they don't need to be new.

XXXXXXXXXX public transport, more car parks

we need roads that can carry buses and motor cars with parking for motor cars, not just gridlock.

The current chaos with the redirected bus routes lack of adequate signage shows the NCC cannot plan and deliver accessible local infrastructure.

Less bus services, more on road cycle lanes.

Survey #2 Q1.4 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Continue to upgrade and extend cycle and pedestrian networks'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

I support the pedestrian access but think cycle lanes are a wasteful resource of road space, look at the cycle lane around the Newcastle beach to nobbys, no one uses it they ride on the footpath. Roads r going to b too congested in the CBD with the light rail now. Instead of having think tanks to work out the technogly how about getting off your arses and actually walking around and see for yourselves

So many dangerous car-cycle conflict spots on our roads. Also Cyclist tend to be poor at sharing with Pedestrians

It is vitally important that you have a major parking station @ the new public transport interchange.To entice public to take light rail into city when it is complete. Parking stations have to come before anything else is considered.My sincere concern.

I think other areas are more important, e.g. rate relief

Let what we have alone! Cycles interfere with a Supercars mentality. Rail is and was the answer.

Rather than try and get everyone on cycles, have car parking facilities available at dedicated transport hubs.

Roads are being reduced to build cycleways- strongly disagree with this policy e.g: making road from Nobbys to Newcastle beach and Merewether to Dixon park one way. Bikes have their own one way track but can still drive on the road or pathways -huge priority to non identifiable minority. much less number wise to cars and pedestrians. Totally out of balance for ratepayers.

The proposal is O.K. as long as the funding for it does not impact the more important strategies. Bicycles should be registered and a fee paid.

Roads before other infrastructure.

Bike riders can XXXXXXXXXXXX

the CBD has no dedicated cycle tracks, just token lanes with the frisson of a car door being opened to

thrust a rider into the traffic. What is wrong with the rail Corridor??
There is evidence of the NCC not upgrading and extending cycle and pedestrian networks right through the city centre and the poor design of the cycle way shows the incompetence of the NCC and their planners.
cycle ways NOT on roads

Survey #2 Q1.5 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Ensure safe road networks through effective planning and maintenance'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

The future is public transport
Previously, road networks are trying to ease congestion and crashes for cars. Need to focus on safety for pedestrians and pushbikes 1st. footpath, proper push bike lane (separated from walkers and cars). Then better bus stops. 30km/hr city wide local speed limit please like the "WORLD'S BEST PRACTICE" for safety countries. please read csn.org.au. Car parking is taking up valuable safe road network space. Main roads higher speed limit
Alternatives to driving a car must be catered for. Currently people are scared to do things like ride a bike to work because they often have to be close to fast moving cars, without any physical barrier, or are forced to ride next to parked cars, which means they are playing Russian Roulette with opening doors. Not good enough. If more people cycled, then there would be less traffic congestion.
Effective planning and maintenance are obviously helpful but these plans need to integrate safe, separate cycleways— not just a green strip in the car door zone nor the 'shared' paths, as neither is safe.
I don't think the emphasis necessarily needs to be on safer roads - it should be more focused on better planning. For example, the recent closure of Hunter Street in some areas and moving buses onto King seems to have had zero impact on other road works happening everywhere in the city. I work in the city and there is now a seemingly almost impenetrable ring around it. The emphasis should be on coordinated planning for functioning road networks
Ensure safe movement networks through effective planning and maintenance. This will allow for safe networks to be provided to more than just 'road' infrastructure
The road network East of Newcomen street is a RACE TRACK! Which part of that don't you understand? It is not safer cleaner shadier than it was.
there is no evidence or exemplar, the mess is getting worse as result of car based planning, a backward looking approach
The removal of vehicle calming devices has resulted in the Newcastle East End now a drag strip for 'hoons' this is going to result in serious injury or possible death of individuals all bought on by the NCC not effectively planning for the Supercars build in the East End.
There needs to be less focus on roads and more on improving rail networks through effective planning and investment in infrastructure

Survey #2 Q1.6 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Ensure community and business needs for adequate and accessible parking are prioritised'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

Parking is managed to avoid negative externalities from over its over prioritisation
Investment and effort should be instead focused on public transport and active transport such as cycling and walking, not on supporting the use of motor vehicles.
Elderly or disabled people have adequate access to parking.
Either provide long and short term parking, or go for better Public Transport (eg Madrid).
We need to un-hook ourselves from Parking.

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If business cannot provide adequate parking on their premises, let them move to eliminate congestion to Ward 4.

parking=cars=global pollutionsimple really dump the car

More/better parking just leads to more car use. More car use goes against the outcomes desired for most other aspects of transport. Parking is taking up valuable safe road network space. More public transport. Finish the safe Cycle network. Business needs more people on pushbikes to enter their shops. People in cars are more likely to shop on line. The community (as per previous Newy 2030 vision) does not want more dangerous cars

Ensure community and business needs for adequate and accessible public transport access

Get cars out of the CBD, don't focus on additional parking. Encourage people to park and ride, cycle and use the tram. Autonomous vehicles and ride sharing technology will solve the transport problem in a decade or so.

Using up land for more and more parking is illogical, Discourage car use and encourage the use of bikes, scooters, light rail or car share, or subsidise taxis. Link suburbs. We will never have enough roads or parking spaces to accomodate the never ending expansion of cars on the road and their domination of all city spaces.

If provision of parking is prioritised over strategies such as active transport and public transport, there will be no incentive for people to choose those latter options, and much valuable space will be given over to parking. This is both unsightly and unsustainable. We need active transport to be encouraged and enabled by better planning.

Parking should not be prioritised. The more parking spaces there are, the more likely people will drive into the city. However we can't just eliminate the parking spaces and then have no alternative. More routes, buses and the frequency of those buses needs to be prioritised.

Actively discouraging parking in the city would be a better solution this moving people onto public transport and freeing up the road network in to and out of the city

Remove" prioritised". Keep rail networks on the rail corridor. Not parking.

Parking just promotes car use. Alternatives to driving should be encouraged.

Parking for community should not form part of the focus if we are trying to encourage more use of public transport. The city needs to be enticing for events and functions but not for parking. People need to think public transport as their travel mode first and foremost. Reducing parking levels will achieve this and will also allow better flow for public transport and reduce travel times.

We need to discourage cars coming into city get people onto public transport.

Adequate parking encourages use of private motor vehicles which only adds to congestion. restricted parking, encourages better transport choices.

Many people complain about the inner city parking situation, however the solution should involve more integration with current and future public transport infrastructure, this will allow for greater public space, and commercial areas in the inner city

I don't think Patong should be a priority, especially when people's perceived 'needs' are so far removed from their actual 'needs'. You don't need to park outside a business in order to use it - a short walk or even modal shift should be acceptable

Work towards improving transport that reduces the need for parking.

Ensure that access to the CBD is possible and practical without the use of motor vehicles.

Providing more parking will only result in increased congestion in the city and on roads to the city.

My concern here is that prioritising parking risks the potential for prioritising it over green space. It's more important to encourage people to use alternative means of transport in the first place.

Survey #2 Q1.6 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Ensure community and business needs for adequate and accessible parking are prioritised'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

A strategy of "prioritising parking" suggests that existing parking is inadequate, which I disagree with. What people seem to often mean by this is that they want parking at the very door of anywhere they want to go. I would much rather see a number of parking stations on the perimeter (e.g. at the interchange) and then highly accessible public and active transport to get to the final destination.

The solution is not more parking! The strategy should be 'Ensure community and business members have ease of transport and movement' such that personal vehicles and parking is not the default way of getting in and around Newcastle.

If public transport and cycle paths are integrated and work well the current parking situation should support the left over commuters not using a cheaper option.

Ensure community and business needs for adequate and accessible loading and unloading and patron accessibility are prioritised. Just providing for parking will not necessarily ensure that the communities or business's are serviced well. I would suggest that in some circumstances no parking would be the best way to provide for the community and business needs.

Newcastle City needs to be a people-centric town with a focus on clean and sustainable transport. Get cars out of the inner city except for buses and taxis, and electric vehicles. Public transport and bicycles, including electric vehicles, should be the priority.

With the advent of autonomous cars, it would seem sensible to make more arrangements of 'pick up and drop off' spaces rather than parking.

If the strategy is to prioritise active and public transport, and integrated transport solutions, then we have to get away from the notion that PARKING at the destination is a priority. Parking at transport interchanges is important, however. With the increase in population within the central city areas, Newcastle cannot thrive if roadways and parking is prioritised. There's insufficient room, and it creates an unappealing environment for people.

Cars are increasing faster than we can build roads and parking for them. Like LONDON keep majority of cars out of high density cities and improve the public transport facilities

NCC has spectacularly failed to address the needs of small business and residents throughout the city and inner suburbs since March with its abrogation of authority and care to Supercars and Destinations NSW. Supercars couldn't care less Destinations are overjoyed to be getting all the failed tourist business back to Sydney. You plan to continue with this "arrangement" for the next 4 years at least.

Prioritise the nodes of activity based on geography, and inherent value as places in a vibrant city, then connect these nodes with a simple interconnected public transport system. Prioritising means most will miss out, and this can be seen by the current malaise of a car race and in road light rail closing out many city businesses for no gain.

A price to reflect the true cost of on-street parking space should be implemented. If we had to pay the true cost, private on-street parking would be dramatically reduced.

Parking creates a huge footprint in the centre of the city. The way to attract people to the city is to provide integrated public transport and active transport, not prioritise parking. Accessible parking should be part of a general accessibility plan. Car ownership needs to be discouraged and contributions should instead be made to improved public transport and active transport networks across the region.

Provide adequate and integrated public transport to lessen the need for parking in the CBD.

Set up park and ride for suburbs to get to work in town and for John hunter hospital

Less focus on parking as this encourage the use of cars. Improve public transport links, accessibility and availability.

If we had better public transport and bicycle facilities the parking issue would dissipate. Limited parking discourages cars into high activity areas which is a bonus.

Survey #2 Q1.7 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Implement technology solutions to improve transport infrastructure and experiences, and encourage mobility innovation'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
Not a fan of council delving into this - keep it simple. You've got enough to be getting along with, that you're not doing well yet.
Forget about technology think about practicality. Parking, Parking, Parking, Maybe a bit of common sense.
the more apps the more the human race turns into XXXXXXXX
Sounds too much like parking apps, apps for cars. Need to focus on faster and safer pushbike networks. And actually the real technological solutions is lower local speed limits. safe cycle network, and stopping urban sprawl! Higher main road speed.
Sounds like a meaningless words. Installing "smart poles" on the foreshore (ie. street lighting with wifi and CCTV) doesn't improve the livability of the area. Hardly a priority and doesn't justify the destruction of parkland. What is "mobility innovation"? Sounds like someone was paid a lot of consulting fees to come up with this terminology.
This should not be a priority. Car parking is the number 1 priority for the city.
Improve transport experiences and encourage mobility by providing better services, infrastructure and information. Not just technology.
Newcastle is a city of drivers, no one used the rail so they closed it. It can't realistically be expected that people will catch a more expensive light rail. Unless of course you remove all the parking and force them too. I ask that city residents are considered the ones without off street parking. Where will they park?
If the examples of the King Street gridlock ans Hunter Street debacle with closing and diminished businesses are examples of your application of "technology solutions" better think again.
An example of the 'technology solutions' failure by the NCC is in the smart poles placed throughout Watt Street which do not offer any technology and do not fit in with the streetscape.
Implement technological solutions to improve sustainable transport infrastructure (not car use) and experiences, and empower the transport user to make more suitable and sustainable transport choices

Survey #2 Q1.8 Is there any other strategy that you would like to see included in the plan, to achieve the goal of integrated and accessible transport for Newcastle over the next 5-10 years?
Car sharing. Commuter car parking.
Restore the rail corridor. Reducing accessible corridors from 4 down to 3 will make matters worse, no matter what you do.
Clean up your buses, have plain clothes inspectors getting rid of the druggies, drunks, fare evaders, have decent timetables at all stops, make more services available as I know some areas their buses stop at 6.00 pm. Make buses tourist friendly, have iinfi boxes in buses so I know what stop is next. Opal card top up and buy machines at more places. Info at stops, eg airport bus stops etc etc
Pushbike Stations
Light rail Warabrook Station-University-Jesmond-John Hunter-Kotara
As above. Establish more park and ride facilities apart from the stadium intergrated with light rail and buses. Employ practice thinkers and doers would see practical and beneficial infrastructure improvements for Newcastle. Such project managers should be capable of implementing thinking outside the narrow scope to avoid future waste.

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Develop central pickup points for buses with smaller buses feeding into these hubs.

Newcastle requires rapid rail to Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, the Gold Coast, etc. Japan can do it. What is keeping Australia back. Use the seed money the pols are trying to prop up Adani's private interests to start moving.

study Berlin. I live there. Way ahead of Newcastle which still wastes money on roads. Or Vancouver. i cannot comprehend this city's lack of visionary solution based not on cars but humans

More time should be spent developing better public transport options

Decisions should be based on long term user needs and a vision for Newcastle into the future, not short term profit from developers.

Basic human right to travel in safety and not put others in danger. We can be more happy with a transition to an ethical World's best practice city planning and transport . Ethical habits are using appropriate technology. All cars above 30km/hr in residential streets are a danger to pedestrians. Learning shortcuts, learning the actual safety of cars and lane position). The RMS recommends a 3 second safety gap between a car following another car, but most people leave only 1 to 2 seconds. (Source: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/safe-driving/low-risk-driving.html>.

Public transport should be free of charge in the CBD. See Perth and Melbourne initiatives. It makes the city an attractive place for tourism, interconnectedness, workers and residents. I fear the free CBD bus currently in operation is to be stopped once the light rail (privately owned) will charge an overpriced fare for a 2km ride. Noone will pay this and it will be total waste of money and infrastructure if the light rail is not an attractive transport option (ie. free). BusesCBD should be free of charge. Park and ride facilities should be low cost or free. There needs to be safe cycle ways.

Yes light rail to all suburbs and restrictions on the use of cars with a safe network of dedicated cycle paths, cycle rental nodes and electric cycle rental nodes. A huge subsidy and rewards for the use of cycling light motorcycles or motorised scooters and free parking for them and dedicated lanes for them. Cars are enslaving us polluting us and killing us.

Must build a 2000 space car-park within the proposed University campus. We are 20-40 years away from a viable integrated public transport system. While I support initiatives to achieve a viable public transport system the city cannot afford to remain derelict as it is today (and worsening) because Council & The State Government failed to provide adequate parking in the new cbd.

Encourage and support people to use active transport (walking, cycling) in local neighborhoods and outer suburbs, not just in the CBD and inner areas.

"There is much better integrated transport form the suburbs away from the CBD than from the inner suburbs such as Wickham and especially Carrington. There is no transport from Carrington to get to the new interchange.Would like a ferry service established near Carrington Cowper Street bridge.(not from the cruise terminal which will only be accessible to cruise shps for 13 days per year instead of thinking about the resident who would use the service 24/7"

The transport into Newcastle could hardly be described as integrated or accessible. Once the rail was removed into the city, the accessibility for those with mobility issues was immediately reduced. By the sounds of it, the light rail is going to be a farce. It wasn't broken, so it shouldn't have been 'fixed'. Also, the free buses along Hunter Street were a great initiative. Bring them back!

Extend train network into town. Redirect heavy rail.

More free parking in the city would be great.

Better cycleways. Sydney built a cycling network and is the only part of NSW where there has been a growth in cycling over the past 5 years, in spite of cycling strategies in place at federal, state and local government levels. The reason these strategies have mostly failed is lack of commitment in the form of building separated bike paths.Get rid of punitive laws against cyclists. Bikes are not the danger or killer on the roads and should not be treated as such. This just discourages cycling, a sustainable and healthy form of transport, and the net result is more traffic congestion.

Survey #2 Q1.8 Is there any other strategy that you would like to see included in the plan, to achieve the goal of integrated and accessible transport for Newcastle over the next 5-10 years?

Keep the rail corridor. Don't sell it off, we know exactly what will happen to the plans as development applications get steadily watered down until the fantasy promises of low-cost housing and public space are sold off for higher capacities, less affordable options, poorer building quality and taller buildings. The rail corridor can never be reclaimed, and future councils will rue the day a centrally important aspect of transport was sold off to the highest bidder.

Increase in park and ride initiatives, rolling out the free university shuttle to the general public as well as staff and students. Possibly free transport between major shopping centres

Rail all the way in to Newcastle. With additional public transport services like a free city shuttle. Limited road access. Keep the rail corridor. Incorporate bicycle pathways.

A bigger focus on public transport, and adequate, safe cycle infrastructure, and less focus on promoting driving of personal motor vehicles.

Connectivity. Shouldn't need to walk more than 500m to any community hub used to attract a crowd.

Expansion of the light rail to include major outlying suburbs of Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, i.e. Wallsend, Mayfield, University, Charlestown, Glendale and Belmont for example.

Improvements to bus stops bins seating and shelter some are in a terrible state.

Roads and improved traffic management to facilitate smooth traffic flow must be a priority.

The CycleSafe Network. By improving the active transport network encouraging those who can, to ride whenever possible, the existing road network is freed up for those who need to drive. The CSN is a win/ win for all.

Expansion of areas involved in the park and ride service, linking available parking (e.g. stadium), to public transport links, including trains, light rail and buses.

If delivery systems were available in shopping centres people could send their shopping home and not needed to carry stuff.

Make existing transport services more frequent. The importance of frequency is not understood by the planners and decision makers their focus is on more routes. Many bus routes in Newcastle have a frequency of 1 hour - miss your bus and you have a huge problem. Reduce that to 10 minutes and 5 times more people will use the service.

Extend ferry service- stops at Carrington and Wickham. Wickham wharf as close as possible to the new interchange. Install adequate seating and shelter at all city bus stops. (e.g. Scott St stop near the Ferry wharf. school mornings often 20-40 people. Triple parking at Broadmeadow for people commuting to Sydney. Bike racks through city, bike track on former railway. Bike lanes on other roads in inner city. Use parking at Showground and Racecourse parking area for "Park & Ride" week days.

It's vital to keep the rail corridor for transport and open space. It's also important to ban any developers from being on Council.

An affordable bike share scheme (i.e. Melbourne pricing of \$8 a week or \$2 a ride or similar, (not the insane \$20/hour of the current tourist-oriented schemes) with stations at the interchange, CBD, beaches and Merewether/The Junction/Hamilton South, potentially as far as Broadmeadow and the stadium and *safe, separated* cycleways could easily substitute for a whole lot of private driving, buses, trains, etc.

There needs to be better public transport and connection points so people have a convenient way to travel in from long distances.

I have no problem with removing the rail line. However, not replacing this with the tramline is utter madness and now means that there will be one lane of traffic going either way in Hunter. This means that if someone stops to park the whole lot will be backed up waiting and the trickle on effect means the impenetrable ring around Newcastle will only get worse. Perhaps the park and ride will create more efficiencies or having parking at the new interchange and then free trams will help. However,

Survey #2 Q1.8 Is there any other strategy that you would like to see included in the plan, to achieve the goal of integrated and accessible transport for Newcastle over the next 5-10 years?

there seems to be very little planning and a lot of meaningless 'consultation'.

There should be an increased focus on the outcomes of transport and not that the provision of one style of transport will solve all the problems. Public transport and transport service level goals should remain, however the way in which this is implemented should be flexible and in some circumstances, temporary.

Transport corridors need to be preserved for future use, unlike the loss of the original tram network which served the existing suburbs and could have been upgraded with developing technology to replace polluting diesel vehicles. Modern tram/trains could still be serving Wallsend, Speers point, West Wallsend if the corridors had been retained.

This is such a motherhood statement it can mean anything. If the council focused on spending money on new transport solutions rather than things like Supercars, it could do what the city wants and not merely support a single commercial enterprise desires. Outrageous use of public funds.

Provisions for autonomous cars, electric charging stations

Number 1 strategy: Implement the CycleSafe Network as a high priority. This includes integration of public and active transport, and will get hundreds or even thousands of cars off the road (thereby addressing the parking and congestion problems as well).

Utilise the Rail Corridor-it is so obvious. We don't need more home units. we need businesses to open up with parking facilities...am I speaking the same language as you people??!! You are creating a dormitory suburb for Charlestown. Get rid of the white shoe brigade excise the tumour of Urban Growth and get back to core values. Most of all ditch Supercourse.

Yes, light rail to the existing corridor, extended to Pacific Street then back along King, to Auckland, with additional loops via Darby, Watkin, Glebe and City Rd to the beaches and Charlestown, Hospital and University Centres. Independent (car free cycle ways on contours throughout the LGA.

Yes- place light rail on the current heavy rail corridor. Extend the transport network out to the airport. Place traffic calming devices through Newcastle East End and replace the black stick lighting poles with something that is in keeping with the Heritage buildings of the East End.

Maintain or rehabilitate existing or potential transport corridors e.g. The old Waratah to Wallsend & Glendale rail/tram corridor; Lambton-Jesmond tram corridor; Wickham-Beach (old rail) corridor; Road link between University drive and Industrial highway through Warrabrook; and a path to link heavy rail on old BHP site to heavy rail at West Kooragang rail river crossing

Improved bus stops: many of the bus stops are in need of repair and do not have adequate shelter. The cost of transport has increased and travel time on some routes is triple that of personal vehicle transport i.e. 30 min car = 1 1/2 hours bus. imo this is impacting on the number of people using public transport. While the bus system remains as is, this is costing local's valued time and money.

Address transport culture in the region through a systematic campaign to give the people of Newcastle a fresh perspective on their transport choices. This would include providing materials for people in various institutions e.g. educational and medical professionals to promote the use of sustainable modes of transport

In relation to lessening the need for parking by providing adequate public transport, I would like to see the council implement further encouragement for local community members and businesses that use public transport for the majority of their inner-city travel. To eradicate the need for inner-city parking over the next 10 years would allow for much more business and green space, as well as promote healthier lifestyles.

Don't eliminate obscure and not as frequently used bus routes that the elderly use to get close to their homes

Motorcycle and bicycle incentives. It's a no brainer. Green, efficient, helps big time with traffic and parking problems. Bicycle lanes and perhaps bicycle parking facilities. More dedicated motorcycle parking.

Alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on strategy to achieve a protected environment

Survey #2 Q2.1 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Improve waste minimisation and recycling practices in homes, work places, development sites and public places'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

Rate payers should be incentivised by showing diminished collection costs. Add additional bins, when NCC sponsors an event. Why doesn't the business community pay costs for the events said to benefit them? NCC stop shifting costs onto home owners especially like the Supercars.

These strategies are never about the headline but about cost cutting and reducing quality of life for current and future generations. They are never about improvement.

As we have seen recently in the media, recycling practices in homes are pretty successful - the problem is ensuring the recycled waste is actually recycled instead of being sent to landfill or shipped overseas. Council should be developing a strategy that ensures all collected recyclables are recycled - not worrying so much about what householders are doing.

I have great difficulty in accepting the NCC disposes of our recyclables appropriately. The proliferation of bitumen in the East End will produce a great increase in dirty water run off which will end up in the harbour and sea.

Have regular bulk kerbside collections as this gives residents the opportunity to collect items of use and reuse them instead of making more landfill.

Survey #2 Q2.2 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Maximise water efficiency and recycling'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

This is hunter waters domain, Council should stick to its knitting

These strategies tend to follow fads of the day and are not always cost effective. Must concentrate on the basics first.

by destroying more than 200 trees on the Foreshore and replacing them with a few pathetic Miami style palms, destroying the water pump for the Frog pond and replacing it with the bare concrete you have no credibility regarding husbanding of water resources

Survey #2 Q2.3 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Investigate and implement renewable energy technologies'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

This should not be done at the expense of rate payers, residents and users of the city's facilities as has been the case in all renewable energy to date.

Council is a local authority so just buy the cheapest power and let business and State government expend the money to improve renewable energy supply to the power grid.

Renewable energy increases costs and therefore will require, sooner or later, higher rates, which we are opposed to.

Your energy strategies will bring this country to a stand still. Just like our production line & trade skilled work force.

Renewable strategies are for state and federal governments. Council should butt out and concentrate on local issues.

Council should implement the most cost-effective energy sources available. Energy policy is a matter for State and Federal Governments - not local Government. Ratepayers demand VALUE for money -

not pet projects of Greens Councillors.
Why "implement" if the investigations do not support. Unless this is worded this way to ensure that investigations WILL support renewables. Need cost-benefit studies.
Ensure reliable and affordable energy using a mix of the best technologies available, including renewables and nuclear
NCC has not the slightest interest in investigating or implement5ing such technologies whilst it demolishes our Heritage buildings and parklands

Survey #2 Q2.4 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Encourage energy and resource efficiency initiatives, including at Council facilities'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
Do more than just 'encourage'. REQUIRE energy and resource efficiency. Do this in your regulatory plans, in any joint projects and in your own facilities and work.
Energy efficiency is all well and good - but in this context it is frequently code for pursuing inefficient and costly madness like windmills.
What priority is this when other core services are not being delivered?
Is that why you and your partners totally destroyed the Coal River Precinct and put in a Race Track?

Survey #2 Q2.5 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Facilitate and advocate for protection and rehabilitation of natural areas'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
Define "natural areas" - response likely differs for different types of natural areas.
Hard to see any "natural areas" that have been treated with anything other than contempt by NCC East of Bolton Street.
If the NCC was serious about this they would not have removed the trees from foreshore park to make way for a car racetrack. The NCC should have protected this area and supported a racetrack being built in a more appropriate area.

Survey #2 Q2.6 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Encourage and support active community participation in local environmental projects'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
I think there are loads more projects money should b spent on instead of wasting millions for eg on the saving the grass scheme at the point near the off the leash dog park. Spend money on clearing up the homeless and drug situation in the CBD
Council is very selective in supporting participation.eg. Council has the approach that no funds or materials would be forthcoming to support the community members maintain and and improve the infrastructure, public safety. Environmental weeds and supply vegetation to regenerate Church Walk reserve.
Council has gone too far by forcing environmental policies on the community. Time to ask the community what they want. It just push through green agenda.
Not the Council's role. People are capable of organising themselves with their own money should they so desire - not ratepayer dollars.
Council "consultation" sounds fine, but Council permits destruction of our suburban living environment by rezoning, approving grossly invasive multi-storey unit development purely to increase rating income at the expense of long-term "residential A" ratepayers. Community objections are

ignored/opposed.
When could this ever happen with the present NCC mind set?? XX. You have treated the community with contempt and will have that returned to you, in spades.
The NCC has not listened to the community in the Newcastle East End and has supported the destruction of the East End by Supercars.

Survey #2 Q2.7 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Ensure decisions and policy response to climate change remains current and reflects community needs'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

Climate change is a scam and does not exist in the context that it is pushed onto people. Everything to date to do with so called climate change has increased the cost of living, impacted on employment, and is destroying the nations economy.
Locally the Council will make negligible difference but can waste a lot of rate payers money chasing politically correct responses and bowing to pressure group interests.
"climate change" Lets get off the band wagon and face real challenges.
No comment, climate change is not our major issue.
Climate change is an issue for state and federal governments. Butt out and concentrate on local issues. You have enough trouble doing day to day menial tasks let alone tackling issues in which you have little or no expertise
Climate change initiatives are fine so long as they do not remove funds from more important initiatives, block job growth or restrict further development
our generation will not see any changes to the planet
Councils record on this is wofull You have "arborist" who do nothing in planting right plants & trees in right areas "Ensure decisions & policy response, after consultation with community & all stake holders, to climate change is current and is responsive to changes reflecting community expectations & needs"
This is wishy washy. Reword to be ' Ensure decisions and poly responses to climate change are effective at reducing emissions, impacts and enable adaptation when needed.'
Not a Local Government matter.
'Fluff ' Be more specific
Concentrate on core Council activities
Local council has pretty much nil to do with climate change policies - this is a federal policy matter. Focus on things you can change instead of including climate change for the feel good factor of saying it's a priority.
leave climate change policies to federal government and international politics. concentrate council resources where they make the most difference eg community clean ups as mentioned earlier
This strategy is the complete opposite of the Council that destroyed 14 healthy fig trees at a cost of \$14 million and 200 healthy established foreshore trees at an as yet undisclosed cost. Now a heat-generating black band of tree less race track encircles a once greening peninsula. Your policy response is contrary to any reflection of community needs or climate change dictates.
If the council was serious about climate change they would not be supporting an event such as the Supercars. They have openly displayed that they are not interested in listening to community needs.

Survey #2 Q2.8 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Build community readiness by engaging the community in risk management processes'. Please provide alternative wording,

suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
This is a long sentence saying basically nothing but I suspect the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX such as this which basically says nothing. A prime example of money wasted on surveys which will be thrown in the rubbish anyway
How are you planning on engaging community???...what even is community readiness??
Paper work is only a record able tool when it all goes wrong. Education is the key.
Not sure what this means? why is it in Environment?? Sounds like it is about terrorism attacks.
People just don't have an interest in risk management
Not the job of local government
Concentrate on core Council activities
Risk management is the new buzz word. It basically means a whole lot more money is spent on anticipating risks that the community can't be ready for. For example, flood management. Householders don't have power to ensure stormwater drains are working properly - local councils do. So instead of wasting money on making sure 'the community' is ready for things focus Council on ensuring its infrastructure and services are ready.
Bit of a vague question- sometimes I think council needs to be more proactive and has to make the tough calls and get the job done, even if there is a loud minority against
Community should be informed after councils experts complete risk management process, not left to debate and waste valuable resources
I have had to suffer through many risk reviews - not a strategy to involve general public.
All entreaties to NCC and your partners in the Newcastle 500 have met with non responsive blame shipting over the very real probability of extensive health effects, including hearing risks for the 3000 people trapped in the race occupied zone. Have you read the advice bout taping up front doors and windows and retreating to the back of the house? Have you seen the "sound barriers" put up in Watt Street or tried the ear plugs?t?
By supporting the Supercars in the East End the NCC has placed residents at risk of loosing their hearing due to the excessive noise levels that is going to be created by the Supercar event. Staff from the NCC should be placed trackside during this event to see and hear exactly what the residents will be enduring,

Survey #2 Q2.9 Is there any other strategy that you would like to see included in the plan, to achieve the goal of a protected environment for Newcastle over the next 5-10 years?
Stop playing politics and pushing leftist ideologies and people will do the right thing by the environment.
Talking about the environment is totally hypocritical as I have watched trees been felled to make way for the supercars race track, Watt Street being a example. This was certainly not in a five year plan as the race was only awarded early on in this year so a goal is totally useless if an organization comes along and throws around money. Once again this survey is someone's meal ticket
Sustainable community development, such as a Whale Watching Station and Museum on the old disused bowling Club site at KEP.
Several plans have been established with the environmental plan being the blocker and staff inability to take action. over the past 10 years much of the infrastructure has deteriorated to now being a public liability to council and us a rate payers. The longer inaction passes the more costly this will be.
If we want change, we have to pay for it.
Why use the words "facilitate" and "advocate", what about "describe" and "do"?
Council has gone to far by forcing environmental policies on the community. Time to ask the community what they want. It just push through green agenda. Better to ask residents if they wants

trees planted in their street, not just force the agenda
Adhere to the rules in place ! Sop trying to privatise land belonging to all of us and turning it over to private interests.
offer rego for electric cars to Newcastle
Encourage planting of plants & trees by the community & Get rid of trees that cause damage & not be pushed into decisions by XXXXXX le FIG TREES & all other surface root trees being planted in areas that they do or could do damage Don't be pushed into decisions by OUT OF TOWNERS give a subsidy to the community for installation of water tanks In all new approvals for development insist on provision of water retention and collection to use & recycle ie water for toilets & cleaning using recycled water & tank water in all developments
with all of the above I think the authorities should make decisions, too much "community involvement" may provide some "feelgood" but not necessarily the best outcome. Don't "play politics" with these issues, get on & get it done
Focus on the knitting. Get the basics right first. Council services are not in keeping with community needs.
Improve public transport so that it is useable for all Especially vastly Improve safety of commuters (including the elderly) on public transport .Currently it is not seen as a safe place to be. Use electronic means to protect users and also the harassed drivers of the facility.
Concentrate on core Council activities
Provide rebate incentives for householders getting involved in environmental protection programs. Council spends a tonne of money on its 'infrastructure backlog'. Well sell it off to people who want to do something with it, get the debt under control and instead of increasing our rates, focus on better planning and doing things properly.
continued protection of wetlands and environmental protection of future development sites to ensure no cross contamination of the environment. I do not believe newcastle council has the slightest bit of power to change the world climate. If they do I would like them to prove it by doing a rain dance on 1-04-2018 in full ceremonial robes at 11am at queens wharf
1. Block expansion of coal-loading. 2. Limit suburban units to 2-storeys and 5 metres from neighbours' boundary. 3. Facilitate a rail bypass for freight/coal trains. 4. Remove easement restrictions on "granny-flat" projects.
Yes - we are going high rise mad and not making provisions for the huge increase in cars requiring their own park space. Time to limit number of vehicles allowed in high rise apartments OR move high rise residential out of city areas.
Ditch Supercars and the politicians in NCC that are responsible for selling out the city . Excise Urban Growth and focus on the needs of the city not Macquarie Street.
Yes- Source an area for a racetrack that is not through a residential area.

Alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on strategy to achieve vibrant and active public places

Survey #2 Q3.1 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Provide quality parkland and recreation facilities that are diverse, accessible and responsive to changing needs'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions - or a comment on this draft strategy.
Shared pathwys need lighting at night.
Council has proven irresponsible with public spaces over Supercars ruining Newcastle's foreshore Park.
NCC has been an enthusiastic participant in destroying quality parkland and recreation facilities. We cannot use Nobby's Beach for most of November? December EACH YEAR!. What does it mean

"Provide"; at some fee?
The NCC has just removed hundreds of trees from the Foreshore park - need I say more?
It is important that part of the 'accessible' term also reflects accessible for people using active and public transport. As a non-car user it is very hard to access some parklands including blackbutt reserve, glenrock and the wetlands. These are places that are indeed tourist destinations and tourists don't always have cars. Also recreational facilities should cater for all various members of society (e.g. bouldering walls, exercise equipment)

Survey #2 Q3.2 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Enhance our beaches and coastal areas through upgraded facilities (eg Bathers Way)'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

I think the beaches and coastal areas in Newcastle are now overcrowded and difficult to access due to all the works undertaken. I would like to see more emphasis placed on other underused recreational areas away from the coast
Maintain facilities at our beaches and coastal areas
I actually agree with enhancing our beaches but it seems that we are only enhancing the walkways and surrounds and forgetting about the people that use the beach. The upgrade to the public facilities at Nobbys beach is a disgrace.
Spend money on improving public spaces in other wards of the council. Enough money has been spent on the coastal areas
Leave our beautiful beaches and coastline alone: they do not need more buildings and facilities: they are unique because they are still not totally destroyed by "infrastructure" . Supercars500 has destroyed this once beautiful area - compliments of NCC
I think would should enhance other suburb footpaths, i.e. even surfaces for the elderly, and clean gutters and rubbish from public areas.
Enough with the Bathers Way spending. Yes the beach is gorgeous and Council has done a really good job on upgrading. However, it's time to move on and start working on other things like expanding the art gallery.
See above. I don't accept that a racing track enhances our beaches or coastal areas
The batters way has wet the appetite FOR pedestrian AMENITY THROUGHOUT THE CITY, YET THE PLANNING IS DOMINATED BY CAR BASED THINKING. Take a leap of faith and proceed to the 21 Century with a city that is not only pedestrian and cycle friendly, but has high amenity and attractive places for gathering and pleasure.
By placing a racetrack around the Newcastle peninsula the NCC has shown they are not serious about enhancing costal areas.
Upgraded facilities is very vague. A mention of the need to improve shading is important and to avoid reckless decisions that degrade the coastal regions (such as the supercars track)
I dont agree that these areas need more money making enhancements and would prefer enhancements and upgrades that keep them maintained as natural as can be and free to public.
I really don't think you need to keep spending money on the beaches. The rest of Newcastle requires attention most people live outside of the inner suburbs and you need to spend money on initiatives in the rest of newcastle.
Better things to concentrate on, I think our facilities are great as is
Facilities are adequate as they are. In fact, they're already fantastic.
I am worried that our beaches will become overdeveloped and loose their accessibility. The beach is natures playground, when we develop it it no longer belongs to nature and becomes overcrowded with selfish by day who leave rubbish and litter behind by night

Survey #2 Q3.3 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Plan, coordinate and deliver cultural and community infrastructure and programs (Art Gallery, Museum, Civic Theatre, Libraries)'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

I do not place a great deal of emphasis on places that the vast majority of Novacastrians do not attend!

Why doesn't Council use plain English rather than bureaucratic XXXXX in all of this? Electors deserve to be treated with both respect and common sense - not this XXXXXXXXXXXXX, ambiguous XXXXXXXX!

I have reservations about what form this would take and whether it would be corny and self indulgent for a few

introduce a user pays system to cover the costs

Not the Council's responsibility.

Am concerned that this is another inner-city program paid for by the suburbs.

NCC has clearly no concept of the common meaning of coordinate if this intends an inclusion of the community.

The NCC has done nothing to show they are capable of delivering this - they have ripped through the fabric of the Newcastle East Community and divided a community and sat back and watched.

Survey #2 Q3.4 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Celebrate Newcastle's history, cultural heritage and cultural diversity'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

I don't believe ratepayers' money should be spent on this as it doesn't add value to the livability of the current environment. Happy to support other interested community groups doing this.

I don't believe any council money should be going toward the support of XXXXXXX. Enough of our tax dollars already go to their support.

Already filled this but disappeared. Council does not act in accordance with this strategy. No time to write it all again, but failed to protect "East End" heritage or public transport corridor. Should look at Perth riverbank. Wickham a fiasco, tram/trains should run from main line to old Newcastle station (redeveloped).

The verb "Celebrate" does not mean anything tangible. You need to include some key active words like "Protect", "Respect", "Incorporate in new developments". Celebrate has no real meaning to me.

Destruction of the Coal River precinct, the Store and threatening terrace houses in the East End is no celebration.

The NCC has done nothing to protect the cultural heritage of the East End- they have given Supercars open slather to destroy the East End and provided Supercars with the funds to do whatever they please.

Newcastle city council is politically influenced. The council swings with the tide. For example spending on the painting of a "gay" supporting footpath. The council supports and spends public money on non essential works. Spend the money on the history of the founding people. The development of the city. Exclude the disgusting works on the east end for the supercars. This is nothing to be proud of. We should hide this from our history books.

Newcastle history of coal mining isn't anything to celebrate Concentrate on our indigenous history in the region

The past is the past - can't wallow in achievements of the past - need to focus on the future and say how good can we be, not how good we were.

Survey #2 Q3.5 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Increase collaboration with artists and practitioners in the cultural sector'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

These are hobbies, I think money can be better spent on Beaches and Water Safety

Leave collaboration as it is. Money is better spent on infrastructure than overpaying for so called art.

increase collaboration with all our people in the cultural sector.

Once again throwing money for bad art is always a bad idea, concentrate on the other more important needs, beaches, walkways, public transport, safety, cleaning up the homeless, or the beautiful buildings the homeless occupy, like the post office, more rubbish bins would go a long way to help the environment, I suggested places a couple would be good, but was told, no money for extra bins, so I think this is more important than some terrible art

What does this mean? I have disagreed with "strategies" that are expressed in bureaucratese? (Bureaucratese is an informal term for obscure speech or writing that is typically characterized by verbosity, euphemisms, jargon, and buzzwords. Also known as officialese, corporate-speak, and government-speak.) why can't we have plain English?

Get off the high horse of cultural nothingness and do things for the majority, not just the few in the arty-fatty set - or the other multi-striped, noisy and hetrophobe lot.

People pushing their own barrow to make money does not appeal to me. People's lives are too busy to be putting up with these in your face activities... peace is required for the young and old... I responded to these very points years ago.

An increase in collaboration with WHO as the one's at the moment are idiots"Increase collaboration with artist that blend into community expectations in all cultural sectors"

Keep the arty fatty people out of important decisions

Encourage private sector funding of artist and practitioner in the cultural sector

Not the Council's responsibility.

Maybe NCC could focus a little bit on essential services, clean streets, safety and improved walkways in other areas other than CBA and coastal areas.

The current collaboration is appropriate, I cannot see that we need to increase

It is good enough as it is. Continue as us but don't increase.

What ever happened to allowing arts community to establish in the Newcastle Station area. NCC is blinded by Urban Growth's XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

You need to demonstrate economic benefit of funds allocated. Artists and practitioners who deliver poorly patronised events should not receive further funding.

Artists are not a significant part of the community, they are a service provider in this instance and will tend to be self serving. This is about meeting community needs not pushing an artists agenda onto an unwilling community who has to pay for the pleasure.

Survey #2 Q3.6 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Collaborate with local groups and services to address crime and safety issues'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

The biggest safety risk to people is cars! Urban sprawl makes streets vacant of people. Basic human right to travel in safety and not put others in danger. We can be more happy with a transition to an ethical World's best practice city planning and transport. Ethical habits are using appropriate technology. All cars above 30km/hr in residential streets are a danger to pedestrians.

Reduce hours of alcohol availability.

This is a police matter.

I don't see that crime prevention is a local government responsibility
What has NCC and any of its partners in Newcastle 500 done to address the hooning problem form what is disingenuously called the "car culture" by NCC?
The NCC is unable to address crime and safety issues- come up to the East End and see what the NCC has supported the Supercars to do to a local community.

Survey #2 Q3.7 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Plan for a night-time economy, characterised by creativity, vibrancy and safety, that contributes to cultural and economic revitalisation'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

Ensure that when businesses apply for DA to operate an after hour entertainment venue they understand that come 5pm tho 7am many parts of the inner city revert to residential. Council needs to implement the regulation and in force approved DA. and not have the local residents be held up as protagonists when DA restrictions are not inforced.
Could we correct the crime to public and private property before the night time economy is enhanced. How about closing the alcoholic beverage servers by 12 mid ?
If you mean something like 'allow for open trading hours for alcohol serving businesses', say so. If not, then make it crystal clear you're not. Just use plain English!
I am not sure what is meant by a 'night-time economy'. It does suggest that cultural events become economic events - a lure for families to spend yet more money on entertainment or goods. A 7-day a week 'night-time economy' ? No, this is family time.
Allow for a safe night time economy, but focus should be on the day time economy to improve community health. Sleep and rest are vital to health an under valued.
Continue with the successful lockout laws which have changed Newcastle downtown for the better
This sounds like euphemistic management-speak. We don't need any more nightclubs or late-night drinking facilities.
Designed for minority interests. Imposition on majority for sake of dollars. Good venue for "dole-bludgers". Unnecssary load on police
Night time strategy is providing for OUT OF TOWN people at the expense of LOCAL RESIDENTS who pay rates. Due to severe lack of police presence, night time activity should be curtailed. Hoon behaviours in Newcastle East (going on for over twenty years) is an example of behaviour that police have been unable to control. This will only get worse due to the ridiculous V8 Supercars race which is just what the hoons like to see and emulate.
I don't consider paid public concerts on the Foreshore with restricted entry for megadollars is a promotion of the night-time economy.
The only nighttime activity I see is cars speeding around the streets of Newcastle East intimidating residents.
Night time economy? Many people who live in Newcastle are here because of the lifestyle. This doesn't include the busy 24 hour lifestyle that exists in Sydney.I can not help but feel that Newcastle is modelling itself of larger cities such as Sydney. Progression is necessary and unavoidable, however, in making the changes suggested in Newcastle2030 including the 24 hour lifestyle you are essentially changing the character of this city.
Hard not to imagine that this is code for 'lots of late night drinking'. I would love to have things to do at night with my family and friends - that don't revolve around the consumption of alcohol. I think it's a bigger issue than just 'safety'.
I don't neccasairly think it is councils role to do this. Also, DO NOT repeal the lock out laws
Unless we can realign peoples attitudes - nigh-time economy means pubs and drinking and the associated antisocial behaviour. I am for a night time economy when it is not all about getting drunk.

<p>Survey #2 Q3.8 Is there any other strategy that you would like to see included in the plan, to achieve vibrant and active public places?</p>
<p>Yes new Surf Clubs, they are fallen down buildings that do not enhance the Bathers Way or lend themselves to be vibrant Community Meeting places.</p>
<p>Look around the world and see what works, Madrid is a good example, Amsterdam less so, and Zurich a negative.</p>
<p>I am concerned about the over promotion of Newcastle and the consequent problems of overcrowding which we are now experiencing as traffic jams and lack of parking. We need a strategy for sustainability which retains the concept of convenience and ease without the issues of traffic and parking overcrowding</p>
<p>Why wasn't the old railway station upgraded and used for the markets which r at Darby Street once a month, better access and in light of the king street disaster with the buses now, it would free up the road</p>
<p>More sporting facilities that cater for the diverse and increasing number of people who want to play organised sport in a safe and appropriate environment (e.g Soccer)</p>
<p>As Above. Follow up on the approved DA.</p>
<p>I consider that the redevelopment of the foreshore following the closure of the railway line is a fantastic opportunity to to provide vibrant and active public places. However, to achieve this there must be some sensible development in the rail corridor to ensure that the area can be sustainable and provide enough amenity to attract people from within and outside the city to this wonderful location.</p>
<p>Carry out promises. Prune our lovely trees, so they do not have to be removed for spurious purposes. Permit local newspapers access to all NCC decision making with costs. We need to see the Newcastle Art Gallery expanded as planned. We do not need to see reserved parking for NCC vehicles blocking any Newcastle Art Gallery expansion!</p>
<p>Concentrate on the basics first; ie, roads and footpaths, cycle ways, garbage disposal and basic services/amenities - and spell out what (and where) these are.</p>
<p>Market like the Showground Sunday markets, good. Car boot sale market days. Will see a turnover of goods with minimum fuss. Any small music organisations that involve the public to dance and sing are good BUT standing around watching a concert is extremely outdated and does not give people opportunity to express themselves and destress!!</p>
<p>Safe pushbike network</p>
<p>Plan events & exhibitions in areas accessible to all the public by having accessible public transport & parking & not put on events that disrupt people's way of life or just for Yuppyies</p>
<p>Newcastle's inland pools are utilised much more than the cultural facilities, and are getting tired, especially Lambton. Resources should be focused on them instead.</p>
<p>Exercise stations - which I have seen along the walkways on the Gold Coast and around the Newcastle University Ourimbah campus.</p>
<p>More support for community groups and churches</p>
<p>To see the council stay with the issues that should concern them and not branch out into different avenues. They should try and unite themselves and the community instead of the division that currently exists. For an example have a good look at the gold coast</p>
<p>Dependable public transport. Including heavy rail and fast rail to and from Sydney.</p>
<p>Yes - ignore XXXXXXXXXXXX and his conga-line of XXXXXXXXXXXX. Encourage late night trading for all venues.</p>
<p>Unfortunately to me - after Supercars500 - this all sounds like empty rhetoric and political-speak to me,I have totally lost all faith in NCC</p>

Survey #2 Q3.8 Is there any other strategy that you would like to see included in the plan, to achieve vibrant and active public places?
Revitalise suburban areas, deliver core services to the edges of the LGA not only the centre.
Facilitate small community groups activities by providing and servicing public spaces for there use. Killing 2 birds with one stone, creating community and active public spaces.
People-friendly spaces, with seating and thoughtful plantings.
Expand the art gallery. It is an utter joke that one XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX could derail a project that would see our city develop into the modern cosmopolitan place it should be. Enough with the sporting grounds and the coastal areas. FOR THE LOVE OF GOD EXPAND THE ART GALLERY. Our children deserve to live in a place that supports the arts and all the benefits that brings.
Considering the number of new apartments built recently, council should be considering these new resident ratepayers over visitors. These apartments have brought many residents back in to the city and increased council rate income. These residents wishes should take priority in any ideas about "vibrant public places". As an example, the public plaza in the Royal Apartments gets a fair share of undesirable behaviour such as skateboarders destroying the public artwork installed by Mirvac. Residents have to employ security guards on special occasions (New Year, Supercars), not COUNCIL!
something a bit more functional than the temporary market street lawn. let the markets proceed unmolested in Pacific Park with parking facilities for actual shoppers.
Yes, stop the pocket park madness, and stop the rot of selling and developing every tenure. Particularly, the Honeysuckle Foreshore between Wickham and the Honeysuckle Hotel. Enough is enough, this needs to be park.
Replace the hundreds of trees in foreshore park, return the parkland to the public to enjoy.
Parks and public green areas. Environmental planning. The council has built high rise appartments along honeysuckle and blocked public view of our beautiful harbour and have not put a single park in for the residents. The children have no play areas. No parks to play in, to exercise in, to play ball. How did these developments get passed? But alas XXXXXXXXXXXX is part of Newcastle city council's ethos.
The 'public places' often have inadequate car parking, poor access for mobility impaired people and little or no shelter from heat or rain. These places should also be shared by all suburbs, not just the cbd and coastal strip.
Learn from other cities implementing similar programs and ask your community of rate payers.
No more unsuitable race tracks in the city.
We don't need a "night time economy" plus cultural usually equates to Aboriginal. Just leave out this strategy!
Provide education and support to those community organisations that want to take on this task rather than delegating it to council
Honeysuckle has been a success, so much so that it is being 'sold-off' to be run by a profit centre. SO public areas fro which we have already pay are no longer available for community events other than having to pay (again) to do so. Vibrant and active YES but not when we have to pay TWICE

Alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on strategy to achieve an inclusive community

Survey #2 Q4.1 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Acknowledge and respect local Aboriginal history, cultural heritage and peoples'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

Delete completely Aboriginals do not respect Newcastle at all, look at the Post Office, what a disgrace, if that isd an example of respect for Newcastle we should certainly treat them the same. Shame on the Aboriginal Council.
Far too much public money has been given to, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. The respect and acknowledgement process to date is sufficient. With the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX to date, they should do like the rest of the community does and XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.
How about actually help the aboriginal people themselves, with education, health, housing instead of trying to promote their culture etc etc, worry about that when there is a helpful stragery in place
can we stop obsessing with this? getting fed up with XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Get over the indigenous divide
we don't need to celebrate aboriginal history because I'm white.And it wasn't my generation that took the aboriginals from their land.
Acknowledge that our society is evolving and allow it to progress, whilst respecting local Aboriginal history, cultural heritage and peoples. (Please note that I am of aboriginal decent, and XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
This is an isolating activity... don't dwell on the differences and histories of certain races, provide activities so they mingle.
have a look what they did with the newcastle post office.
Acknowledge all of Australia's history holistically not aborigines who are not one group but many diverse tribes or mobs.in isolation
We already do this, but look at the post office!!! Aboriginals are an important part of our community, but only one part of our community & history
Nothing to do with the Council.
Anything involving aboriginals should not be funded by our rates.
Too much of this seems to only divide people.
It's in the past XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
I think people of Newcastle are sick of having this jammed down our throats. We are made to say sorry and respect at every public gathering. The media bombards us all the time. The last thing we want is to have it all over Newcastle.How the past office has been handled is a public embarrassment and residents of Newcastle are over it. It is not PC to say it XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.
As long as culturally significant buildings are not compromised as a result of land councils getting greedy I would support this statement. Ideally we look to avoid the situation like the post office debarcle in the future
NCC has destroyed the Coal River Precinct and has allowed a KFC to be built over important Aboriginal sites in Hunter Street. This strategy is disingenuous
The NCC has allowed the removal of the Coal River Precinct- this cannot be replaced.

Survey #2 Q4.2 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Promote initiatives and facilities that support social inclusion and community connections'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
Is this the political corrective ness that has been discredited by our XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX?
Don't limit this to 'promote'.PROVIDE and promote initiatives and facilities that support social inclusion.
Already being done
Nothing to do with the Council. Stop wasting ratepayer dollars on fluff.

Support self funded or substantially self funded facilities and initiatives that support social inclusion and community connectionsA communit
NCC has displayed complete contempt for the 3000 residents and the small businesses of Newcastle East. It has no interest in "promoting" any initiatives or facilities.
The NCC has not supported social inclusion and community connections in fact it has actively attempted to destroy this in the East End.
Assistance is needed for many sections of the community, not just those that are skilled lobbyists or re ruin a high profile figurehead to champion their needs.

Survey #2 Q4.3 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Improve, promote and facilitate equitable access to services and facilities'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
Keep public infrastructure services available. Like medicare offices. Births deaths marriages. Rail. TAFEs. Hospital services. Stop selling them off.
any access we as a community is met with "ask Supercars" or "it's commercial-in-confidence". Why would NCC change?
The NCC has allowed Supercars to obstruct access to services, talk to the businesses in the Newcastle Area and you will hear first hand how the NCC have not provided access to services.

Survey #2 Q4.4 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Ensure people of all abilities can enjoy our public places and spaces'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
While reasonable efforts should be made, not ALL and not ENSURE. This would likely have poor cost benefit.
The word "ensure" sounds like "at all costs". I would prefer "improve accessibility for people of all abilities..."If some people can't access some non-essential places and spaces, thats unfortunate and though we might want them to, it's not a need.
NCC has ensured that people of limited ability cannot with any ease access services from the East End and has palmed off concerns with disdain.
Talk to the elderly people in Newcastle East and you will learn many of them will not be able to access public places and spaces- come down on the Supercar weekend see the difficulties for many Newcastle ratepayers to access public places and spaces. It beggars belief that the NCC has allowed a private company to take over the public places and spaces from Darby Street to the East End

Survey #2 Q4.5 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Improve local access to higher education and lifelong learning opportunities, facilities and services'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
This is not a council function.
What is the point in making this available to families or people who r living in low economic and dis functional families, they will not use it until they have been shown alternative life style ways, educate the uneducated in working for a living, attending school, etc etc
This should be a support "local access" function rather than the provision. Not a priority for spending \$\$.
We have an established universities and Tech facilities. Keep them away from the CBD
What has this to do with the council and ratepayers?

Is that the role of council?
Nothing to do with Council. Nothing whatsoever. Look at what we pay rates for - and what we pay taxes for. This belongs in the latter group.
This is not a Council responsibility. Could advocate for the State/Fed Govts to do this.
Not at the detriment of the city. The university should only be granted space for education not property development or retail or hospitality. The advertised benefit of bringing the University into the city was to bring more people which would in turn help to encourage the large number of derelict retail premises to be filled with vibrant enterprises. When the University sets itself up as self-sufficient it adds nothing to revitalisation.
we already have access to higher education & lifelong learning. Costs & HECS debts should be recoverable from estates to help ensure that those being educated actually either use their learnings for the benefit of the community or pay for it.
Just stay out of things that are not council concerns
Just felt this was out of the scope/did not sit within the Plan.
Keep TAFE and quality education in public hands. Do not privatise these opportunities.
State and Commonwealth responsibility. Butt out.
That is not a local government priority. That is the responsibility of others.
I don't think this is councils responsibility
Again, local government has nothing to do with the education system. Stick to local government matters.
How would NCC go about this. They have allowed schools to have to close for the holding of a car race by a private com-any in partnership with NCC. NCC has illustrated its priorities.

Survey #2 Q4.6 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Promote recreation, health and wellbeing programs'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

Promote health and programmes to help people but well being, please think about this, I don't think we'll being bus s high priority
Is this not the responsibility of the state govt?
wellbeing: more clappy happy californian XXXXXXXXXXXX
With incidental excercise being the only world's best practice to solving the obesity epedemic. We need to build a safe cycle network, reduce car use. Excercising as normalised activity. Little programs with do little to nothing. NCC's 2030 vision is for most trips to be a viable option for walking and cycling. So we need a fully separated from cars pushbike network by 2018 (including all local roads 30km/hr by narrowing and speed bumps).
Don't limit this to 'promote'.PROVIDE and promote recreation, health and wellbeing programs.
Is this a council reonsibility or state / federal governments. Also what does this actually mean- swings, use of public places for businesses to do training?
People should take resposibilty for their own health
If you provide free and accessible education the rest will follow.
Nothing to do with Council.
Just have a look at the "Noise Protection barriers" and the pathetic foam earplugs. Really!
Supercars have taken over the parkland in the East End not allowing people to access once heavily used parkland for recreational activities.
Is council becoming over involved in peoples' lives? There are many external agencies and

organisations that can be tasked with this. Council needs to focus on running the city in a community conscious, cost effective, transparent manner.

Survey #2 Q4.7 Is there any other strategy that you would like to see included in the plan, to achieve an inclusive community?

I am all for inclusive programs unfortunately our Surf Clubs do not offer disability access, toilets and use. The Surf Clubs should allow for elderly and disability access.

Work on the basics first and see how it is going

Abolish party politics for local government.

What does this mean and what will it cost?

Could we have an older age meeting place? Could we encourage more clubs to use our library as a meeting place? Can local citizen organizations be encouraged to meet frequently in each Ward? Can parking be limited to 2 hours for the night time economy as it seems to be for the day time economy? Can parking Rangers be increased for Supercars? Will Supercars permit sleeping accommodations on site?

why must it be -inclusive? how about -exclusive? No? too radical?

No - if you want to solve state or federal issues get elected in those houses

Remove the saying we acknowledge that this land was aboriginal and they would have stuffed it anyway and they would still be living in caves.

Define "inclusive", and ensure you don't mean spending ratepayer's money on extreme minority groups. That's a state or federal issue.

Busking, food and drink are key activities

Car culture is not inclusive. Basic human right to travel in safety and not put others in danger. We can be more happy with a transition to an ethical World's best practice city planning and transport. Ethical habits are using appropriate technology. All cars above 30km/hr in residential streets are a danger to pedestrians. Car focused cities (with urban sprawl) make people unhealthy (body and mind), causing social isolation and internet, homes, food & other infrastructure too costly. Then 12 years of intense social engineering schemes to get the transitioning to walking and cycling.

education through schools on community activities involving Newcastle community, from all post codes. Including Newcastle show, its outdated,

Better car-parking access to Civic & Honeysuckle.

I would like a strategy aimed at improving health and focusing on prevention through good urban design, behaviour change programs, cultural change and work with business. Eg Levy on sugar, reduce air pollution,

The council to be more consultative with all of Newcastle Council area especially with decision making and strategy that affects their local area before they are implemented

stop political infighting & at least listen to community input to council decisions

Defence of freedom of speech.

Many, but too numerous to state here

Promote and support local events.

Health, education, and public transport services should all be freely accessible to all.

Yes - restrict your activities to those expressly demanded by legislation.

My concern is that council is getting into things that are not what I pay rates for

Real projects for the homeless.

Survey #2 Q4.7 Is there any other strategy that you would like to see included in the plan, to achieve an inclusive community?

A community will never be inclusive when it isolates itself by race or creed. This is happening in Newcastle as it has happened in large metropolitan areas. If a program can be developed that will prevent ghetto-like communities, then I would support it like many other Novocastrians. Ask yourself the question: how many XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX residents does one see on Anzac Day at the marches of commemorative services and why are we supporting by patronisation, the taking of Christmas out of Christmas in order to satisfy that part of our society that creates disinclusion.

Any recon I alter land be held accountable to sustainable development and DA approvals with the focus on upgrading facility(s) rather than urban decay and onselling in years to come.

Start actually consulting with information BEFORE implementing a done deal.

Do not allow private companies to take over public spaces where communities gather,

Alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on strategy to achieve a livable built environment

Survey #2 Q5.1 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Protect, support and promote our unique built and cultural heritage'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

We have to reinvent our built and cultural heritage not protect the decaying, disused, derelict crap that prevails in our city centre. Bull doze and rebuild.

I do not believe that our built and cultural heritage is "unique"

stop acknowledging the aboriginals as the first free loaders that where already here when the Spanish found our land.

Leaving buildings to rot isn't a protection strategy it's a joke

Medium density cities (affordable housing without being high density) are faster (spread out suburbs are inefficient and get people addicted to cars) and cost benefit ratios for bicycle paths show increase in society health and increase in business/shops near them. Currently half of the vegetables we in NSW eat are from city fringe farms that are due to be overrun by urban sprawl.

everything has a life span, heritage should not stop progress, newcastle is a country town, it needs to had breath into its heritage ideas, replace it with modern facilities.

The cultural heritage items should be interactive and not just locked up just to be looked at.

Our heritage is barely 200 years. Protecting it stands to get in the way of good growth and modern development.

This is vague wording. Does this mean that all old buildings will have preservation orders put on them? If not, what does is mean?

Too much attention on heritage areas does not support updating growth

Rules that prevent growth should be minimised

Newcastle's heritage is heavy industry, dockyards and mining. We should celebrate and remember that, but those industries aren't big employers anymore compared to healthcare, education, technology and entertainment. So, I'd rather a city that facilitates those industries, while making the city a place that's efficient and pleasant to work in, a great place to live, and a fun place to visit. Old warehouses can go for a better future.

These strategies are stated but not observed.

The Store, the Palais, the Coal River Precinct, the Ocean Baths....a pathetic record.

Vague statement. Poor wording, cultural heritage, is that the same as giving away the post office to a

group of people and letting them watch it fall down to a point where it is rubble?

Survey #2 Q5.2 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Ensure our suburbs are preserved, enhanced and promoted, while also creating opportunities for growth'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

Ensure our suburbs are enhanced and promoted, while creating opportunities for growth

Cities, towns, suburbs are meant to grow and develop - preservation is NOT required and should not be policy as it works against growth.

My suburb used to have heritage status. It is now rezoned which will certainly not "ensure our suburbs are preserved".

Ai able built environment to me means races for family pets .races for children like three Legged , egg and spoon, sack races... Toilets and water bubblers and a lot of seating and eating stalls.

Train transport through the bush linking up higher density cities. Stop urban sprawl causing social isolation and wasted travel time and making housing unaffordable. Curtin uni has done a study that shows the infrastructure (road, water, sewage, phone/NBN, electricity etc) costs for a new suburb are \$684,000 per dwelling (Curtin_Sustainability_Paper_0209).

What does this mean-light on detail strong on non explanatory combination of words.Cannot suggest alternative wording for this draft strategy.as I don't understand the wording.

Ensure our suburbs are enhanced and promoted, creating opportunities for growth.

Delete "while also creating opportunities for growth" this means high density, multi storey developments at the expense of the long term residents of that suburb, these type of developments are nothing but a greedy money grab by out of town developers who don't give one iota to those who are established in these suburbs.

Stop this growth bull. Plan proper communities with proper facilities services schools and infrastructure.

Much less attention to heritage on normal housing areas

I think small, sub-suburbs, should be considered to complement suburbs. Vicinity based community groups are really needed in our city. For example Street parties and street garage sales can help people meeting. Reducing isolation.

There is too much bureaucarcy and not enough incentive or emphasis on growth. Untie the red tape.

Opportunities for growth is divisive

While I am not opposed to suburban living, it can be actively opposed to the other goals of having vibrant communities, active transport, etc, because these latter strategies benefit more from increased housing density.My objection is that we should aim more for increased housing density before we add new housing stock at the outskirts. The phrasing of "also creating opportunities for growth" is a tad vague in this regard.

Why must we always grow? the more we grow, the more we consume, the more we must destroy the environment, the more disconnected the community comes, and the more inequality that occurs.

Add on "without increasing the built environment footprint." Protect our bushland and waterways, flora and fauna. Handkerchief parks. No urban sprawl - repurpose existing areas eg former industrial. Except in historic areas, think medium rise, more townhouses. Families are shrinking, we're living longer...open spaces, community gardens, playgrounds to increase interaction and mental health of those living closely. Aged and child facilities close.

If this were to mean a devastation for a suburb similar to what has occurred to Newcastle East with the dreaded Supercars then I would be vehemently against such action. Supercars have destroyed most of the 'soul' of Newcastle East. One example: Weddings are no longer happening - we used to see brides walking down Stevenson Place - no more - who wants photos with ugly concrete barriers and wire! So very very sad. Totally unacceptable.

ensure the character of our suburbs are preserved and the individual identity of the areas are

<p>preserved, enhanced and promoted, while also creating opportunities for growth. It is noted that many of newcastle suburbs have not undergone much change. This will need to change in the future to sustain the growth of newcastle and as such the suburbs will change dramatically.</p>
<p>Ensure our suburbs are preserved, enhanced and promoted.</p>
<p>only where NCC wants to partner Urban Growth in high rise is this even contemplated.,</p>
<p>what does mean by 'promoted' ? 'opportunities for growth' is a very vague term. Would growth mean denser population by building high-density housing, or high rises, as is happening right in front of our house? We are never listened to by the council over developments in our street. WE know our street, what it can take in terms of more housing, type of housing, what current infrastructure can support there being no space for new infrastructure.</p>
<p>The suburbs of Newcastle are of dubious value in the current form, as they are predominantly car based. See previous comments. They are also predominantly desert, contributing little to the amenity and ecology. They are drained of life, and poisoned with chemicals.</p>
<p>The NCC has done nothing to preserve the once historic Newcastle East End. In fact they have XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX to destruct it.</p>
<p>Create hubs of excellence in different categories that are located throughout the Council area thus providing a boost to numerous suburbs, not just the cbd. The constant traffic bottleneck from Wallsend to the cbd could be significantly reduced if more workplaces were created at Wallsend, Shortland, Lambton etc.</p>
<p>Preserve and 'create opportunities for growth' contradict each other. Perhaps wording should be around 'keeping in line with the unique character of suburbs.</p>
<p>This is vague. It could be interpreted to mean anything that people want it to mean. For a draft strategy to be useful it should actually be able to guide policy decisions, I would of thought.</p>

<p>Survey #2 Q5.3 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Facilitate well designed and appropriate scale development that complements Newcastle's unique character'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.</p>
<p>STOP ALL THE HORRIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF APPARTMENTS. THEY ARE UGLY & JUST SUPPORT XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX DEVELOPERS HELPING THEM TO GET RICHER WHILE PUTTING PLENTY OF \$\$\$ INTO XXXXXXXXXXXXX POCKETS. PEOPLE THINK XXXXXXXXXXXX & XXXXXXXXXXXX ARE XXXXXXXXXXXX!! YOU ARE RUINING NEWCASTLE RATHER THAN IMPROVING IT BY ALLOWING TOO MANY APPARTMENTS :-(</p>
<p>Our unique character is not worth saving - reinventing yes.</p>
<p>I do not believe that we have a unique character. The east end of Newcastle should retain its heritage outlook, but everything west of Brown Street should be redeveloped without too much emphasis on the supposed unique character. Many cities all over the world have successfully implemented such a strategy and Newcastle should be no exception.</p>
<p>-appropriate scale- is meaningless twaddle 100 yrs ago is different to today. If yesteryears mental retards would have hit idiotic mentality newcastle would be stuck in that era with nothing over 2 stories. which is ridiculous for any city. we must go vertical to obviate the brainless spread of suburbia</p>
<p>The choice is clear, do you want your fellow Novocastrian safe and happy in a home OR do you want more homeless people and your own home that you are lucky to own to continue to increase in price to unethical prices. Continuing with new suburbs opening up towards Maitland will continue with more people not having homes.</p>
<p>make it usable for all peoples, not some cultural select people, people who wont change ideas, IE live in the past, not looking ahead.</p>

I don't agree that development should be restricted or curtailed. Development should be promoted, it will lead to population growth, employment and economic benefits. We now have a policy and process to deal with mine voids, development should be promoted not constrained with Newcastle truly wants to be an international city.
Big developers seems to be making choices that effect community members without community consultation. This point seems like a green light for that to continue.
Newcastle's unique character is not high rise along the rail corridor nor anywhere around Hunter Street, East End and Darby Street. Newcastle's unique character is is protecting the heritage buildings (not knocking them down) keep building heights to 8 storeys and use innovative engineering, architecture and town planning to ensure Newcastle does not end up like every other High Rise filled town.
Newcastle should copy Singapore and facilitate a high density, high rise community supported by great infrastructure and public transport. Forget the urban sprawl on big blocks - that is a receipe for urban blight.
Council and developers have an odd idea of 'appropriate' development, ie, anything they can get away with is appropriate. We need to avoid any more of the cold wind tunnels such as at Crowne Plaza. Newcastle should model itself on beautiful world cities such as Paris, which has a height limit of about five storeys.
"Appropriare scale" in whose opinion? Newcastles Unique character seems to usually be destroyed.
Development in Newcastle means high-rise buildings even in the historic east end and beach suburbs. Newcastle should encourage smaller people-centric developments so we avoid the ugly styles of the Central and Gold Coasts. Please seek developments that are 3-4 stories like in Paris, Cologne and other liveable beautiful cities. Newcastle could be the Paris of Australia if it REALLY focused on it.
Preserve Newcastle's character and especially protect public land from commercial development.
KRC Hunter Street, the Rail Exchange (did NCC actually look at the plans?), Barney Collins "improvement" to the Cathedral?
Yes, because appropriate is a matter of strong disagreement. 5 storey walk up dominates the vibrant old world cities. Newcastle will never be New York. A string of villages on the 20-60 meter ASL contours is needed with stepped development to ensure sun and outlook, not the slum currently promoted as progress, These are temporary and unsustainable.
Newcastle's East End 'unique character' has been replaced by a racetrack- this should never have been allowed to happen.
Design is open to subjective opinion, how can council facilitate this? Currently the "appropriate" scale development that council has thus far undertaken has had major negative impacts on the community, this includes: Newcastle500, removal of building height restrictions, building an unnecessary light rail system (particularly given that the NSW State plan explicitly stated to leave remaining existing rail lines which transport to CBDs)
The developers dictate the development style and size, not the Council. The Council administers the legislation and policies and scrambles to keep up with the well resourced developers.
Given the size, style and inappropriate nature of a number of design, relocation decisions made recently- what exactly would be considered to 'complement our unique character'? It used to be that we respected the height so as not to overshadow our 'unique' east end - so, seems a nonsense.
Once again, interpretation of this could vary widely. I would prefer the statement to target the effect of developments ie facilitate developments with broad community support.

Survey #2 Q5.4 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Plan for concentrated growth around transport and activity nodes'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

We need to be careful about the definition of "growth". Growth for growths sake is unsustainable. We

<p>should plan for a sustainable stable population and stop encouraging economic growth through population increases. Better not bigger!</p>
<p>STOP ALL THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY. YOU ARE RUINING IT. NEWCASTLE HAS LOST IT'S CULTURE & YOU ARE PUTTING WAY TOO MANY PEOPLE INTO THE CITY. YOU HAVE WREAKED NEWCASTLE & IT'S CULTURE. STOP ALL THE DEVELOPMENTS NOW!!!</p>
<p>putting too much development ie units around transport nodes often can impact on the local environment in a negative way. It would be better to look at what would be suitable in each suburb.</p>
<p>"Concentrated growth around transport" has already happened in my suburb. Without planning at all for parking requirements. As a result, on most weekdays, parking on my street is full by 7 30 or 8. This will certainly get worse as train patrons traveling to Sydney realise they can park on my street for extended periods.</p>
<p>Newcastle does not need concentrated growth anywhere. It will lose its character and just become another over-built city like Sydney is now. Council and NSW Planning need to use common sense and only allow building to match the available infrastructure. DO NOT SPOIL NEWCASTLE. It is already becoming a Unit City. It is nearly time to stop and only allow lower density housing to allow for space to breathe.</p>
<p>Let private enterprise take the lead. Money talks. Wrong decisions will lead to slums</p>
<p>This will result in unwanted urban density pockets. Far better to plan for distributed transport nodes (true multi-mode sense, including cars) to and from planned residential and commercial centres, rather than the stupid thing at Wickham and its toy trams to nowhere.</p>
<p>I interpret this as selling of the rail corridor for commercial and residential property. I disagree and think the space needs to be a community asset in the form of publically accessible space. Concentrated growth is wrong. It needs to be a sustainable balance for users of common property.</p>
<p>It is the lack of consideration for an areas carrying capacity and the consistent push for growth to feed this absurd capitalist system that needs a rethink. Sustainable living not growth is the only logical way to survive limited resources.</p>
<p>Sound practical on paper, but concentrated growth can lead to ghetto syndromes, and does not create a community atmosphere which is what this whole survey is about...</p>
<p>We do not need more fancy transport nodes. Areas with them are crowded enough</p>
<p>Puts "cart before the horse".Growth should be dictated by considerations of offering a conduciveenvironment while also protecting the natural environment - effective, efficient transport should follow.</p>
<p>Delete all of that statement, again the devil is in the detail, high density, multi storey developments, destruction of the living habits of those who are established and live near and next to these so called growth areas.</p>
<p>Disagree with growth idea. Plan proper suburbs with services and transport. Keep public transport and plan properly.</p>
<p>Engage the community about appropriate growth around transport nd activity nodes</p>
<p>High density development is not always appropriate around every transport or activity node particularly if it iscompromising open space or heritage precincts.</p>
<p>still needs to be consistent with surrounding building heights and medium density</p>
<p>Expand transport options to existing suburbs e.g The Junction, Merewether</p>
<p>'Growth' sounds like a euphemism for high-rise development.</p>
<p>I think facilitating efficient access to transport hubs is preferable to concentrating development in these precincts.</p>
<p>Growth should not negatively impact residents without compensation for loss of privacy, sunshine, road use or general well-being.</p>
<p>Low rise growth please NOT developments that crest deep shadows with NO commitment to people</p>

spaces like green parks, trees, walking paths away from car-choked streets.
Transport should serve communities not the other way around therefore: Ensure that transport plans encourage, reflect and serve (not determine) growth areas.
Whilst theoretically this strategy makes sense this should not be at any cost, excessive heights proposed in the city have caused over speculation, unrealistic expectations and housing that is likely to be very expensive. Assistance reusing existing buildings and reasonable heights would make the density a better cross section of the community and more acceptable to those already living in the city.
Discourage concentrated urban growth.
by concentrated growth do you mean a cluster of high rise cheap built apartments with no parking facilities?
Often there is no need or space for further growth around transport or activity nodes. The center of our city, on the other hand, has had an accelerated rate of growth recently, & yet transport has been severely curtailed. Makes no sense, & causes hardship, threats to safety, less access for disabled, worse or no access to businesses, etc.
This sounds to me like an excuse for more high-rise buildings in the city - isolated pockets of high rise are not the solution to any problem. A 3 to 5 storey height limit across Newcastle would create uniform increased density and increase the number of 'transport and activity nodes', making our streets safer, making a better pedestrian experience, increase connections between occupant and the street and help our streets to become nicer places.
If by this is meant the Wickham to Cardiff station precincts, then over rail and multi-storey go for it. If the false nodes of bus stops or a lacklustre light rail on the removed rail corridor is what is meant, then absolutely not. This must not be redeveloped other than for the open spaces and public spaces needed to bring people onto the streets. Reject any development proposal which presents a blank anti social wall to the street,
Plan for improved infrastructure around transport and activity nodes. (growth can just mean dumping developments without capacity considerations for outside of those concentrated zones)
Concentrated growth around transport is nice in theory but there are numerous examples currently occurring in the city where issues are arising. Especially where changes in zones meet. eg. R4 to R3. You are essentially creating a walled corridor of development.
Avoid concentrated growth. Look at the academic research from around the world. No gardens, living in boxes is very unhealthy.
The transport and activity hubs are in the east of the council's area and encouraging more growth in the east will only create more congestion. I guess the more people concentrated in the east is the more votes for a coastal-centric Council.
IF FACILITATION of concentrated growth around transport and activity nodes. It will be the death knell of the East End heritage streets. And Cooks Hill heritage 'island' community should be retained as Paddington is to the City of Sydney.

Survey #2 Q5.5 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Plan for an urban environment that promotes active and healthy communities'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

healthy communities: more psycho-babble. if you are serious dump the car. it kills millions globally but no? the imbeciles in suburbia might object!
What does this mean? is it to provide good food and exercise or mobility help for all of the suburbs from the council?
How can we be active & healthy if crammed into slums with no outdoor space?
Can see none of this in the rash of cheap builds rising around the city-unless NCC proposes to make

people walk so there can be more cheap builds without parking

Survey #2 Q5.6 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Ensure sufficient housing diversity to meet community needs, including affordable and adaptable housing options'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

It is not the Council responsibility to force diversity of who owns or rents property. Private property owners who have paid large sums for their property expect everyone else around them to have also paid the same amounts. Why is the Council forcing the issue of people who can not afford these amounts to be given housing cheaply in these suburbs. I have worked hard for 40 years to be able to afford it.

More consultation, rules and consideration needs to be I've not allowing ndis housing in neighbourhoods.

Let the developers get as much as they can out of their fore sight.

Ensure sufficient housing diversity to meet community needs adjacent to suburban public transport.

Please dont put more govetnment housong in prime areas.The city needs less face tattoos and junkies not more.

Don't bring mixed housing into the city please!

No more apartments in the city without FIRST fixing the traffic and road congestion.

The council shouldn't have a role in this. Other than being open to different scale developments within its current DA structure.

Get rid of the word diversity.

Does that mean that affordable houses will be available to some people but the majority pay off their mortgages by working hard to pay for their houses. Very unfair and really disagree that the council is thinking of building cheap housing on some of the most expensive land in Newcastle while the huge majority of hard working and struggling but decent rate payers get zero help and can never afford to buy places in that area?

Delete all of that statement, again, high density, multi storey developments, a social exercise in futility, in years to come they will be nothing but ghettos, leave the suburbs surrounding the city alone, the people have had enough of high density developments encroaching on and in their suburbs.

Not your business. Let the market decide the makeup of housing.

This council will do it wrong

Provision of housing is not a local government responsibility

I strongly disagree with the current housing commission waterfront properties. It gives them no incentive to work or contribute to society when they are gifted something most productive members of society can only dream about

Varied and affordable housing is desirable, but on new/vacant areas, not by rezoning/stealing liveability from those who bought residential A space.

there seems to be an inordinate concentration on cheap student accommodation without parking

Those on long term cheap housing with no health issues maybe should be housed further out of the city and those with special needs or with carers should be closer to medical facilities and transport. I believe it unfair to those residents who have paid a lot to live in the city (not myself) be charged high rates and rentals and have someone live next door for almost free with no indication they wish to change their circumstances.

Building a token number of affordable units and allowing the lucky winners to spend a lifetime living there is not a solution.

Unfortunately the current housing diversity means high levels of crime and an unsafe environment for young families. As long as ice addicts live in and around families in their public housing there will

always be a stark juxtaposition, never diversity.

Survey #2 Q5.7 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Advocate for implementation of energy and resource efficiency in new developments'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

Energy and resource efficiency requirements should be specified by federal and/or state governments. There should be no Intervention in such matters by local government

Do more than just advocate. REQUIRE energy and resource efficiency.

Not your concern.

Have seen no evidence of that to date.

Survey #2 Q5.8 Is there any other strategy that you would like to see included in the plan, to achieve a livable built environment?

Yes. I would like to see a strategy that seeks to maintain the liveability of Newcastle ie reducing traffic volumes, reducing parking problems, access to open spaces. We need a strategy that prevents unsuitable development, reduces high density housing and its inherent problems, and seeks to retain quality of life

MORE GREEN SPACES.....MORE TREES SEEMING YOU ARE SOO GOOD ARE RIPPING THEM OUT!! MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR POOER PEOPLE NOT THE RICH WHICH IS ALL YOU ARE CONCENTRATING ON!! I DON'T LIKE NEWCASTLE ANYMORE THANKS TO NEWCASTLE COUNCIL!!! :-)

Integration of shopping, education, business and accomodation by rezoning for all activities on the one site.

1. Keep building heights down to 3 or 4 stories in most areas.2. Don't build on the rail line but turn it into open space and a cycleway.

Lack of accessible parking for university, court, new businesses in Newcastle West is a real disservice to tax payers. This poor planning only exasperated an already poor parking situation with existing schools and TAFE, etc.

The proposal in the proposed rezoning of the rail corridor for the construction of buildings for the University of Newcastle is the most exciting development in the revitalisation of Newcastle that I have heard. The concept of turning Newcastle into a University City is brilliant and will attract students from all over the world. Such a strategy will ensure a great liveable built environment for our city centre and will generate large numbers of jobs in the associated service industries.

Stick with communities. The Hill. Bar Beach. The Junction. Adamstown. Cooks Hill. Community exists. Stop trying to damage it. Route traffic around communities and not through it.

Do not offer affordable housing adjacent to people who have worked and saved their whole lives to live in the great Newcastle city centre.

plan high rise hubs without streets by building them within park lands. run an underground rail to service these hubs. have a ring road for cars but not within the complex

Please use 'Quality' housing rather than 'Affordable' housing initiatives.

discount solar panels for all homes

Express this in understandable plain language!

Put up a netting system in places like horse shoe beach and other places to provide safety for families to swim with their pets and enjoy other swimming areas.

Basic human right to travel in safety and not put others in danger. We can be more happy with a transition to an ethical World's best practice city planning and transport. Ethical habits are using appropriate technology. All cars above 30km/hr in residential streets are a danger to pedestrians. Car focused cities (with urban sprawl) make people unhealthy , causing social isolation and internet, homes, food & other infrastructure too costly. Learning shortcuts, the actual safety of cars and lane position). The RMS recommends a 3s safety gap between a cars, but most leave only 1 to 2s.
I think solar power on all new developments should be mandatory, recycling of rain water run off,
Get rid of Supercars. It is creating a devitalisation of the livable built environment and destruction of the usability of public assets (parks, beaches, community events and use), businesses and everyday users of the built and natural environment. What a complete disaster. Shame, Newcastle. So many people are upset by what they see being done in the CBD and the media spin is an insult.
Set a population limit based on the areas carrying capacity and stick to it. Also include spaces for allotments with water tanks at low rent to safeguard against sanctions in times of foreign aggression.
technology for safer parks and green spaces. more green spaces. Commercial buildings seem to disregard the need for a 'front garden' which should be welcoming to visitors. Too much concrete, clay and steel in most new builds... very unfriendly.
A 1st class cricket & afl ground at No.1 Sportsground to seat 25,000 people.
Keep and increase open space and green space throughout the city and suburbs.
What does this mean? Are we and the council going to have a plan that rebuilds our Newcastle suburbs which would be of course at our cost plus paying high rates due to the exorbitant irresponsible spending of our current council?
Ecological sustainable construction. Government buildings turning of their lights in mutli-story (non-residential) buildings overnight and encouraging private organisations to do the same.
A livable built environment for Newcastle is to keep the railline open - keep heavy rail running to Newcastle Station - create a good transport infrastructure to enable local citiizens and visitors to easily enjoy and access all Newcastle and surrounds has to offer. Keep buildings in the CBD to 8 storeys; encourage B&B type accommodation. We need industries back in Newcastle to create employment and give Newcastle its heart back - Touriism is not enough. We need public housing again, not just "affordable" housing. and more of the Foreshore grassland development - not buildings.
Get rid of Supercars and other disruptive - anti community activities/developments
Give cycles more room than cars. We're a quite flat city, we have the opportunity to become a great hub of modern cycleways the rest of the world looks to.
Go west and and build your high density housing, livable environment, or if you are going to develop in the suburbs do it with some panache, a maximum of two storey, architecturally designed, stylish town houses. This is what the people of Newcastle in the suburbs want, if it is forced on them, not some 5 or 6 storey, gormless, 90 plus set of of dog boxes that will only create a ghetto social class.If the planners want high rise then do it also in the west and east end of Newcastle where there is an ample amount vacant and derelict buildings on offer.
Keep the parks and gardens. Stop selling off chunks of public amenity.
Put an end to unwarranted, unwanted and downright ugly medium-density development in residential suburbs.
Adherence to community expectations with balanced livable built environment
High density development plans to take into account the need for open space, green space and communal space
once again, is council paddling in someone else's pond, some of the statements made are so vague that they could be interpreted to mean whatever politicians want them to
ensure building heights and density in CBD match the maritime landform and topography that make the city internationally unique. NCC must address lack of social infrastructure to accompany inner city redevelopment and significant population growth eg set aside/reserve suitable land for public

primary/secondary education, medical, childcare, parking and health facilities. not flog it all off to private developers. Inter generational equity
Allow renovate and or renew in normal housing areas
Facilitates for community groups facilitated e.g. help in building Scout Halls. And shared facilities.
Building height restrictions lifted policies and action that facilitate growth and turn this country town into a real city. keep a level of green space.
Natural organic growth in Newcastle is good and was happening the removal of rail and Supercars has stopped it
You helped to remove the rail, just as the Uni put thousands of people back in the center of town. Light rail seems to be costing over \$100,000,000 a kilometer and taking years, otherwise it might have worked. If it went to the Uni, John Hunter Hospital, the airport and Broadmeadow station. If there were regular express trains to Sydney from there and a huge free parking area at the old Gas Works site in Hamilton North and a pedestrian path to the station. But, nowhere to park, impossible to get around = unlivable.
Prioritising open spaces, shared spaces, green spaces and pet-friendly areas. Also important to encourage any future blocks of flats to cater for families, ie, with several bedrooms per flat. All these one or two-bedroom flats simply encourage investors and transient populations, mitigating against community development.
Thoughtful provision of open public areas, especially parks and adequate parking on -site. Preservation of the existing tree-lined streets!
Ensure that communities have natural environment places and recreation spaces for positive participation.
those who cant afford to live in Newcastle will be given assistance to move on. this will help with crime and safety
Carefully designed and costed livable built environments that do not emulate the towering urban ghettos mushrooming along the train lines in inner Sydney.
Please get rid of Supercars. Why oh why has this XXXXXXXXXXXX been allowed to XXXXXXXXXXXX our community? Why? Why? Why? Supercar has totally taken ownership - and you know it has! It controls all the east end - the parking has become unbelievably difficult - where are all the cars meant to go from outside our homes? All the XXXX we hear is maddening - Supercars are helping with this,,,Supercars are working with the community with this.... Only a fool would think this correct. Supercars are doing XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. They are XXXXXXXX by the East End. Rightly So!
Ensure that regional commercial centres provide adequate off-street parking or shuttle service for customers AND staff, to keep local streets safely trafficable.
Low-rise buildings (less than 5 levels), more green spaces, separate pedestrian and cycle paths not parallel to roads. Only allow delivery and service vehicles in the centre of town. Create a piazza where people can meet and celebrate the beaches and culture of Newcastle.
Dramatically increase public transport availability and reduce costs to encourage the reduction of private vehicle use, which will reduce car parking requirements and reduce pollution.Increase 'green belts', including parks and street planting, and encourage decentralisation of businesses which will also improve the above, and which will enhance the safety and 'liveability' of all areas of the city.
Consider Adelaide's Plan https://www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/our_current_system/building_and_development/building_and_technical/adaptive_re-use_of_existing_buildings) to reuse existing buildings Newcastle has done some wonderful things and yet still tries to solve too much with single huge developments (GPT, Urban growth etc) - these big mistakes have stymied the city - similar with the Supercars - this has been a nightmare for everyone I know who lives in the city centre - it is more likely to succeed with stronger multi-pronged approaches - allow smaller incremental density increases
Accelerate traffic control measures, roundabouts and traffic lights, in the Kotara area as outlined in the 2011 draft survey. This is long overdue. The emphasis in this suburb has been on cycleways which ignores the existing traffic bottlenecks that occur daily at peak times along Park Avenu.

open the rail corridor all the way without encroaching buildings, put in safe and useable bike tracks and plant (and replace) more trees
The rail corridor would best be used for light rail, so there's enough room for cars, buses, pedestrians, cyclists. Our city would be more livable if building heights were maintained at about 5 stories, within the few blocks of the inner city. Instead we're starting to resemble the Gold Coast, a poor livable built environment in many peoples opinion. We haven't respected & maintained our public places & parks are encroached on to make way for further development. The city will suffer enormously if we continue to pay little attention to these important qualities, driven mainly by financial motives.
Meaningful consultation with residents.
We need professional designers with expertise in liveable cities to become involved in making our city a beautiful liveable place - we can't leave it to the civil engineers, developers and accountants because they have other objectives. Engineered solutions are not the same as designed solutions. The great pedestrian experience which gives us joy in the day to day use of a place has to be carefully crafted. Just engineering a new road with a black surface doesn't do it.
Food and water, a biologically sustainable city will have infrastructure that is not affected by a rising tide, storm events, earthquake or heat load. There are fundamental changes needed to secure fresh clean water from rain, and fresh clean food from healthy fertile soil. See my prize winning article in the Newcastle Next Herald competition in 2014.
I believe in implementing environmental solutions for a livable built environment eg use of solar, no over crowding however some of these costs are excessive to residents, builders and local business. I feel this should be addressed and council should encourage financial advantages for all those who choose to upgrade or build in Newcastle
Find ways to give developers incentives to improve/restore existing buildings in run-down condition, not just shiny new buildings. The livable built environment is only successful when it has a connection with the past.
Greater reuse/ re-purposing of the heritage stock rather than demolition. The city needs a variety of building stock to enrich it and draw tourists.
Support residential development which fosters physical, social and mental health. Enable people to have a garden, grow some vegetables, know what a back yard is. Ensure parks are Bukit and maintained. Parks with play areas, trees, flowers
Share the infrastructure funds among the suburbs.
Review the public housing policies and clean up public housing, stop them from being ghettos
Environmentally sustainable design principles. Which could start with employing the architecture and design professionals in our own region...
Ensuring all residents have access to the elements that make a great life style.

Alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on strategy to achieve a diverse and resilient economy

Survey #2 Q6.1 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Recognise and strengthen Newcastle's role as a regional capital and hub for industry, education, health, business, personal, tourism, port and logistics services'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

Encourage a new role only when adequate parking is available to accommodate it. Can anyone believe the Law Courts were built with so few parking spots?

A bit wordy waffle. Not sure what this means you will actually do. "Plan for, facilitate and provide infrastructure, programs and services that support the Hunter Region community."

Community consultation (decisive not token) required at the very least local residents. This is not happening prior to development.

Recognise and strengthen Hunter City's role ..."Lake Mac already has a much more diverse economy than Newcastle LGA. The broader catchment has so much to offer if it was more coordinated together.

the port does not belong to Newcastle . campaign for ownership of the port to be transferred to Newcastle

NCC is making a dormitory for Charlestown Shopping

Survey #2 Q6.2 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Attract new business and employment opportunities'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

Attract new business only when a transportation plan is in place and working. Should transport be privatised?

Council is incapable of doing this. Business does this. Get out of the way and let business do what it does best.

Wording should include reference to positive impacts on residential communities.

The Supercar 'situation' should make any Novastralian wary of what attracting new business could imply! I am disgusted as are many many people I speak with re: the negative impact Supercars have had on existing businesses within the Newcastle and Newcastle East areas - businesses who have been the backbone of our community have been savaged and left bleeding without any support or respect - totally unacceptable. We should hang heads in shame.

We probably have enough coffee shops. What about some sizeable retail stores with parking facilities for shoppers? Put a brake on high rise apartments

Ensure that new businesses and employment opportunities do not detract from the identity of the city

A genuinely open and vibrant city plan will accommodate these opportunities in the right manner, rather than a false and flawed manner driven by old thinking, cars and high rise, The current plans are the antithesis of this.

Add 'to all Newcastle Suburbs' and I would support this.

Survey #2 Q6.3 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Encourage innovation in business, research activities, education and creative industries'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

Innovation happens in private sector; not much you can do about it. Stick to your knitting.

Already been happening for decades in industry, health and many other areas without any council involvement so I am afraid any council involvement will be negative and is not warranted. Why have this in a council plan?

Why not just encourage. Why this need for innovation? XXXX.

Council is incapable of doing this - this is what business does.

I do not see this a priority for local government

Motherhood statement. Be specific on what exactly these strategies are - I cannot agree without the detail.

this doesn't happen in a CBD.

Survey #2 Q6.4 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Support and advocate for the small business sector'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

what is this fixe idee with small businesses? i mean i once ran a business here and didn't need anything i couldn't do myself. the trick is to think things throughif anything for scales of economy large is better than small
Not your concern.
I do not see this a priority for local government
..... without negative inpact on residential recreational budgets.
NCC has a disgraceful record with this..., Ask any small business in the CBD. Customers want parking.
The NCC has played a major role in the business losses being felt my many Newcastle businesses which proves it has no idea on how to develop this area.
If you added 'throughout the Newcastle Council area' I would support this.

Survey #2 Q6.5 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Facilitate events and festivals that attract visitors and support the local economy'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

I don't agree that all events and festivals are good for Newcastle. Local events for local people are fine. Events which disadvantage the local community and its culture are not fine.
Facilitate events and festivals that attract visitors and support the local economy while respecting local amenity'
I would only agree with this if NCC can do this properly. So far they have proven they cannot. Supercars has has been a monumental disaster for local residents. It is the wrong place. It has impacted local businesses. Events need to be properly scoped, planned and consulted on. Not just a thought bubble by XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.
If the V8 Supercars example is anything to go by, then this experience shows council as the facilitator of shafting the citizens.
Add in "excluding Supercars, which makes a mockery of many of the goals and aims strategies of the draft strategy".
This statement needs to be qualified. Certainly a worthwhile goal but only if transparent. The Supercars and trainline have certainly not been carried out in a transparent manner. With only the dubious claim of confidentiality. Which no one I know gives credence to. The loss of trees, public space, the massive inconvenience is heartbreaking. A track like Mt Panorama would have been the professional choice
Locate events only where there is adequate parking? Provide adequate supervision for music programs. One day programs closing early should be attracted.
The supercar event does NOT "enhance our beaches and coastal areas." Foreshore park has been totally trashed and it is now an obstacle course to get to Newcastle or Nobbys beach,The residents of Newcastle East are being treated as third class citizens.You state that we should "plan for an urban environment that promotes active and healthy activities" How does the supercar event fit in with this aim?
I am fearful of the word events.
How did we get the supercars 500? Closed door council decision with zero proper ethical community consultation. We need to finish the safe cycle network csn.org.au! This will attract visitors and support the local economy. Stop wasting money.
the word event needs to exclude the Super Car circus to have my support

<p>An event attracts visitors for a few days. It is not sustainable economically. It is disruptive for local business and local people who live and work and use the facilities in the proposed event venue. Profits of the event are retained by the event owner (concert, motor race owners). They use contractors from out-of-town and the money does not flow equitably into the local community. It is an inequitable disruption to the community.</p>
<p>As long as it doesn't over ride people's living standards. Spread these events around the community.</p>
<p>Community consultation (decisive not token) required at the very least local residents. This is not happening prior to agreeing to host events.</p>
<p>Please research what is happening in Europe with the over-tourism issues. Newcastle is at a stage of development where opportunities to proactively balance a range of issues are still available. What type of events will foster respectful engagement with the local community and environment by tourists and visitors (e.g. not Supercars!).</p>
<p>SUPERCARS500 has totally destroyed businesses and "local economy": the only winners here are supercars australia</p>
<p>Not all events are good for the community. Work with the community proactively to see if something is worth inflicting on an entire neighbourhood for months on end. V8 street race is a waste of good money, should have built a race track on Kooragang Island for year round use, like the businessman wants to do in Lake Macquarie.</p>
<p>Avoid future XXXXXXXX decisions such as supercars with no genuine community consultation and lack of transparency</p>
<p>Events that are appropriate for a city like Newcastle - so e.g., Supercars is not an event appropriate for this city</p>
<p>Safe and friendly festivals</p>
<p>Small-scale music festivals or film festivals would be a great contribution to community development. Huge events of any kind (eg the impending car race) make the city unliveable for its inhabitants, mostly for the benefit of a few big businesses.</p>
<p>If this includes more events like Supercars - then no! These events damage the community, causing dangerous air and noise pollution, just to attract money but attendees will not appreciate Newcastle for what it should be promoted for - it's heritage and environment. Not a stupid car race.</p>
<p>If these events are anything like the supercars i say no. If you mean cultural events and low impact tourism events and opportunities that do not undermine the beautiful heritage areas and wide open spaces then yes.</p>
<p>Local governments are not designed to be entrepreneurial The imposition of the V8 Supercars transgresses most of the consultative processes this survey exposes. History has shown and will show this event will cost ratepayers and Newcastle residents. Try and honestly evaluate the success and inform the rate payers of return for investment. Make a public statement about the NCC capital investment</p>
<p>council's current form in this area has been an unmitigated disaster. please stop.</p>
<p>supercars in Newcastle East is wrong. Build a dedicated race track that could be used 365 days a year.</p>
<p>Majority of Newcastle residents appalled by XXXXXXXX creation of "revhead heaven" at foreshore. Fine for outsiders. As usual no consultation/consideration of residents or ratepayers. "Dollars at any cost" is long-term loss.</p>
<p>I am supportive of people-centric events that are respectful of our local heritage, community and businesses. This means we must NOT support a single commercial enterprise like Supercars to destroy much of the local fabric for their commercial benefit. That decision is PRECISELY what council should avoid. We have such potential - let's use it.</p>
<p>Facilitate events and festivals that reflect our city, community and culture. If done with the full and enthusiastic support of the community this will automatically achieve the aims of attracting visitors and supporting the economy.</p>

By allowing SUPERCARS to completely take over Newcastle for 5+ years you have taken the OPPOSITE approach to your goal of encouraging small business. Out of town businesses dominate this event.
Facilitate does not mean take partnership in. NCC has to consider its community not its "shareholders".
Facilitate events and festivals that the community approves of and strengthens the local economy
The imposition of narrowly framed and effectively exclusive events is a flawed concept. Community based events, if supported, e.g. TINA, will grow into international events and include the local communities, benefit local communities.
Due to the NCC pursuing Supercars to hold the event in Newcastle this has resulted in many events and festivals being relocated- a great loss to Newcastle.
We dont need expensive events like supercars
Add: except for Motorsport in residential areas. The council will collaborate with neighboring councils to promote racing infrastructure be provided in degraded bush land outside the city.
...that enhance sustainability and community (ie not supercars and maybe not cruise boats.) The local economy should produce things not just cater for tourists.
Events such as the supercars has destroyed our heratige. The council has not considered the social and health and financial impact upon Newcastle residents. For example suggesting residents move out of their homes, take a day off from work and the person's financial costs. City infrastructure has to close. Parks dug up. Buildings cracked, people unable to leave their homes, emergency services restricted, public access to beaches, ocean baths.
Facilitate events and festivals that attract visitors and support the local economy and enhance/empower the local community
These events are historically important the cbd and on the coastal strip. Share them with the oute suburbs and I would agree.
Be selective about types of events, not marginalising things that cater for the minority at the expense of the majority eg Supercars aka XXXXXXXXXXXX that has done so much irreparable damage to Newcastle
Trust council to advocate for its citizens over corporate profit when facilitating events that have little proof of benefit to the community. If laws prevent exploitation of residents rights employ strategies to over ride them.
NEVER AGAIN THE SUPER CARS FIASCO! Fine to have an event here BUT NOT THROUGH THE HEART OF A RESIDENTIAL AREA WITH NO CONSULTATION. Newcastle council cannot be trusted with this: local shops have lost out whilst catering is being sold to companies from Sydney/elsewhere. errr is this really good for business in Newcastle?

Survey #2 Q6.6 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Work with the tourism sector to further develop Newcastle as a visitor and event destination'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
Not all visitations and events are great for Novocastrians. Events which detract from our lifestyle and hamper our livability should be discouraged. Locals should have access to all areas before tourists. Locals should not suffer inconvenience and stress in the name of economic development.
WE HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE HERE ALREADY. THE INFRASTRUCTURE CAN'T COPE WITH THE POPULATION GROWTH AS PEOPLE POUR OUT OF SYDNEY AS IT HAS BECOME A SECOND CHINA. WAKE UP NEWCASTLE COUNCIL CAN'T YOU SEE YOU ARE WREAKING IT & ALLOWING TOO MANY PEOPLE INTO IT?
'Work with the tourism sector to further develop Newcastle as a visitor and event destination while respecting local amenity'
As above the tourism industry and tourism related business cannot be allowed to benefit while

impacting other non tourism related businesses.
Not when Venues NSW are the first and only voice in the process. Makes me wonder why Council is bothering to ask us.
See above.
As far as I know Newcastle has only a token tourism center at the Maritime Museum. Put a Public face on tourism and not rely on a "pop up" purporting to represent NCC tourism. Some of these pronouncements force away smaller organizations considering Newcastle
Your Council's attitude to Tourism is ignorant of the reality of tourist visitors and your action in the past in tourism have run completely counter to many of the other strategies. As an example the Supercars event and rock concert event.
DestinationNSW has its own agenda. What about listening to the local people? Rather than importing ideas from people with a pecuniary interest in using & misusing local resources, tourism should be from local sustainable initiatives. Create uniqueness and long term viability. It is very short sighted to think that importing some big events will "put Newcastle on the map". We USED to be one of LonelyPlanet's livable top destinations. No longer.
It is far more important to look after the people living in Newcastle and make it a liveable city for residents rather than constantly bending over backward for the tourism industry. Doing this will probably also passively make Newcastle more attractive for tourists while actively improving infrastructure and opportunities for residents.
Community consultation (decisive not token) required at the very least local residents. This is not happening prior to events.
This development must not be to the detriment of the residents, the way the car race has.
Agree, but community comes first
See above
Newcastle already IS a tourist destination BECAUSE of our natural beauty and heritage - we don't "need to be put on the map" (by Supercars500)
Hopeless now, need to broaden stakeholder involvement
Events that are appropriate for a city like Newcastle - so e.g., Supercars is not an event appropriate for this city
work with the tourism sector to further develop Newcastle as a visitor and suitable sustainable destination but not at the cost of local communities as in the case of the Supercar race.
The events don't all help the community only events that work for Newcastle not NSW state government
Newcastle's beaches and parks, along with nearby lakes and bush, make it an attractive place to visit. As such, this is worth promoting to individual tourists and small tourist groups. However, The arrival of cruise ships is a cost and inconvenience for residents and only of benefit to the businesses who cater to them.
We can't just promote Newcastle without having fixed the absolute joke of public transport. Come and see our town that is in shambles without the facilities or services to provide a healthy, accessible, experience that doesn't damage our town and environment.
Destination NSW have shown a total lack of diligence when dealing with communityNCC has done nothing but damage its professional reputation through its partnerships with the organisation. Proposed events isolate the beaches and coastline of this city for about 2 months of the year in a time where Newcastle would relish themselves areas and the sporting opportunities they provideAll this for a private organisation trying to produce television
add the words "in ways that uphold heritage and environmental principles, and have negligible negative impact on existing community"
Destination NSW is the consent authority that has put NOT A SINGLE CONDITION on Supercars for the next 5 years. I do not trust "tourism" ambitions when they are used to inflict such a devastating

event on our city with NO respect for our cultural diversity, wonderful geography, and safety. Crazy, crazy. No one seriously.
Hold true to our character and heritage, and provide moderate amenities without intrusion into that character and heritage - tourists will come.
If SUPERCARS is an example of working with the tourism sector then we don't want more of the same. How many events had to be cancelled or moved due to Supercars? Matara, Powerboats, Nobbys Swim etc?
Destinations NSW has all the action here. Do we even have a tourist office that is open anymore? If it's in the museum, how would anyone find it?
Ensure that the tourism sector developments have the approval and support of the local community
If Tourism and Visitors means Car racing I say NO. The plan to have Super-Cars tearing around our old heritage streets is disastrous. NOISE! Serious Disruption for local travel for months! WHY the heritage area? People living in the heritage areas tend to be older, and enjoy Cultural pursuits rather than Car racing. PUT the race elsewhere.
The tourism sector is a leach on local communities when the experience is undermined by imposed superficial infrastructure and events. let communities grow and build in interest and provide a genuine reason to visit, for the benefit of local communities
as above. Excessive tourism is proving to be detrimental to many places.
Like the super cars. No way!
Allow Sydney centric destination NSW to exploit our rights to access the facilities we pay rates to enjoy.
To work with the tourism sector not let the tourism sector dictate on events that are not helpful to inclusion or destroy everything cultural in its path
I come from Bath in UK 30 years ago it had a multipayered healthy economy, now it is only has tourism whihc is stiffully and risky being totally dependant on the easy tourist money. My friends have had to move out of the town as they can no longer afford the council and parking charges. Keep the local economy diversified and healthy and Newcastle will remain a good place to live.

Survey #2 Q6.7 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Work with businesses, planners and government at all levels to facilitate key infrastructure to support business growth'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

I have no faith in your ability to do this. Suoercars has demonstarated that everyone has there fingers in the pie but local residents and businesses wear all the costs.

The Supercars fiasco is what not todo to our heritage.

Why are home owners ignored? Most of the businesses, planners and government employees live out of the area, but make decisions affecting local areas

We need to finish the safe cycle network csn.org.au! This will attract visitors and support the local economy. Stop wasting money. Faster main roads for cars, more buses/trains (screen time and active transport), better pushbike shortcut paths. Pleases everyone, so we can stop the fighting of motorists vs cyclists vs public transport user. Need to start talking about the elephant in the room, the whole system.

What about working with local business and local residents and local communities? The State Government has its own agenda in taking from Newcastle (coal, port) and running its own agenda (light rail, Destination NSW). "Working at all levels" means being subservient to a higher level of government and surrendering local interests and empowerment. It's disgraceful the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX to stand up for locals.

Again I object to taxpayers money being spent to externalise profit making business costs. If they pay rents for infrastructure use out of profits that would be fair.

Key infrastructure should be focused on liveability, access, sustainability. NOT just for business

<p>Too much emphasis is on city centre ... suburbs need attention. I would like to see community growth in the suburbs, as in investment and community projects to make ALL of Newcastle a vibrant place to live. Encourage local communities to support their suburbs with council organised events... Like markets, learn suburbs history, sponsored art galleries for local artists ... make it all walkable to events.</p>
<p>You are destroying the city centre.</p>
<p>No need for collaboration, as it is often the vocal minorities that cause delay. Collaboration with other government sectors is better.</p>
<p>the key work here should be "renewal" and cultural and heritage preservation not DESTRUCTION like Supercars event</p>
<p>need to be genuine unlike current manufactured consent processes</p>
<p>Council XXXXXXXXXXXX enough for this</p>
<p>The city centre renewal has gone ahead regardless of what the community wants. Community consultation and participation is essential to reverse the damage done and actually hear what local members want.</p>
<p>If this is referring to Newcastle Now then yes, I strongly disagree that it should be allowed to continually waste the rate levy that is paid by small businesses. It needs to be audited and completely overhauled.</p>
<p>every suggestion put forward by the people of Newcastle has been overridden by Sydney. hence we now have a very bad public transport system despite hard campaigning over decades by the people of Newcastle</p>
<p>We can "collaborate" as long as we agree? No sane person without a financial agenda would agree to divert a tram along Hunter street rather than use an existing corridor, nor impose a supercar event upon a heritage area of the city. What cheek to expect residents to have a permit to access their own home! There is an ideal area near Raymond Terrace, among others, for car racing.</p>
<p>This does not indicate with whom the collaboration will take place. Also please refer to the above comments - we must not sacrifice our 'self' to short term goals. There seems to have been little evidence of LOCAL collaboration to date.</p>
<p>Collaborate with whom? Supercars? Urban Growth. have you heard of conflict of interest?</p>
<p>The city centre renewal process used by the state government to date is fundamentally vacuous. It has not listened to international wisdom or local wisdom, nor can the state be trusted to manage this process.</p>
<p>I believe the city centre has had enough renewal. Time to renew the suburbs. Mainly the suburbs close to the city, I'm saying spread the renewal wider.</p>
<p>Foster a collaborative approach to continue the renewal of all areas of the NCC area, including suburbs</p>
<p>City centre is DEAD IN THE WATER. It is difficult to travel to, difficult to locate parking and whilst the pedestrian obstacle course may be a fun challenge for some, it is not user friendly for most of the community.</p>
<p>You spend too much time and resources on developing the city centre and neglect the outer suburbs. You need to renew and build infrastructure in the suburbs.</p>

Survey #2 Q6.9 Is there any other strategy that you would like to see included in the plan, to achieve a diverse and resilient economy?

Yes. I would like to see a plan that encourages the right sort of events and activities that encourages economic activity without causing pain and inconvenience to local residents. We need to be very careful about these events, the planning, logistics and management of people movement to prevent traffic jams and parking problems

<p>REDUCE THE XXXX POPULATION & WAKE UP TO YOURSELVES THAT YOU ARE RUINING THE AREA INSTEAD OF IMPROVING IT.</p>
<p>Cash in on the thousands of whales that can easilt be seen from Newcastle - build a viewing station and museum on the old bowling club site at KEP.</p>
<p>Get rid of events like Supercars, dominated by white males. Having a vibrant arts and cultural scene will contribute to a diverse and vibrant community. Respect the resilience sculpture, currently surrounded by ugly demountables. Respect people. Newcastle was becoming a diverse and resilient community, strongly evidenced in the East End. NCC is doing everything in its power to ruin this community.</p>
<p>I'd like to see the Supercars event removed from the city and suburbs.</p>
<p>Change your building codes so the ugly McMansions and super tight 'affordable housing' developments don't take over. That would promote diverse economy.</p>
<p>Focus on growth of different suburban areas - look at their strengths eg offer facilities to help travellers at Wallsend eg Electric car recharging facilities, other facilities for motor home and caravan travellers like toilet pump outs, or parking facilities.</p>
<p>Remove Supercars from our city - it is a disruptive and exclusive event that has hijacked so much of our beautiful city for use by a private enterprise. Diversity and resilience requires sustainable tourism and events that builds on the needs of community and our natural environment - food, arts, music, culture, environment. Have a look at Hobart to see how it's done well.</p>
<p>Events and festivals are great. If done with transparency and with open consultation</p>
<p>Student accomodations are necessary at a reasonable cost, if quality are to be attracted.</p>
<p>people thrive on ideas. you can't plan innovationbut you can build cities for people - and not pander to retarded pressure groups or single issue politicians</p>
<p>Yes, put the supercar event onto a racetrack out of town (as the Mount Panorama circuit). The small business economy of the East end has been decimated and will never recover.</p>
<p>Look after the interests of ratepayers and residents, while striving to attract further residential and small commercial business development as requested by the locals</p>
<p>A diverse and resilient economy must mean priority must go to people of Newcastle,,, not money making developers who are allowed to build ugly short lived apartments.</p>
<p>The choice is clear, do you want your fellow Novocastrian safe and happy in a home OR do you want more homeless people and your own home that you are lucky to own to continue to increase in price to unethical prices. Continuing with new suburbs opening up towards Maitland will continue with more people not having homes. Also never ride where a car will try to squeeze past you too closely in the same lane, this means sometimes you need to take the whole lane. Pushbike advocates are pushing to remove these confusing, dangerous, and unethical bike pictures.</p>
<p>a. Work with Federal Government to establish one large government agency based in Newcastle, as a leader to other commerce and industry.b. Work with your airport corporation to develop an international flight direct from Newcastle to Singapore.</p>
<p>Empower young people, offer business scholarships and funding for local initiatives, invest in local communities and keep the money in the town. Don't sell off public assets to state-wide developers or private transport companies.Resilience means empowering people who are loyal and committed to Newcastle. People who know and understand the town and don't want to turn it into Sydney, Monaco, Baltimore. Invest in what we already do well, and help Newcastle to do it even better. This will retain talent in the city.</p>
<p>Clean energy enterprises, cottage and local industry protected by tariffs and low cost tertiary education facilities. Bicycle production, composting facilities to reduce waste and erich fertility in local soils. Protection of fertile land against ruthless greedy developers. Parks that attract tourists. Turn the rail corridor into allotments, sod the developers. Control of rental properties by local outhorities not profiteers.</p>
<p>Foster the development of smaller areas that provide greater diversity of offerings and demographics.</p>

<p>Develop a plan for ensuring that young people do not have to leave Newcastle to get a job or build a career.</p>
<p>History of Newcastle Council is negative and obstructive to having a diverse and resilient economy. How is Council attitude changed to be resilient and positive? haven't seen or observed a change in thinking!!</p>
<p>All these improvements to Newcastle come at a cost, and it's developers who should be paying for local infrastructure as part of their "conditions" for being able to develop and profit from our City... large businesses in Honeysuckle who have large staff, should be footing the bill for parking. There should be more Park and bus commute trials for people who work in the city ... why not use the empty car parks at BHP or Tubemakers</p>
<p>Host events that will attract people to Newcastle that would suit the demographic and want to return to enjoy what we have day to day. People that enjoy street art, our cafe culture, our beaches. Don't host events that attract people who would be more at home in a DFO, the TAB or a rodeo. They won't return once themed events are completed. If Newcastle is looking to create return tourists we need to work to host events that appeal to the demographic of the inner city. Food festivals, music of all types, art, lifestyle, surfest, health & fitness events, etc.</p>
<p>Small business incubation would be incredibly helpful. Perhaps sponsored by larger businesses in the area, including a mentorship program? In terms of productivity, devastating the infrastructure of the CBD by ripping out the rail corridor is the worst business decision of many decades by local government, so the strategy should turn the ship around ASAP, there is still time. Making a pact with the shopping centre developers was obviously a very poor move, the best thing to do would be to garner interest and planning from business to revitalise Hunter Street, leaving the rail corridor intact.</p>
<p>Yes, Council can get out of the way of business. Cut rates by at least 25% and drive efficiency and sensible management to encourage business and professionals to move here.</p>
<p>The council needs to develop resolution processes to facilitate these issues when conflict occurs</p>
<p>I oppose the idea that the so-called CBD is a good place to concentrate business. It is a great tourist venue, a good residential area, but clogging it up with businesses just detracts from those benefits. Putting the uni and the courts there just compounds the transport problem, and those activities gain no advantage by being there.</p>
<p>Social Procurement Strategy: create genuine market opp's for for-social-purpose businesses. Use own procurement, also incentivise others. See Geelong - https://grow.g21.com.au/grow-strategies/social-procurement Diverse Enterprise Incubator strategy: diverse (social enterprises, cooperatives) business models = resilient economy. Co-Housing & Cooperative Housing Development Plan. UoN Business School a good resource. 'Truly Smart' City plan: big opportunity; don't give all away to highest bidder; foster economic activity from within region, and that invests profit back into community.</p>
<p>Think about future technology, not fossil fuel technology that is uninspiring. Conferences about the future, sporting events that are not disruptive, and about human achievement rather than the cost of your machine. Invest in the arts and you will get a better city life and attract more business investors. Think Copenhagen rather than Gold Coast.</p>
<p>Emphasis on public safety as an important prerequisite for a night-time economy. Adoption of proven evidence-based harm prevention measures - not alcohol industry self-serving ineffective measures</p>
<p>Yes--remove supercars and have an independent enquiry to make sure it never happens again.</p>
<p>Encouragement of small-scale, creative businesses.</p>
<p>I suspect by diverse community you mean pumping unknown thousands into the gay vote. This is not where I want my rate dollars spent. Let people who are interested display that interest by putting their own money up for minor political issues</p>

<p>Recent decisions and I fear future decisions are impacted heavily by interest groups. Look for a decision making process that excludes those with personal investments or priorities. The rail corridor was promised as transport link, maintain it as a corridor for cyclists runners visitors etc. Try not to set the challenges too high NCC success rate is not good. When will the Newcastle baths be finished? How did we do a development at Nobby surf club that removed public change rooms? Seriously, talk to the end user in the decision making process and apply due diligence when spending rate \$'s</p>
<p>Yes - move Supercars on! Sooner or later it will be proved this was a dreadful and exceptionally expensive mistake of gargantuan proportions inflicted on the good caring and kind people of Newcastle East. Supercar will not add anything 'good' to Newcastle. It will TAKE more than it ever could give. It will continue to 'breed' discontent amongst the community. It stops so much - no TRUE access to our beaches. No TRUE access to our Park. NOWHERE to PARK! Businesses around the East end will die! They will not be able to function - XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX of the Newcastle East area now PLEASE.</p>
<p>Try listening to residents instead of developers and promoters. Newcastle is losing its "difference" appeal.</p>
<p>Yes. More direct involvement with the university, local technology businesses to build electric vehicle infrastructure and have Newcastle as the hub and demonstration site for Australia. We have the knowledge, experience and skills to develop and nurture an industry of the future right here in innovative Newcastle.</p>
<p>Strategies are important, but it is equally important to foster natural growth. Diversity and resilience must be founded on strong 'natural' roots or fail. Be prepared to respond to the unplanned. This city has significant legacies and potentials which may not yet be recognised. Avoid relying on tourism - which is a flighty quick fix - leading to loss of character of a city in order to attract a fickle market. Build on our strengths, our history and our talents. Look to other cities around the world who have had to 're-invent' themselves and who have done so without sacrificing integrity.</p>
<p>Stop working with Destination NSW or ANY NSW Government department who don't care about Newcastle, only their Sydney based mates. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX). NSW governments have never supported Newcastle so we have to look after our own residents.</p>
<p>Ask the people who live here for their opinion before plunging ahead with new ideas</p>
<p>the city must be have 70% vegetation cover and utilise all rainfall in soil and the biota. The current engineered landscape paradigm is fundamentally at odds with all the other processes of nature, and in this way, is flawed.</p>
<p>Consider the businesses when hosting events. Don't force businesses to close down. Foster and promote growth and encourage development don't destroy our city as they are currently doing. Remove \$4.00 parking.</p>
<p>Try to think past the boundaries from inner city beaches to Hamilton. There's a lot of people who don't live in the city area. It certainly appears that they have been forgotten and/or ignored.</p>
<p>Own the event, don't let others take over the decision process</p>
<p>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX should be sent to XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. That's our most recent two in XXXXXXXX.</p>
<p>Limit the investment around tourism. Encourage research and development hub where Sydney has been too expensive. Encourage business clusters working together. Get the CSIRO here to grow</p>

Alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on strategy to achieve open and collaborative leadership

Survey #2 Q7.1 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Establish collaborative relationships with all levels of government, peak bodies and communities'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

I disagreed with this only so I can comment. Ther.e has been NO collaboration over the car race.
I actually agree with this, but indicated dissent only so I could express my disdain for Council suggesting it's doing any of the things in this section. It fails all dismally.
Lip service to "community consultation" which consists of a meeting where opinions are ignored and then marginalised in the media, isn't collaborative. This is currently what happens. Allowing private companies and businesses to obtain government funding to further their profit-driven interests is not good collaboration. Business should serve the community, not the other way around.
Community first, peak bodies and government second. The government has made decisions about Newcastle in the past, and they have not been relevant to the needs of the community.
That's the MPs job, they should be a conduit between local government and state/ federal government. However, Newcastle MPs are useless
NCC no longer delivers or stands for any of these issues: we have been sold out
State govt and some peak bodies have agendas to benefit themselves rather than Newcastle residents. Council is elected to pressure those bodies in our interest.
I would need a great deal of convincing.
Increase covert financial relationships to ensure the future prosperity of business leaders and politicians at the expense of good design and community wellbeing

Survey #2 Q7.2 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Advocate for local needs and values in state, regional and local plans'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

As above. The "local needs" of residents of the east end have been completely ignored.
That's the MPs job, they should be a conduit between local government and state/ federal government. However, Newcastle MPs are useless
NCC no longer delivers or stands for any of these issues: we have been sold out

Survey #2 Q7.3 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Provide services that deliver on sustainable community service expectations'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

"sustainable community service expectations" = XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. What does this mean? Be direct!
I pressed the disagree button because if I agreed I would not have a say. From feedback from everyone I have talked to Newcastle council has done what it wants when it wants regardless of local opinion, some of the discessions have been appalling, I think I know best attitude has to change within the council, get councillors to walk around, ask people on the street, probably too scared
Provide services that deliver on community service expectations
Local government has a duty to provide, at times, unprofitable community services (libraries, parks, swimming pools, galleries, garbage collection, green space maintenance) because it is in the public interest and has qualitative value. It may not seem "sustainable" but it is still a valid community service expectation.
Not sure what this means. Sounds like jargon.
NCC no longer delivers or stands for any of these issues: we have been sold out
established and agreed through genuine and transparent community engagement

Haven't seen any yet. We have paid for resident parking that we now cannot use because of your clearways. You have taken away 250 parking places in the East End and 500 places in the West. Just think about the affect on businesses and residents and not proerty developers.

Survey #2 Q7.4 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Provide timely and effective advocacy and leadership on key community issues'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

This sentence is a laugh in light of my reply above

What does this mean? What form of advocacy and leadership and regarding what community issues?

I read this as commenting on social issues - this is not councils role - like the Gay Marriage debate - which I support but I don't appreciate council getting involved. Party politics need to be removed from council.

Stick to core business. Energy policy, marriage policy, etc are NOT Council matters.

NCC no longer delivers or stands for any of these issues: we have been sold out

Council is there to REFLECT and advocate majority community preference, not lead it or tell us what we want.

It is certainly not XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX or XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.

Survey #2 Q7.5 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Conduct Council business in an open, transparent and accountable manner'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

As above. The council decision to hold the car race was made at a closed meeting of council without any cost/benefit plan.This was NOT "transparent and accountable"

NCC no longer delivers or stands for any of these issues: we have been sold out

Has not been transparent (supercars, rail corridor) and never accountable (independence of Voice survey results), So why start now?

I actually STRONGLY AGREE with this strategy but needed to comment, as "transparent and accountable" seem to have different meanings in NCC to the rest of the public. "Commercial in Confidence" should NEVER be used when spending ratepayers money.

What! ? No commercial-in-confidence?

The NCC has not been open or transparent and certainly not accountable with the Supercars event

Survey #2 Q7.6 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Provide opportunities for genuine engagement with the community to inform Council's decision-making'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.

I actually agree, this is the only method to comment. Leadership and Collaboration are not 'co-existent'. Collaborations don't have leaders they have partners. And consultation is not enough. There must be action taken by a group of partners, not One Leader."Act on Engagement outcomes in partnership with the community"

NCC no longer delivers or stands for any of these issues: we have been sold out

Pigs might fly-just ask xxx

Survey #2 Q7.7 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Provide clear, consistent, accessible and

relevant information to the community'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
Once again this happens after things have been decided but it is usually as clear as mud
NCC no longer delivers or stands for any of these issues: we have been sold out
NCC currently excels in undue secrecy and lack of transparency, openness and accountability
I actually think it would be great if ALL information was clearly provided online. "Relevant" is not good, since that leaves opportunity to withhold some.
not if it comes after the event
Relevant information. Not clear. What is relevant according to council? What will they class as "need to know"?

Survey #2 Q7.8 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Encourage and support long term planning for Newcastle, including implementation, resourcing, monitoring and reporting'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
I don't disagree with this once again but wanted my say. How can u do this if like the supercars, money talks and a big scale undertaking is agreed on without proper community discussions
Should include the words "discussion with the community" it is very top down worded.
NCC no longer delivers or stands for any of these issues: we have been sold out
what happened to the building height limit for the CBD?

Survey #2 Q7.9 You disagreed with the draft strategy 'Ensure long-term financial sustainability through short, medium and long term financial planning'. Please provide alternative wording, suggestions or a comment on this draft strategy.
Selling off public assets to improve the short term financial bottom line of the local council is NOT fiscal responsibilityXXXXXXXXXXXX. Renting out Newcastle, selling off Newcastle, is not long-term financial good management. Using public funds to subsidise private projects (Newcastle 500) is not good financial planning.
You have demonstrated that you are incapable of doing this, treating ratepayers like XXXXXXXXXX whilst blowing XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX on all manner of garbage. DISGRACEFUL.
NCC no longer delivers or stands for any of these issues: we have been sold out.NOT trustworthy
transparent planning
Can't see that NCC is capable of this.

Survey #2 Q7.10 Is there any other strategy that you would like to see included in the plan, to achieve a diverse and resilient economy?
Counsellors who work for the good of Newcastle and not their own pocket
Party Politics must come second to Community Consultation. I restate the use of the Term 'Leadership' in the spirit of Collaboration is a Contradiction in Terms.
All council meetings should be open and televised. There should be no closed meetings.
Yes. Make certain that the enquiry next year into the car race is fair and, open,

Learn and apply the meanings of 'communicate', 'consult', and especially 'listen' - then don't ignore all of them on the pretence you have.
No more "commercial in confidence" excuses used to ignore valid community and councillor and state government requests for disclosure of information about how tax payer money is spent. Shame on the current council for allowing an undisclosed amount of public money to be spent on a privately owned motor race, which has negatively impacted LOCAL business and residents. The profits from this event will not flow to Newcastle, as promised. The privately owned company is using out-of-town contractors and vilifying local businesses in the media for "over charging".
No hidden agendas....
Yes. An independant group or University should study key economic ground floor effects of changes/policy both good and bad within the city. this isn't currently done and when some surveys are done they are contrived to give a pre-determined result so that the council or state government get the outcome they wanted from the survey.
Yes, replace the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX with an XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.
The council must have a kpi's such as response to community emails. At the moment councillors do not have to respond to ratepayers emails. I am still waiting for the mayors response to a email I sent in February 2016. The present situation is not transparent.
NCC no longer delivers or stands for any of these issues: we have been sold out
Actions speak louder than strategies- must lead by example eg GIPAA requests denied, unreasonable costs, secrecy and reasons why not to provide information. All DA material should be online and live
Almost every statement is a motherhood statement .. who would disagree with the fact that council should be financially responsible? Where are the specifics about planning issues?
Strike out "COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE" in all council reporting, and reveal to the ratepayers the true cost of projects such as SUPERCARS. Only then will ratepayers have confidence in council.
To actually BE open and transparent-lose the conflict of interest situations. Suopercars won't respect you in the morning.
Ensure it is exactly that. Open and transparent. Perhaps make some of this politically pretty statements defines by law then the council may be seen as trustworthy

Alternative or additional strategies for the Newcastle 2030 plan

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1. Make sure these 'motherhood' statements mean something and are not simply ignored, as has been the case over the Supercars fiasco - especially regarding REAL consultation BEFOREHAND with the affected communities, and protecting the residential rights of inner Newcastle.2. NEVER EVER AGAIN allow the desecration of our public spaces and the delicate beach/harbourside environment that our Council has encouraged with the Supercars event. Such events should be banned from inner Newcastle and given to Hunter Valley venues, if they want them and are consulted. In fact, Voice should advocate for the Supercars circus to be stopped after this fateful event so that we can approach the 2030 plan with clean air and some seriousness.
More accountability by councillors and council staff for their actions in representing the communities in which they live.Whilst the previous strategies are noble and workable, NCC, by its actions so far, is a long way off from achieving them.
I think that NCC should be held accountable for the decisions and strategies it puts in place. The current strategies on NCC own website are an absolute joke against the Major Events Act with regard to the desecation of Newcastle East Heritage zone for the Supercars finale.

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This is a step in the right direction, but I would hate to see a repeat of the lack of consultation, and the disruption caused there by the forcing on the people of Newcastle of the "Super cars"

In particular, extend or add to the Stockton ferry service. Perhaps a loop from Stockton stopping at Civic, Wickham and Carrington. In addition to direct services at peak times.

Incorporate innovative technology solutions that provide better linkages between suburban areas and cbd not creating two paced economic development of city

Although mentioned, in general that we should be developing at the same time as protecting Newcastle's heritage buildings and parks, I wish to see direct action taken on both the old PO and the beautiful Newcastle railway Station. While we wait, the buildings crumble. Having just visited Europe and GB and seen the excellent ways in which most countries value their old structures, I am saddened to see that we are not. These are buildings that interest tourists and give them an idea of our past. Please, please take note. It is so depressing to see how the State govt is ruining Sydney which seems to be losing its soul. Do not do the same to Newcastle for the sake of its integrity ... we are still a large country town with a fine sense of community and pride in our town. Recognise that we are all very much interlinked and communicate our concerns with each other. Those who take no notice of our concerns will not be voted in again. BTW we have yet to hear form our new current ward councillors. What is being done about this?

Reject Supercars, run the light rail on the corridor, implement anti-hooping strategies in Newcastle East.

I'd like to see specific mention of cycleways

Go the Swiss option and have polling on all important issues, will improve public accountability.

I would like to see a plan that retains the excellent qualities of Newcastle as they are now ie convenience, liveability, low stress. We have lost much of the old Newcastle, so we need a plan that retains the good elements of Newcastle now. We don't want to be like Sydney - that's why we live here - so we shouldn't turn it into a Sydney suburb with its inherent traffic, parking, crime, anti-social problems. Ease up on the high density developments, slow down the high-rise, keep the open spaces, develop public transport, seek clean energy solutions. Let's be better not bigger!

Resume the ocean baths to the original concept and give the women's dressing shed back to its original area. In the summer it is much too small at the moment. The surrounds need to be improved. The parking is limited so a restaurant would rob the people and visitors who want to swim. Just revitalise the Newcastle ocean baths

food waste recycling and further reduction in energy usage, coupled with more renewable/sustainable energy production.

My 'I don't know' responses were given to strategies that I don't consider council is serious about. These are feel good statements with little conviction. Suggested strategy- genuine consultation with the community where comments are actually acted upon not just gathered to make us feel as though we have a say! Eg. Supercars, rail corridor, development, light rail.

Theme / water park in the city centre

I would like to see some development of the opportunities provided by the hard work of Newcastle's strong creative community during the last two decades. We need a year-round attraction for tourists, and I believe that a destination gallery, like MONA in Tasmania, or the Guggenheim in Bilbao, and additionally, an event like Bondi's Sculpture by the Sea would be ideal extensions of the reputation we have built as a community that fosters the arts. I would further like to see the development of working/living spaces where artists and craftspeople could live and/or work communally. Thank you for the opportunity to make a comment.

give us separate bicycle paths for goodness sake, the health benefits alone will pay for it.

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MORE PARKS , LESS APPARTMENTS FOR THE RICH , MORE TREES AS U HAVE PROVED HOW GOOD YOU ARE AT RIPPING THEM ALL DOWN. STOP PRIVATISING EVERYTHING INCLUDING OUR BUSES THAT ARE NOW RUINED. WAKE UP TO THE FACT THAT YOU ARE ALLOWING TOO MANY PEOPLE INTO THE CITY & STOP ALL THE
XX. IT'S A DISGRACE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO THE LOCAL PEOPLE OVER THE V8 SUPER CARS. SHAME ON YOU NEWCASTLE COUNCIL. WHAT A JOKE IT IS. THAT \$\$\$ COULD HAVE BEEN USED TO HELP MANY OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES & HOW DARE YOU TAKE OUR TRAIN AWAY!!! SHAME. EVERYONE I SPEAK WITH AGREES NEWCASTLE IS HEADING DOWN THE TUBES INSTEAD OF GETTING BETTER. IT IS BECOMING LIKE SYDNEY AS THEY ALL ESCAPE THE 2nd CHINA (SYDNEY) & COME UP HERE. NEWCASTLE HAD A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEWCASTLE A GREEN CITY WHEN BHP WENT BUT..INSTEAD YOU HAVE RUINED IT BY CONCENTRATING ON SLEEPING WITH RICH / GREEDY DEVELOPERS & THE V8 SUPER CARS.

Hi Speed Broadband, either by Wi-Fi or Satellite networks.It is the Digital Transport that is lacking.

The future of sport in Newcastle - Community and Elite

The core responsibility of Council should not be forgotten i.e. roads, drainage, parks and waste collection. Do the basics well before venturing beyond the basics.

Many more street tree plantings and landscaping.

It is all well and good to make warm and fuzzy statements as in the previous statements however council and its staff need to follow through with these statements with effective and efficient outcomes avoiding waste and poor productivity.

I'd like to see a focus on the outer suburbs of Newcastle. A focus also on the impact of what seems to be becoming unchecked medium density housing in low density areas. I also question why it is that developers can't donate money to election campaigns, yet they can BE members of council. How can developments be voted on fairly and objectively when members voting are developers themselves?

We're businesses can pay a yearly subscription for parking meters for trades people to park.

I would like to see council working towards having healthy, engaged and productive citizens. We know that many of us are not healthy, are disengaged and in fact are at each other's throats about the car race(spectacularly badly managed).

Effective destination management team. Including an advisory board of experienced industry stakeholders. More tourism support, the same way Destination Port Stephens is supported by the Port Stephens Council.

Open communication on SUPER CARS decision backgrounding.

Explanation why this level of engagement did not occur prior to ripping up the train line direct to the CBD.

down size opportunities for older residents in there own suburbs so they don't have to leave there familiar surrounds and friends and family

The Bathers Way is NOT enhancing our coastal recreation area. By insisting on a 4 metre wide path, King Edward Park will be losing green areas. Pedestrians use the coastal path anyway so that should be taken into account.The Council should listen to the people. At a public meeting 250 people said they did not want an enlarged carpark at the top of The Terrace.My strategy for 2030 is to enhance parkland by providing more green space and provide adult training exercise circuits as Lake Macquarie has just implemented.

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The strategies advocated by NCC are commendable. However the disempowerment of the heritage area dwellers in Newcastle East with regard to the V8 car races was disgraceful. Anxious older citizens should have been informed what was going to happen and their fears allayed. Just not telling people what is going on till the event is well underway is not acceptable. Please consider that this event could have been placed in a more appropriate area, not in one chosen for its visual impact on a tv audience.

Parking, parking and more parking. We cannot grow in the city without parking.

This is an amazing wish list. We could start by controlling the mass construction of home units & give some thought to proper parking

Measure social indicators for health and indicators of inequality and work to reduce these Promote programs for older people to socialize and be physically active

I would like to see NCC take transparent and collaborative governance seriously, not pay it lip service as is currently the case. You are wasting people's time when you ask them to engage and provide feedback then you make a decision virtually overnight when there is a pot of fools gold offered. Vroom. Vroom.

Outline specific projects to undertake to address the general good "motherhood "aims.

This is just a series of motherhood statements that have a dubious meaning. The Supercars fiasco has shown how the council management is duplicitous in its dealing with the community. I do not trust the councils management to be fair and honest with the community.

We need to provide more parking stations in town as a lot of the time the buses and other public transport are not suitable for working hours. please do everything in your power to ensure Blackbutt Reserve keeps its animals and also ensure that all local councils work with state governments to provide wildlife habitat and corridors connecting wildlife territory

Investigate procedures to have heavy rail running to Newcastle. Don't sacrifice the heavy rail corridor for low or high rise buildings.

A cultural plan!

Ensure regular quality maintenance of gutters, footpaths etc

Concentrate more resources and seek additional funding to protect structures from the effects of climate change.

Replace four way stop signed intersections with a give way. Four way stop signed intersections: - increase wear and tear on vehicles. - increase stop start driving which in turn increases pollutants in the air. - increase journey times. - frustrate and complicate driving.

Include plans for improvements and progress in the western suburbs, not just the city centre.

Every strategy should begin with the recognition that ratepayers are paying for this.

Don't forget parking, Parking. And talk about heritage conservation: Let's talk about Newcastle Post office building!!!

This was on the whole just 'motherhood statements' that most would agree with, the problems come with how you plan to deliver what you are talking about in general terms. To do this effectively you need to get out in the community and talk to real people not just do surveys that are set up to show what you want. Council's failure to do this has been seen in the Supercars fiasco which could have been avoided if consultation had taken place before the decision was made. It could have been a win/win for everyone.

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Supercars should be finished up as an urgent priority. It adds nothing to our culture or natural attributes. It has done nothing for small businesses except cause economic loss. It is an exclusive event that is disruptive and is the total opposite of where our city should be heading. Have a look at Foreshore Park and the East End at the moment - people are avoiding the whole area. So many great events cancelled or postponed to make way for the Supercars juggernaut. How is this promoting our city or improving liveability. Smart, liveable and sustainable? I think not.

More genuine community consultation, not just surveys or consultation that involves sending letters to residents and then when residents disagree just saying too bad Council policies override this. This is not consultation.

Provide equal weight to desires of residents and those advocates for the business community.

Additional ferry stops around the Newcastle Harbour.

stop thinking as if suburbia is the only solution to expanding a city's growth. cities on europe/asia are built for people not cars. medium to high rise is the solution.

Push for more and better public transport

Although schools are state and federally funded, advocacy for school growth in Newcastle need to be undertaken. New schools need to be build in growth areas such as Fletcher and Cameron Park. Similarly, planning for sufficient numbers of supporting living/accommodation places for the elderly must be prioritised.

Fast rail from Newcastle interchange to Sydney. Trams to the suburbs so that the Newcastle light rail is not a white elephant. Better connections to Newcastle airport via rail. Freeway connection from Wallsend to M1. Jesmond roundabout improvement to allow 2 lanes of through traffic outbound. Consider removing lights to Jesmond road, (traffic could use the freeway outbound and left turn only inbound making the Road one way to shopping centre.) Buses could still have access via the Bus lane. Make Newcastle road 3 lanes in both directions. with a peak hours bus lane, (followed by light rail in the future) Complete the Newcastle bypass. Reinstate the Stadium to JHH bus with a view of extending light rail from interchange via Mayfield to stadium extending to JHH then to Charlestown or Wallsend in the future. Without public transport investment & traffic bottle neck improvements NCL will not grow. NCL needs suburban rail with freight diverting from Fassifern direct to Hexham. Thank you

Closer networking with Port Stephens Council and eventually lead to merge. Encouraging tourism between Newcastle and Port Stephens so that residents in both areas enjoy what both Council areas can offer.

More updating of Sport Fields. Especially the ones out of site. Merewether, Hamilton, Wallsend, Lambton, always receive attention. Smaller/outer suburbs constantly overlooked!

Redesign the foreshore to make it a place to go to eg Zadar Organ. Remove the XXXXX at Queens wharf. Ferry services to Wickham, as well as Islington and up the river to Hexam, Raymond Terrace, Morpeth etc. Surf life Saving Clubs should have liquor licences, encourage them to become a 'venue'. More pblic morings. Yes we have coal ships-but more spots for small private water vessels to safely anchor without having to drop anchor and disturb the sea beds.

Greater parking opportunities for those outside of the Newcastle city area e.g Port Stephens as viable public transport options do not exist. Improve public transport options, faster, cleaner and affordable options rather than just relying on slow buses that encourage people to drive the car and park.

Increase public green space. Increased public access areas to Harbour Foreshore as already the area that is available is becoming congested at times especially, when an event is organised as strollers, bikes, skateboards, scooters, runners, walkers, families, elderly, toddlers, small children, young couples, all vie for a relaxed safe environment to enjoy at the same time. Repurchase Harbour waterfront land for public recreation use!

Seems to have been developed by "Do gooders" rather than Get on with it type of attitude. However it is a step in the right direction.

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Move the supercar race out of town so that residents and visitors will have access to parks and beaches all the year round.

The banning of poisons in our environment especially the use of Roundup/Glyphosate! People have become dependent on these chemicals which are destroying the environment and adding to many health issues, including cancer. Also allowing home owners to plant gardens on their nature strips, helping the environment and providing habitats for birds, lizards, beneficial insects etc. Beautify the area is a benefit to everyone and good for your mental health. NEWCASTLE should be known as a green council, and a council that listens!

Listen to those who have to pay for Council services - if that word is to be anything other than an oxymoron and Council anything other than hypocrisy personified.

1. All future inner city developments must have at least two off street car parks included for each unit with two or more bedrooms. It will benefit the community and the cost will be to the developer. 2. NCC should actually liaise and consult with the community, to develop and implement things to benefit residents, businesses and the broad community, rather than scoring political points and saying they do. The current light rail implementation and Supercars civil works debacle is destroying the last five years of inner City progress. It was patently obvious that both will adversely impact the local businesses and residents, however NCC and NSW government went ahead with them anyway. After the heavy rail was removed city traffic flow improved and the buses were transporting adequately. Supercars community consultation was an information gathering exercise with community concerns largely dismissed. N.B I'm not against the race, just the process and failure to make cars be below 85dB

Strongly promote cycling and walking as part of the transport plan by the provision of better facilities. P.S. I strongly disagree with the decision to host Super Cars in Newcastle East End

Happy to see things happening in the city but a balance needs to be sustained for other communities. Happy to see parks, libraries, roads and council facilities being upgraded in the suburbs. In the last couple of years there has been more improvements made in our local area and hopefully that continues. We all pay rates.

Stopping urban sprawl and setting hard city limits. Reuse centres within walking distances of everyone. Plan to rid the inner cbd of cars by 2030. Education of how dangerous cars are : The RMS (state authority) recommends a 3 second safety gap between a car following another car, but most people leave only 1 to 2 seconds. (Most crashes are rear-ends Source: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/safe-driving/low-risk-driving.html>. This is why many safety conscious people give up on the car because they cannot control the car dangerously following them. Do not use Newcastle "pushbike lanes": Do not cycle over the top of the pushbike pictures painted on the roads because they are not bike lanes (too narrow, too close to parked cars and not signposted). NSW Road Rules 153, 144 & 247 advise to pushbike the safe way (usually 1.5m away from parked cars) AND human rights to cycle safely (UN's UDHR Articles 3,5,13,25,26,27,29) Uni active travel webpages advise this also.

ADDITIONAL STRATEGY. There does not appear to be enough emphasis on transport links with Newcastle City and the western suburbs growth areas. The western areas from say Wallsend through to Minmi have grown enormously over the past 10 - 15 years and continues to do so. It is imperative that the roads are upgraded to at least 4 lanes (two each way) all the way to Minmi. It is also vitally important that we get some buses off the roads (imagine what it will be like in another 10 years) and maybe extend the Light Rail corridor, to say Wallsend in the first instance. The peak time traffic in some of these western suburb areas is almost as bad as Sydney - it really is unbearable.

You've already noted this, but I'd like to add my voice to calls for a redeveloped Art Gallery and for Council to reinstate a Director of the Gallery.

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yes I would like to see drains covered with mesh as not to allow rubbish down these drains, recycle water runoff, more attention to hygiene in public places, such as cleaning of garbage bins, the ones at bar beach are a DISGRACE, they smell after emptying, and are not cleaned, surely these can be exchanged on a weekly/monthly basis, for public health and appearance for visitors, the shoreline, is a disgrace also with rubbish which is not cleaned, the visual contact on sites like this to visitors which are unclean etc, can have an effect on their thoughts on mangement of out city.

Better public transport for the needs of an increasing population especially from the outer suburbs which at present are not catered for Restore & build a train service for all the community Listen to the people Diversify business's & projects for accessibility ie Don't put everything in the city Encourage development in suburbs

Prioriyse liner facilities at Newcastle docks as this is a very marketable facility opening the city to outside promotion using their funds eg 50ocar race

Toilet facilities at our major beaches are dirty and outdated. Also immediate shade protection above picnic tables especially at Bar Beach where families swealter in hot sun unprotected. Change cold brutal white lighting currently being installed in Watt Street and Shortland Esplanade. It is very dated and the warm gold lighting is safe soft and beautiful.

Consistency in strategic strategies with compatible long term goals. (eg. are we for or against environmental sustainability? If we are, then why are we approving and supporting a fossil-fuel car race which destroys natural parkland and prevents use of beaches and parks by non-motorised users?). Consistent and coordinated development (eg. light rail, supercars destruction and bus re-routing needed better coordination and forethought and planning). A stepped and coordinated approach the commercial and residential apartment building. The CBD is a complete construction zone. It looks to continue this way for the next 2-3 years. No thought into how this actually affects local business or residents.

Newcastle should go 100% renewable. Localised solar and wind power generation and battery storage owned in partnership with local council and community residents - supports local communities, is more sustainable, and is potentially a revenue source for the local community. Increased supported local urban agriculture, composting, and recycling infrastructure and networks. Increased separated bike lanes and shared paths. Locally owned and managed public transport Keep the rail corridor zoned for rail, or open it up for community accessible activities and gardens/parks. DO NOT rezone it for business interests. Newcastle should also commit to divesting from all fossil fuel investments. Investments should support renewables and community initiatives. Newcastle should set up a coordinating body with funding and advice to support the development of worker owned local cooperatives along the lines of the cleveland cooperatives. Newcastle should become a sanctuary city for all refugees.

Divest from fossil fuels. Only XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX elected to Council for actual local representation. A night mayor. Actual commitment to affordable housing including affordable residential rentals in the inner city.

Get rid of super cars from the current location to a more sustainable site without risk to heritage values, obscene noise facto and inconvenience to residents on a grand scale. The idea to foster this rev head function for 5 years is a bloody disgrace and ranks as bad as the decision to run trains up Hunter St. instead of the original line. anybody who can XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX should not be allowed to govern.

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A major redevelopment of No.1 sportsground so that Newcastle can host 1st class cricket & BBL games plus AFL games. Australia's No.1 sport and Newcastle's No.1 sport for participation is cricket. Newcastle has a 1st class rectangle field at Broadmeadow and deserves a 1st class Oval sports field. The Council needs to remove their egos from the past and work with all bodies to see it happen. The benefits to tourism and the city's nightlife would be astronomical. The council must implement a significant fee as a deterrent against landlords keeping groundfloor premises empty, derelict or over charging rents. The city's groundfloor commercial premises are the area that gives a city it's feel. As the Governments failure to address parking has created huge barriers to people visiting from outside it must enact provisions to lower the cost of doing business in the city. Lake Macquarie is outperforming newcastle in all of these areas. They understand the importance of car parking.

Transport congestion.I had lived in Newcastle 20 years congestion car and truck worst. Work period to carpark to Fletcher, Wallsend and Birmingham Gardens. University new entrance A37 road ingestion Jesmond roundabout and Blue Gum Road roundabout.. Sandgate Road,, Wilkinson Avenue, Douglas street and Cowper street - traffic lights installed.

Get rid of the supercars from the city centre

Develop a shared community infrastructure strategy in partnership with other Lower Hunter Councils. This would avoid facility duplication and acknowledge that the community doesn't necessarily recognise local government boundaries when using facilities

Save the beautiful 1800/1900built homes of our suburbs, instead of allowing the beautiful architecture of these homes be sacrificed to allow the hideous cement boxes of the modern town houses that are being built in their place. The Architecture of the Pre and Federation Era needs to be preserved.

Upgrade some of the cities sporting facilities. District Park Tennis Centre being one. Update Passmore Oval and other sporting grounds. Encourage kids to participate in sport in general, work with groups and clubs.

Collaborate with all bodies to keep Newcastle unique - we are not Sydney and don't want to be like a large city. I want to enjoy access to and facilities at the town beaches without being swamped by large shadows from buildings. I want to keep the foreshore area open space and residential, not large commercial buildings that are closed on weekends. Keep the city alive with many small diverse developments instead of large developments that dominate the culture & lifestyle.

Never forget the history of Newcastle, a steel, coal and worker's town. Keep some of its historic character, in the lovely old buildings, don't build too many giant concrete buildings. Push for a container terminal on the old BHP land, it will create vast employment for decades to come.

Restore Foreshore Park to its original '80"s plan. Have a meaningful heritage plan and stick with it. Renew the ARt Gallery

Something to provide guaranteed parking for inner city residents in non-residential areas. Given that so many spaces are set to be lost.

Dedicated cycle paths linking suburbs to the city centre and all major infrastructure, separated from roads and from pedestrians as they have in all the forward thinking countries like the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark etc.Also fenced dog parks, the Islington leash free area would be of an excellent candidate.Build them, and we will use them!

Parks and Recreation as a high impact attraction to the city and catering for young families. We would see significant increase in the positive flow of business and economical growth if we provided safe and secure parks with engaging learning experiences in and around our city. Let's build fences and include specific experiences for our local community and travellers.

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I hope in Council's plans that they have a programme to provide footpaths in all suburbs - not just the inner city suburbs - to particularly enable Parents with Prams, Elderly citizens with "walkers" and children to NOT have to walk on the road. Many elderly citizens do not go for a walk in the suburbs where there are no footpaths as they are frightened of the traffic. I think you should allow vegetable matter from kitchen waste to be put in the green bins. Housing, Housing Housing - all types - small houses for singles, and the elderly, long- lease housing (5,10,15,20, 25, 30 years (like they have in Europe), and it should be publicly owned.

Strategies and mechanisms to ensure the goals (strategies) and visions adopted are executed better than they are now.

Better utilisation of the ferries around the harbour.No more parking spaces around the beaches it just encourages more private cars to choke the city in the hope of finding one. A much better free bus service from Newcastle Interchange along the river and coast to Meriweather.

Make newcastle an IT hub with faster internet and support for ecommerce - an Australian silicon valley

Become a test region for non mandatory helmets for bicycles. Encourage cycling as transport and bike sharing schemes.

A greater emphasis on active transport rather than merely paying lip service to it. It will help meet goals of sustainability as well as a healthy urban environment. This should include better cycling facilities designed for commuting and other transport by bike. The decrease in wear and tear on the roads will pay for this in the long run. The roads will be safer for everyone, not just cyclists, and longer term health benefits will be attained due to active lifestyle and lower pollution levels.Discourage police from fining cyclists for petty offences, this discourages cycling and is disproportionate to the threat to the community which cycling poses.

Please increase maintenance of roads, drainage and footpaths. Formulate a plan to fix Mayfield's main street. Off-street parking is required so we can remove those on-street. Wider footpaths, slower cars, more landscaping etc.

After the city centre renewal, the outer suburbs of Newcastle cannot be forgotten and deserve an upgrade

Perhaps the establishment of an independent panel to assess major decisions with a remit to be binding on council so that we don't get into a fig fiasco again (should always have been removed on the first advice) or get stuck with a pigeon infested nightmare like the old Merewether Surf House was just because there are some councillors who cannot stand up to small groups with loud voices.It would be good if Newcastle could protect some heritage sites, but protection must be via being used or at least available to the public and maintained safely. If we are unable to protect then recording the history and then removing to make way for innovative and landmark buildings like the new court house, university site, and mine wellbeing sites, is also a good aim. Getting stuck in the middle and letting the buildings and sites crumble just makes Newcastle a laughing stock.

Keep the rail corridor for future return of rail or any other public transport mode. Get rid of supercars .Get rid of the coal loaders.

1. Minimum 25% reduction in rates.2. Cease all "services" and other activity not expressly required by legislation.3. Put all remaining services out to competitive tender.4. DO not concern yourselves with anything in the domain of State or Commonwealth Governments.

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Do not rezone the public transport corridor (former rail corridor). Use this transport corridor for the Light Rail rather than use parts of Hunter and Scott Streets. It is NOT too late to use the transport corridor for the light rail to Newcastle Station and for new transport modes into the long term future of the city. Even if the State Government continues to run the Light Rail in Hunter and Scott Streets against the advice of all experts, keep the transport corridor in public hands. Use the public transport corridor for cycleways, walkways and recreational uses until the State Government comes to its senses and uses it for public transport. This resource is far too valuable for Newcastle's future to allow building development over it. This transport corridor will be highly valued in years to come for the city's transport by all levels of government.

Sporting complexes need to be upgraded across the entire region. Junior sporting clubs are struggling to meet the needs of their growing memberships. Planned access and increased availability of sporting fields is essential in a vibrant and healthy community and it starts with kids sport.

Maintaining Newcastles built and cultural history. The council has not included any indigenous strategies. It appears no meaningful consultation with the indigenous community has occurred.

All strategies listed, if implemented, will truly make Newcastle a wonderful city ... it is hoped all associated 'action plans' will be stringently monitored with constant assessment and reporting of the outcomes (good and bad) available for public scrutiny. Also, it is hoped greater weight is given to the protection of the environment and the city's natural assets, flora and fauna.

Strategies to maintain suburban laneways. Some are in a state of total disrepair. Maybe even some more footpaths in some suburbs. Green turn Right arrow at intersection of Griffiths and Kahiba/Orlando roads from Kahiba and Orlando rd direction. More parks like Speers Point and Islington. Upgrade Lambton skate park with more ramps. Add more play equipment to suburban parks to encourage use like half court basketball. New Lambton and Jesmond park's basketball hoops are very well utilised. Put a few in more neighbourhood parks to help build communities. They are used by all ages and if no one is shooting hoops kids ride scooters and skateboards on them. Provide more parking or don't book people for parking on the grass at Lambton pool or any pool on very hot days. If you have a policy stick to it, like parking on the grass at Knights games. Sometimes it's enforced, other times you can park anywhere so it doesn't appear to be about safety, just revenue raising. More suburban bike paths

The promotion of affordable housing.

Creation/preservation of green corridors Extension of light rail network to other areas- university, charlestown, kotara, hospitals. Cycle network

The need for additional ferry and parking in Stockton to assist with the new transport hub as less abled people and those with babies are struggling to get to Wickham from ferry wharf. A better transport link from Mayfield, Carrington to Newcastle as this is such a big growth area.

Honest, unbiased evaluation of development applications. Critical evaluation of the quality and integrity of Council Officials. Consideration of the social and infrastructure impact of too many high rise developments

all strategies should have the community genuinely at the heart of what they aim to achieve while all these strategies are admirable and the community will agree with the sentiments NCC has a track record of using these generic surveys to give legitimacy to detailed plans that the community definitely does not agree with

Maintain important urban heritage area's such as Cooks Hill

Add the expansion of the art gallery to vibrant and active public places. This would be part of the revitalisation agenda, show more of its collection, attract larger touring exhibitions - and thereby attract larger audiences (including visitors).

<p>Survey #2 Q8 What alternative or additional strategies do you think should be included in the Newcastle 2030 plan?</p>
<p>I would like to see the amenity of streets improved by tree planting and also encouragement of nature strip gardens, particularly vegetable/herb/flower gardens to encourage birds and bees and other insects. Gardens I believe are easier to maintain than lawn on the nature strip because lawn needs to be mown and edged constantly and often watered. I would also like to see better street lighting - well around where I live in Hamilton is pretty dark at night. Not sure about the rest of Newcastle but a street lighting audit would be good.</p>
<p>Prioritise building additions to Newcastle Art Gallery</p>
<p>See comments included in previous section.</p>
<p>Regional parking centres integrated into public transport. City circuit light rail. More affordable apartment buildings to increase population density. Bicycle share. Develop business in coastal areas. Less beachfront housing where business would thrive (merewether, newcastle east). Public transport to the Newcastle airport. Relax the drinking laws to promote more economic activity.</p>
<p>I have always been a great supporter of Newcastle Voice (and NCC) since its inception but after this recent decision to sell off Newcastle for Supercars TV rights and destroy the very fabric of our heritage and coastal areas, indeed to rip the heart and soul out of our once beautiful city, I no longer have any trust or faith in these "fine words and promises" contained in this 10-15 yr strategy. OUR next 5-10yrs will see Newcastle inaccessible and closed for business from October to January EVERY year - the set up and set down timeframe for Supercars500. Pair this with the light rail fiasco ... and these "strategy" listed are truly empty rhetoric</p>
<p>I would like to see specific strategies to maintain, foster and protect Newcastle's outstanding performing arts community</p>
<p>More long term land use planning upfront so the community knows what type of development to expect in areas. More education for people moving into the city centre that vibrant exciting places to live don't turn there lights off and shut up shop at 9pm. Cities are places people make noise, bring back live music and encourage people in the city. Also make it harder for people to bring cars in the city centre, Newcastle is no longer a small country town, you can't expect to park right out the front of your destination. Thanks</p>
<p>The word "Sport" was not mentioned once in this entire survey. Does Newcastle City Council even know how to spell the word? Give up on the Art Gallery that services far less than 1% of the population on Newcastle LGA. Concentrate on sport that services about 50% of the community.</p>
<p>Seriously implement better public transport schemes. Invest in cycling and pedestrian and carsharing and buses for trips less than 5-10 kms. Enough talk, more action in terms of improving driver attitudes towards cyclists. Aim for Copenhagen, Amsterdam, etc not Texas.....</p>
<p>What a disappointing survey! Of course I agree with all those progressive statements. I don't know who designed the survey but other than validation, it doesn't give any real sense of what the community wants or needs for the future. If you want some real answers, why not have the current format and a section beside it which allows for people to offer ideas. An additional strategy is thinking about the traffic flows of the city. It's not just about people parking in the city, it is about people being able to live in the city and get around it if they have no choice but to drive. the traffic lights at some intersections do not work with the pedestrian flows. I.e Auckland and King St pedestrian light should be one light for ped movement in all directions. Current way just clogs up traffic.</p>
<p>Extending and redeveloping the Art Gallery</p>
<p>When you talk about inclusion, do you mean including the Homeless People that were in Civic Park on a Saturday night for 2 hours to get their washing done. If you say in your 2030 plan, we will include everyone, does that mean Everyone. These Homeless People are and will always be PEOPLE first.</p>
<p>A system where financial assistance can be provided for start-ups, scale-ups, creative industries through Philanthropic means. \$ pooled into one account for those who are not eligible for the traditional grants</p>

<p>Survey #2 Q8 What alternative or additional strategies do you think should be included in the Newcastle 2030 plan?</p>
<p>Never allow short term and unplanned destructive tourism events such as Supercars to perpetrate on communities, small business, heritage, environment and ratepayer health and well being. Council actions with regard to this event that are summarised in NO ratepayer communication, no ratepayer consultation, NO small business consultation and no small business compensation are condemnable at all levels. This event has a proven track record of community losses, environmental destruction and had its origin in the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX should declare XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX from Supercars that induced them to destroy the Newcastle peninsula. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.</p>
<p>More trees.</p>
<p>Reintroduce Community Forums which allow for an effective engagement and interaction between members of the Community so that they can seek more information and exchange and develop ideas that are relevant to the needs of their community. The survey asks for comment on documents such as the regional transport strategy. A Draft of this document has only just been produced for public comment. Any assessment of this strategy is premature.</p>
<p>Newcastle city council should be advocating at all levels of government for expansion of the light rail to connect the wider suburbs of Newcastle (Broadmeadow, Hamilton, Kotara, Mayfield), and particularly key attractions (stadium, transport, shopping precincts, university). This will assist in developing a truly connected and integrated community, while improving the viability of the light rail network, and showing planning for future population growth and movement.</p>
<p>The strategies outlined are all good but you have to walk the walk as well as talk the talk. In Newcastle we have been used to hearing a lot of BS and not much action.</p>
<p>Public Space Protective Measures - Installation of crime preventative measures to protect mass gatherings and high volume pedestrian and cyclist areas. Eg. Installation of suitable vehicle barriers to prevent human injury, along with any other engineering solutions protection measures being recommended by Government and or Police. If not this issue needs to be fully researched and incorporated into existing and future strategies and infrastructure works programs.</p>
<p>Dump supercars</p>
<p>The super car race should not proceed. Public space should not be handed to private enterprise for private gain. The heritage buildings of Newcastle should be protected, cared for and used. The rail corridor should be kept as public space.</p>
<p>Newcastle should work collaboratively with the other lower Hunter council's and public service providers to ensure citizens and visitors are provided with excellent customer service without the need to understand how government is organised.</p>
<p>This is not Sydney We need intercity parking It is too hard to go to a show at the Civic or browse shop in the city. Novacastrians vote with their wheels, that is why Westfield and Charlestown are so popular</p>
<p>No supercars - this event is a disgrace and is preventing residents in the suburbs from coming into town. I have stopped visiting the city. I hope one day I can resume my habits.</p>
<p>I think council needs to have a focus on generating happy communities, and large scale outcomes will follow. For example one of the most community building things is play groups. If this type of community building activities can be facilitated Newcastle may be the happiest and most supportive places to live in, in the world. Helping to overcome many of the issues of living in nuclear families.</p>
<p>Newcastle will never be the bustling city you envisage unless you make the commute from Sydney and regional areas easy and quick. Losing the 3km train line was unreal and will leave a devastating effect in Newcastle's history and future. Local government cannot be trusted. You need street council cleanups and a more free parking and no more units. We do not have the population to make public transport viable locally but the Sydney Maitland, Murrumbidgee routes need a decent service. If you start charging for parking we will all go to Bali and Hawaii for our holidays instead</p>
<p>To have ongoing consideration of our parks and open spaces by maintaining and at times renovating parks when necessary. Also creating new green spaces in high population areas.</p>

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Actively monitor compliance of regulations, policies and the like in relation to new buildings, subdivisions and other construction related activities. (e.g.. street trees aren't removed, built form conforms with BASIX, etc)

SHADED SEATING AREAS ALONG THE BATHERS WAY. MINIMAL CURRENTLY AVAILABLE MEREWETHER. BAR BEACH UNSUITABLE AS TOO HIGH FOR SUN PROTECTION OR WHEN RAINING. DOG LEASH AREAS WITH FENCING.

A specific strategy is needed about increasing the frequency of public transport. The council could build on the recent success of park and ride and introduce mini buses that run on certain routes at frequent intervals.

BE forever alert to corruption and graft and stamp it out

Encourage ethnically diverse entertainment and business areas. Hamilton used to be "Little Italy", there used to be a Chinatown lane in town, why not encourage that kind of colour and life again? The Chinese new year festival was great, what about if that kind of life was more widespread, and all year round. Newcastle has so many people of Indian, Pacific Islanders, Africans, Celtic and Aboriginal heritage - lets support and develop that, for business, trade and entertainment. Support night life - this city is incredibly safe. But, most people seem to go to clubs and gamble. What about encouraging live music, wine bars other than in Beaumont and Darby sts? Make Adamstown, Cardiff, Islington, Lambton, Mayfield, Charlestown real night hubs - like they have in Melbourne. And support bikes and electric bikes, as transport especially to work and study - not just fun or fitness. Safe places to park, bike priority lanes and education as well as the awesome infrastructure you've started on.

Improved parking for residents and visitors. All new development should have parking for visitors and residents. More lightning near walks to provide safety. Better traffic light system to prevent congestion as well as turning lanes particularly now that king st is congested most of the time. More facilities in foreshore park eg cafe near swings for parents to get a coffee. More tables and picnic areas. Not to have bitumen footpaths, looks terrible and contributes to hotter city. Public bubblers with cool water to promote recycling,

Ensure beach erosion issues are managed in relation to port related activities and due to climate change to protect assets and important maintain a viable beach especially Stockton beach for locals, visitors and tourism and surf clubs.

Strategies to improve paths for pedestrians and cycle lnes for cyclists. Also measurs to make streets in Islington suburb safer, restricting speed of cars by putting speed bumps. Making Beaumont St safer for pedestrians and drivers by restructuring the intersection with Fern Street, which is dangerous at present. A plan to limit the number of properties owned by one individual to prevent excessive house price increases.

Local traffic management in residential streets.

A community health public space growing program lemon trees, nut trees, avocadoes, blueberries, sweet potatoes or herbs on verges instead of high maintenance grass cutting. The planting of australian foods wombat berries, finger limes ect ect. to supporting specifically aboriginal health. Some kind of issuing policy for food outlets to provide healthy food ratios on every plate...ie 60 percent vegetables & salad. A food outlet social inclusion policy with outlets providing at least 1 affordable meal for students, pensioners, vegans, & Halal (and not just chips) Ban take away foods except with the use of eco containers or encourage customers to use their own containers customers could always sit down and eat...Full sized bukashi bins, council could provide the spray ect for the bins, instead of bin removal for homes & for food providers. These bins can be taken inside safely at night.

Total wast of time you asked the questions gave the political answers where any reasonable person would have to agree to i dont know what other than politically correct jargon with absolutely no substance

Ensuring that all new developments include on-site parking to take the pressure off nearby suburbs. The lack of an effective parking policy in the CBD is a real problem!

<p>Survey #2 Q8 What alternative or additional strategies do you think should be included in the Newcastle 2030 plan?</p>
<p>More than just one dot point in the inclusiveness plan I would like to see a greater emphasis on our Indigenous history as well as a greater role for Indigenous people in advising and decision making in Newcastle. I am not an Indigenous person myself but I really feel there is a lack of Awabakal/Woromi presence in the city.</p>
<p>Encourage muticulturalisim</p>
<p>To enable the regional hub, plan transport and services for access by those further away. People would come by train to see specialist health and family services in Hunter St - harder with changes. Farmers came for a mini break when newcastle was their port (now Botany - terrible mistake). We were well connected to NW NSW.</p>
<p>Explore ideas from around the world that promote a healthy and progressive city. Park space, bike friendly, historical conservation meets cutting edge architecture, looking at how industry meets residential (eg coal trains travelling through parts of the city at peak hour), entertainment on the foreshore - including outdoor bars as they do in Europe.</p>
<p>Councilors meet with their electorate to discuss local issues This means all councilors and all suburbs not just the yuppies and their mates We do not see any councilors in MINMI</p>
<p>The current structure of the council is really appalling. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. I honestly don't know how to solve it but the structure of the council itself needs to change. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. We need some sort of governing body that actually allows the people of the city real insight into the decision making process. Not decision by committee and as acknowledged I don't know how to fix it but there has to be some thought given to keeping out self-involved egoists and only elect people who have shown they really have the interests to the city at heart.</p>
<p>Adequate parking spaces for all new Apartment complexes. Each apartment should have a minimum of 1 space and if a 3 bedroom must have at least 2</p>
<p>What i have seen happening to Newcastle in the past two years has been nothing short of horrendous. We are being irreversibly changed for the worse. Communities wishes are being ignored and the public transport system is horrific, the rail should remain on the corridor. Parking is horrific. Thousands of apartment complexes approved. Supercars blocking access to public places and dodgy upgrades. Disgraceful conduct of council and government.</p>
<p>* Find uses for laneways, they are a character defining resource* Emphasise the pedestrian - malls, closed streets, plazas. We don't need car parks outside every place we visit.* Look at the Foresore Park / old rail corridor and ways to get vehicles on to a "new" thoroughfare, combining Scott St and Wharf Rd. Get rid of the narrow lawn with major roads on each side.* Extend the light rail network as soon as practicable.* Introduce more ferry stops on the River and along Throsby Ck* ensure old PO is restored as soon as practicable.* give open spaces character... sculpture, seating, bring back the flower garden (yes, it costs, but it is worth it)* Encourage locality competitions, best shopfront, best display, best hanging garden, etc</p>
<p>All Newcastle citizens should have equal representation. I object to council making a moral and ethical decision on my behalf and that of countless citizens, by flying over Newcastle a flag that 2% of the population have adapted from the original rainbow, to represent their cause.</p>
<p>I strongly believe that we need to improve our foreshore playgrounds to a level similar to other big cities, we are really lacking</p>
<p>Lock in the Supercars for the next 20 Year's and link the Airport to Broadmeadow and the city CBD via public transport, rail, not the sporadic busses that currently operate</p>
<p>I would actually like to see these enacted. As a Community cultural development advocate, all I have seen is defunding of any good arts events. Livesites was a boon for Newcastle - defunded. So many more cultural events - defunded. NCAC - defunded. All this talk in this survey of cultural tourism - help people like me make it happen. All we come up against is roadblocks.</p>
<p>A big Christmas tree in the town Center, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.</p>

<p>Survey #2 Q8 What alternative or additional strategies do you think should be included in the Newcastle 2030 plan?</p>
<p>Fixing the woeful Stockton beach erosion issue! Terrible situation which means I won't have a job in 5years due to the erosion of my workplace! Time for action NCC!</p>
<p>The extension of the use of ferries for public transport, including new terminals at Wickham, Mayfield West, Fern Bay and Carrington, and the integration of these services into the new transport initiatives.</p>
<p>Open HONEST collaboration with citizens. The preservation of heritage NCC is leaving us. Restoration of East end, IE Put it back the way it was. simple! Cancellation of infamous collusion with supercars. The disclosure of MONIES involved with above. Inclusion of East end in tram plans. Protection of existing shared pedestrian/bicycle tracks eg Old Tram Track between Wallsend and Glendale which is habitually used by motorcycles and cars. preferably before any fatalities. Continued remediation of concrete water canals. Given that it shall take 30 odd years for the replacements of almost two hundred trees, removed from the Foreshore and East End in order to kowtow to the supercar mob, what time frame, in NCC estimation, may we look forward to the ambience that has been destroyed? How does NCC intend to fund the restoration, as evidently they have indemnified supercars of the financial responsibility to cover these costs? Have these costs been written into this "30 year plan?"</p>
<p>Restore what is left of our historic buildings. Listen to the people, not just developers. Public transport needs to expand and deliver at resonable times now that the rail has gone. A train from Cardiff to Newcastle took 20 mins, it can take an hour on a bus.</p>
<p>I think surburban housing development needs to be slowed. The suburbs are becoming full of townhouses or subdivided blocks with 2 houses on them and no yard. It doesn't create a nice community feel and makes living in the suburbs undesirable. This style of development is suited to Sydney but not Newcastle. I am all for growth and development of the town as I find Newcastle boring (as an ex-Sydneysider) but property development in the suburbs is not the way to go about it.</p>
<p>Priority strategy: integrity!! Priority is to actually value the meaning behind these questions. Public has been asking for council transparency for years and things happen in secret. Value our heritage as a coastal town and upgrade with insight rather than defer to highest bidder. The council are transparent in their masks of deceit, and despite these questions will continue to invalidate the novacastrians for a bloody race track, or destruction of parks, ripping down trees for more cement, ignoring disabled and aged folk. These questions are designed to ensure you tick your boxes for you're expected outcomes. I doubt council really give a fig about what we think. So yep.....integrity is a strategy you could implement</p>
<p>A complete review of the Newcastle transport system. Buses especially do not currently work. That's why people don't use them. We do not need more of the same. The community, suburbs, work practices have changed and yet the bus routes have barely changed. Council and state transit need to work together to provide more relevant and integrated transport solutions. Eg. Changing buses isn't a big deal why not have bus circuits that interconnect or buses to major train, tram or ferry stations. Why not have these buses with bike racks that transport people to cycleways? What prevents people from using public transport now is infrequent services that take hours to get from destination A to destination B. It's not the 1980's. There is a better way for people to commute using public transport. We need to start thinking differently.</p>
<p>Tourism should be promoted to our city. By providing facilities for free or low cost camping for self contained caravans with in the main city precinct. We have travelled through Out Australia this year in our caravan and have seen lots of great facilities in cites and towns and feel our home city lacks theses facilities. This type of tourism brings a great amount of money and promotion.</p>
<p>commercial in confidence mechanisms shall only be applicable during a tender process, afterwards all financial deallings will be subject to councils policy of transparency and accountability. private business wishes do not override a democratic institution's responsibilities to its constituency</p>
<p>Actually implementing some of these collaborative and community focussed strategies would be a surprising and definitely welcome change.</p>
<p>A plan to deal with the disruption of climate change, storms, sealevel rise and storm surges and general flooding of vulnerable areas.</p>

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The difference between these aspirational aims and the reality of current governance is considerable. These strategies are not so different from what we currently expect of council yet we now have the set back of a car race on our most historically significant precinct. So the additional strategy is to ensure the council listens to community groups.

I wasn't able to comment on the "Liveable Built" strategy of the use of energy and resource efficient building. The term "Advocate" is not strong enough, given council has planning approval authority over much of the development that happens. The term used should be "demand" or "expect as a minimum"

Waste management strategies need to be more accessible to encourage people to use them. Opportunities for community to participate in recycling need to be enhanced. Once or twice a year electronic and chemical waste disposal musters are a start, but many people will not store items waiting for disposal day, items end up in landfill or tipped down drain because a more immediate and convenient disposal option is not available. Unauthorised dumping is I believe a consequence of inconvenient and expensive disposal options.

Upgrading and maintenance of public toilets. At present all public toilets in the Newcastle LGA that I have been to have been dilapidated and unhygienic even for public conveniences. I believe if you want to compete with shopping centres this should be one of the first places you should look.

Never spend public money on destructive events like promotion of car racing in populated areas. The propositions which I have just rated are the minimum performance standards under the Local Government Act, providing no scope for comment on current performance, which is completely lacking transparency and consultation.

I would like to see a phase out of the reliance on coal and related industries, a comprehensive transition plan and a plan to move the coal train and coal loader away from the residential areas particularly the one in Carrington

Strong emphasis on keeping public land free from commercial development eg Newcastle rail corridor. Much more emphasis on providing motor vehicle traffic control measures, roundabouts etc. particularly along Park Ave Kotara. This seems to have been neglected in Kotara in favour of cycleway developments which replaced already adequate footpaths with new ones which are still not being utilised.

Urban and transport planning that is based on clear, published evidence-based studies of the effects of planning decisions.

Newcastle is beautiful, Newcastle is spectacular, It is the 6th Biggest city in Australia we should show it, here are a few ideas I believe may help;- Increase daily entertainment in the Newcastle East end to encourage foot traffic - Vivid In Newcastle, Just like Vivid Sydney But in Newcastle - Place parking facilities over and on top of the Concrete Rivers that drain out the excess water- Interact with the University, especially the Business and innovation faculties to develop Plans and involve possible future leaders of the area- Sell housing community estates in prime real estate within the inner Newcastle suburbs AND I Specify AND use the money to purchase NICE land to offer aid to the increasing housing problem within Aus- Beautify the view from Honeysuckle- Look into ways to reduce the pollution from established industries and the increased pollution that will come from the cruise terminal

Have more community input into events that affect the health and safety of residences. The supercar race is a good idea for the city but the people that live on the track health and safety were never investigated. These people are taking a big hit for the so called greater good.

Open and honest financial reporting of ALL council spending, including Bathers Way and Supercars.

Strengthen protection for heritage areas of Newcastle East. Protect and enlarge what little is left of the Foreshore park. Plan for major events (Supercars etc) to be held in appropriate areas with consideration of the social, environmental and economic losses that occur as a result of unfettered use of sensitive areas.

Get rid of Supercars, Urban Growth and XXXXXXXXXX

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We (a local sporting club) would like to see council working with sporting bodies to provide facilities to ratepayers. More planning, support, and integrated strategies across sports that use the same facilities. More integrated strategies across grants and funding options. Frankly, the costs are sometimes ridiculous and we doubt that the average ratepayer would be aware of the costing system in relation to the use of sporting fields. We believe it is the community's responsibility to pay the lion's share of costs to facilitate an active and healthy lifestyle for ratepayers and their children, and costs to the users should be reduced. Use innovative thinking to engage the community more in using and maintaining sporting facilities. Reduce the red tape where possible.

More transports / less cars / less parkings More night life / More drugs tests

Greater community consultation. Increased accountability. Increased transparency. Furthermore, I think council has gradually increased its over reach into the lives of its community. While I understand the city is keen to prove itself as a UN city, this should not be at the expense of our heritage, culture and lifestyle. Promoting active lifestyles is great, but what about those in the community that are less active, less social? Are they to be excluded in future planning? Or made to feel they do not belong in the community? Also, with regards to community feedback and consultation, the council is severely deficient in this regard. For example, the Newcastle500, which impacts on a large number of CBD residents; only 71 people in Newcastle LGA were consulted (via telephone survey) regarding this, and, there was NO special consultation process outlined for those directly affected in the CBD. The light rail should be scraped and replaced by free buses.

Allow community to dictate needs and have their voice be heard in developing the city. Less high rises and more support for grass roots organisations

A survey that has something other than strongly agree as the only logical answer. I love the changes in Newcastle with the light rail & the car race. Would like to see the light rail extended out into the suburbs so that there is a faster & more appealing option than driving into the city. Bus trips currently take too long as they travel around the world to get to destinations so more practical public transport options are a necessity. Better, more protected cycle ways would also be good. Fenced dog parks with double gates with areas specifically for dogs under 10kg. The number of dog attacks of big dogs on small is ridiculous. Also facilities for encouraging people to pick up after their dogs, such as bins and bags in more places would assist. Surely the fines for people not doing the right thing would cover the cost of an additional ranger. Even a large gated area requiring a paid (low cost) scan entry. So many unused parks around could be used for this if they were fenced.

Genuine transparency and consultation with residents about issues that impact on them. What you subjected the residents and businesses to for the Supercars event is appalling! It showed no consideration or respect, it is disgusting.

I believe Council should be working toward a more pet friendly environment. Provide more bins in parks and walking areas to cater for walkers and their dogs. Establish fenced dog play areas ie in Lambton Park. We need enclosed areas where pet owners can allow their dogs to be off leash in a safe environment. Areas would need to account for various dog sizes ie area divided into "for dogs 14 kilos and over" and "dogs under 14 kilos. Up to now I believe the council has focused on the coastal area. I would like to see improvements made in the area of recreational facilities and public transport for residents living in the western suburbs including areas in Maryland, Fletcher. Young people in these areas have little on offer to interest them and public transport to this area needs considerable improvement. Parking in the city is a lottery and improved park and ride facilities to encourage residents to leave their cars outside the city centre would be beneficial.

Firstly, I didn't understand the second question in Section One. What on earth is "mobility innovation" I think there needs to be a strategy relating to the local creative industry. Perhaps "Support the local creative industry by integrating meaningful placemaking strategies into all aspects of Council functions in order to foster the community's unique creative expression.

Retain the rail corridor for open space and a shared path. No development. Interpretive signs. Seating and shade shelters, but not like the huge ugly ones along Bathers Way which offer little protection from rain when even a slight breeze is blowing

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Listen to the community more. Stop waiting money because you can plan in long term. E.g. Bar beach rehabilitation program has to be done twice because you didn't plan properly the 1st time. However I'm all for rehabilitation and environment. Just do things well the 1st time.

Bring in conserving Newcastle area old buildings. I have seen beautiful old buildings demolished to make way for condensed unit/apartment living. Eg totally disappointed to see the 'Coliseum' building demolished in Georgetown Road, Georgetown.

There are but forecasting to 2030 without researching is irresponsible and such questions are an example of the lack of professionalism of our council

Footpaths and adequate lighting to encourage community participation. Mothers with children need to feel safe to walk to the park

Not necessarily an alternative strategy, but council MUST ensure not only community consultation and communication, but must act appropriately and in favour of community needs and expectations, not in favour of corporations. Many Novocastrians are extremely disillusioned with council management and councillors, as things stand at present.

Dynamically preserve, maintain and celebrate our Aboriginal, colonial and ongoing recent history instead of letting it be forgotten and sites becoming dilapidated, knocked down and developed. We have such a rich and vibrant heritage that needs to be celebrated. It makes us who we are! Build on the Coal River project.

-A continued promotion of Newcastle's food and coffee culture. - "Hit the Walls" and similar street art and mural-based projects for CBD continued and promoted- To not cut down all fig trees, but find ways to incorporate them in plans-Renew Newcastle for ideas and service economy too (rather than only goods)- More Pet-friendly zones at beaches and parks- More street lighting and safe zones for after dark around pub and restaurant districts

Policies to specifically support people suffering homelessness, including those with drug and alcohol problems and mental health issues.

Faster transportation and more multi-storey parkings

Consider review of rate costs and charges for additional upsized garbage bins. You want recycling however we have to pay for extra bin size. Review contractors who collect garbage services in Fletcher. They are constantly delayed which causes frustration to residents who are penalized if rates aren't paid on time yet you can't provide a service on time.

Just get the parking debacle and public transport system sorted for Newcastle city. Its not that difficult - just see what has been done over seas.

In addition to renewable energy being researched and implemented, the aim to provide green roof and wall spaces to the inner-city buildings, I believe, would not only provide improvements to aesthetic of the city, but to the health of inner-city dwellers. To integrate the city centre with green roof and wall spaces would have benefits including, but not limited to:- improved air quality- cooling city temperatures and reducing the urban heat island effect- slowing and cleaning storm water runoff from buildings- insulating buildings from heat and noise- beautifying buildings and the cityscape- supporting local biodiversity

Consider creating a safe fenced area where I can take my small dog. After a friend's dog was attacked and killed in one of you open dog areas I feel there needs to be somewhere that is available for socialising and exercising, of the leash, small dogs. Providing areas such as this helps to prevent problems of barking and aggression in dogs who are stuck in their own yards. I've seen amazing examples in other council areas while Newcastle has countless unused parks beside busy roads that could be ideal with a fence, some tree plantings and a few well placed dog poo bins.

Make our city dog friendly. In Europe dogs are allowed on public transport and in shops. It works and everyone including the dogs look happy. Keep discouraging smoking. Keep promoting healthy lifestyle..exercise and healthy food ideas.

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The more I travel the more I realise Newcastle's cycle network is unsafe and under utilised. There aren't enough bikes on the roads and so drivers are aggressive to them, and so people cycle less. Newcastle could definitely benefit from becoming more bike friendly (infrastructure and attitudes).

Use of park space for fenced dog areas for the safety of smaller dogs. Providing a shady safe environment for "apartment dogs".

Need to address the coal-loader issue - as well as the environmental and health issues related to industrial sites and infrastructure central to Newcastle. Cover the coal-wagons going in both directions! Stop playing around with residents' health by being too weak-willed to adequately address these very serious concerns. Industry has the money to address these problems but lack the will; and no one it seems will force their hand.

I think safe bike and pedestrian pathways need to begin to be planned and built. Many councils build shared pathways. Narrow bike lanes on the side of the road are neither adequate nor safe. I would suggest that this start in the outer suburbs and move inward. People in the suburbs are getting very tired of the focus on the inner city. Newcastle includes much more.

Where is jobs??

Just want to emphasise the importance of "community engagement" in all planning processes; engagement of a quality that hands to the community the capacity to make decisions about not just the "what" but the "how, the when, and by whom" of planning and development.

Get rid of the Supercars.

NCC should be responsible for its development without the state government butting in and overriding the councils decisions.

Consider the impact of an international airport

Become a renewable energy city. Solar on all suitable council properties and add suitable energy storage New development in the city to include renewable energy

A lot of suburbs are lacking footpaths on either side of the street. It is dangerous for people to walk on roads, kids to learn to ride bikes etc. there is one pedestrian access from mich of Adamstown (West of wood st) to kotara, a major shopping hub. Please use our rates to remedy this.

More parking to allow people who work in the city can park as public transport does work for all as its short sighted planning. Parking for office workers or tourists for all day parking at a reasonable price. Make developers include appropriate more parking within their planned developments. So they don't avail public parking for residents.

Green corridors and spaces are vital to the health and liveability of the future of Newcastle.

More parking needs to be implemented NOW

Developing infrastructure, economic activity, cultural initiatives and community services in the western suburbs of Newcastle.

If we are working towards bringing more tourists into the Newcastle area, I suggest a 'Meet and Greet' programme should be considered. At the moment visitors to Newcastle rely on local residents for directions and assistance when they arrive at the Interchange or where the buses terminate. . As a traveller I would like to see a Tourist Information office set up at the Interchange (or nearby) with 'Meet and Greet' people (with knowledge of the Newcastle area) welcoming visitors and assisting them with directions.

Engagement with NCC employees and small businesses in the area when decisions are made relating to their operations and the practicalities of decisions as opposed to great theoretical ideas that are somewhat impractical.

Survey #2 Q8 What alternative or additional strategies do you think should be included in the Newcastle 2030 plan?
Strongly opposed to light rail.Strongly in favour of on road bicycle lanes.Also, I do not think that any type of city-bike hire arrangement is a worthwhile venture. Lots of people cycle, even more people leave their bicycle at home, drive their car and struggle to find a park because they are not comfortable sharing the lane with traffic.
Accessible & affordable housing should be a high priority.
Free access to parking which is now becoming extremely difficult even in areas removed from the CBD.Open space to remain important and not use available land for high rise development.Retain bush land in the city and suburbs and stop development of these areas destroying native trees and vegetation.
A lot of those questions were just buzzwords and catch phrases with no real meaning behind them
if newcastle holds large scale events such as supercars in the future they need to be planned much better because to be frank the supercars have been a complete and utter inconvenience in this city and it shows that the council holds XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX and businesses in a higher importance than the lives of normal newcastle residents
Linked and expanded public transport to major centres
publicly supported issue of local currency by NCC to fund community infrastructure.
Re Transport: More lighting on cycle and pedestrian areas. Seating for walkers to rest. Stranger danger signs for childrens attention. Re Enviro: Lighting and surveillance in darker areas.Gen: Cleaner beaches in summer season. Needles, glass, cans still on beaches. Same to be cleaned off walk areas as it very slippery for footpaths and steps. Trees in Hunter Street trimmed. Footpaths in suburbs repaired.
Q2.2 - depends on how many GREEN alderman on council.Q3.2 - the council is missing its function ie rates, roads, garbage collection, sport fields and Blackbutt.Q7.2 - XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX for the V8 short term return (?) Q8.2 - XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX and try and build a decent council with relation to our needs
improve sporting facilities e.g Newcastle No. 1 Sportsground
Newcastle needs to be flexible - not sure which strategies and businesses will succeed and take off.Need a modern high rise precinct to support and accommodate events, tourism, conferences - grossly underserved at present.Genuine and concerted effort to build and enhance an efficient and coordinated public transport system and better facilities for bicycles.
Bus shelters at all bus stopsBuses to run to all suburbs on Saturday and SundayReplace paving in the city - uneven ripped tyres on scooters
Q2 - We experience the high tideQ5 - what a joke Q6 - transport. The health system needs investigating I had to wait nineteen years for treatment and no-one has the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX to offer me compensation Q7 - I believe all levels of government are deaf; it doesn't matter what we want no-one listens that goes for trains and buses Q8 - half hourly bus system
Council in the past has carried out works around the city and suburbs without seeking local resident comment - a good example is the recent road widening job on Minmi Rd. There was no provision to improve the right turn lane into Cowper St! This could have been achieved by simply reducing the width of the island heading up to the traffic lights - increasing lane capacity by at least 3 or 4 car spaces and reducing congestion at that point. A small improvement but would have been appreciated by motorists using that turn lane.
Q2.2 - These strategies, I would assume, would naturally be important without having to get our sanctions.Q.3.2 - See my comment at Q2.2Q6.2 - I agree with all these items but we urgently require a tourism centre not the pathetic one we have nowQ7.2 - We need decent councillors and not those that are before the courts for doing dumb thingsQ8.2 - All that has been mentioned in this questionnaire should be done without asking the ratepayers as a matter of course.
Q7.2 - light rail must go out to the uni, Broadmeadow should be starting point.

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Q6 - tourism is a neglected area; Super 8s isn't helping city centre renewal and viable business.Q7.2 - Council should present their expert strategies FIRST to residents then we can agree or disagree. Otherwise we are asked first for our opinions to be considered by Council. Then we are IGNORED.Q8 - More emphasis on protecting the essence and integrity of Newcastle.Particularly the buildings, areas, tree cover, proximity to coast and river.