

# Newcastle City Council Wickham Master Plan

Landowners Workshop



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# Executive Summary

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This report presents the results of research conducted by Hunter Research Foundation (Hunter Research) on behalf of Newcastle City Council (Council) to provide input into the Wickham Master Plan.

The Wickham Master Plan project aims to guide the redevelopment of Wickham in the context of Council's strategies and long term vision for the Newcastle City Centre. A review of the existing controls was undertaken and the *Wickham Master Plan Discussion Report (April 2016)* prepared to provide an overview of the project context and identification of some of the key challenges and opportunities. Council then proposed a series of workshops to engage stakeholders to explore the challenges and opportunities further, and refine the vision for Wickham.

This report provides an outline of a 2 ½ hour workshop conducted on 27 April 2016 with 68 land and business owners.

## Workshop Process

Workshop participants contributed through a series of facilitated tasks discussing:

- Aspects of Wickham they liked most
- Challenges for the future of Wickham
- Opportunities for Wickham to be maximised
- Ideas for strengthening the character of identified precincts within Wickham.

## Workshop Outcomes

Two key themes featured throughout the workshop discussions:

- **Improving accessibility and connectivity within Wickham and with adjoining areas.** More than half of the responses regarding what participants liked most about Wickham related to the location of the suburb and the ability to easily connect to adjoining areas. Approximately 40 per cent of both challenges and opportunities discussed related to improving access and transportation including traffic management, parking, pedestrian access and cycleways. Emphasis was also placed on the provision of direct access to Wickham Park.
- **Maintaining and strengthening Wickham's village character.** Almost a third of the elements most liked about Wickham indicated support for the community and character of the area including the village nature of Wickham. Discussion of the challenges and opportunities for maintaining and strengthening Wickham's village character included suggestions for community spaces and public domain, as well as support for local businesses and continued mixed use within the area.

Additional themes highlighted in discussions regarding challenges and opportunities for Wickham included:

- **Potential for change and growth, and redevelopment of buildings and sites.**
- **Provision of infrastructure.**



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# 1. Introduction

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This report presents the results of research conducted by Hunter Research Foundation (Hunter Research) on behalf of Newcastle City Council (Council) to provide input into the Wickham Master Plan. The background to, and objectives of, the research are outlined below, Section 2 describes the workshop methods used, and the detailed results are discussed in Section 3.

## 1.1 Background

The Newcastle City Council Wickham Master Plan project aims to guide the redevelopment of Wickham in the context of Council's strategies and long term vision for the Newcastle City Centre.

In recent times there has been renewed interest and investment in Wickham. Influences resulting in an increased focus on the area include:

- relocation of the city centre to Newcastle West
- development of the Wickham transport interchange
- availability of larger land holdings and land not within mine subsidence areas
- changing demographics and increased demand for inner city residential apartments.

The Wickham Master Plan will take into account these influences and deliver revised planning controls that reflect the opportunities and envisaged character of the area.

A review of the existing controls was undertaken and the *Wickham Master Plan Discussion Report (April 2016)* prepared to provide an overview of the project context and identification of some of the key challenges and opportunities. Council then proposed a series of workshops to engage stakeholders to explore the challenges and opportunities further, and refine the vision for Wickham.

This report provides an outline of the workshop conducted on 27 April 2016 with landowners.

## 1.2 Workshop objectives

The primary objectives of the workshop were to:

- increase awareness of the development of the Wickham Master Plan project and encourage landowner involvement
- obtain feedback on the challenges and opportunities identified in the *Wickham Master Plan Discussion Report (April 2016)*
- identify opportunities for key improvements to urban structure, connectivity and public domain through redevelopment
- explore potential incentives to realise key improvements.



## 2. Workshop Process

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The workshop was facilitated by Ruth McLeod and Rhonda Miller from Hunter Research Foundation. The workshop was held at Travelodge Hotel, Newcastle and scheduled for 2½ hours. Council coordinated the workshop invitations to all identified landowners in the Wickham Master Plan project area. In total, 68 land and business owners attended the workshop.

The workshop process was developed to guide participants in discussing:

- Aspects of Wickham they like most
- Challenges for the future of Wickham
- Opportunities for Wickham to be maximised
- Ideas for strengthening the character of identified precincts within Wickham.

Johannes Honnef from Newcastle City Council provided an overview of the Wickham Master Plan project and the findings contained in the Discussion Paper. A description of the subsequent workshop tasks is provided in Table 1.

**Table 1 Workshop Tasks**

### **Task 1 Like most about Wickham**

Participants were asked *What are the two things you like most about Wickham?* Individual responses were provided on cards and collated on a display board.

### **Task 2 Challenges for the future of Wickham**

Participants worked in small groups to discuss challenges for the future of Wickham. Participants were prompted to consider the challenges identified in the Discussion Paper which resonated with them as well as other challenges they have identified for the future of Wickham. The top five challenges discussed in each group were provided on cards and shared with the workshop.

### **Task 3 Opportunities for Wickham**

Participants worked in small groups to discuss the opportunities for Wickham that they would like to see maximised. A pro forma was supplied to each group to capture a summary of the discussion including (1) the opportunity discussed, (2) the location where the opportunity could happen and (3) what would help to make the most of this opportunity for Wickham.

### **Task 4 Character Precincts**

Printed maps for each of the six Character Precincts identified in the Discussion Paper were distributed on tables and participants invited to add their ideas about what they would like to see in the precinct and what would strengthen the character of the precinct. Responses were captured by comments written on the maps or sticky notes. Participants were free to move around and participate in any or all of the group discussions.



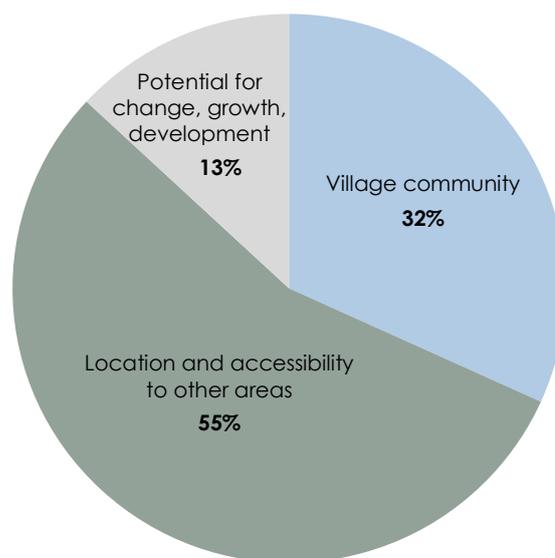
## 3. Workshop Outcomes

### 3.1 Like most about Wickham

Table 2 contains a summary of the elements and characteristics identified by participants as the things they like most about Wickham. A full list of the elements and characteristics is contained in Appendix 1.

Key findings include:

- More than half of the responses to what participants liked most about Wickham related to the location of the suburb and the ability to easily connect to adjoining areas. Participants particularly noted the closeness of the location to the harbour and the Newcastle CBD.
- Almost a third of the elements most liked about Wickham indicated support for the community and character of Wickham including the perceived village nature of Wickham.
- A smaller number of responses liked the potential for change and development in the suburb.



**Table 2 Like most about Wickham**

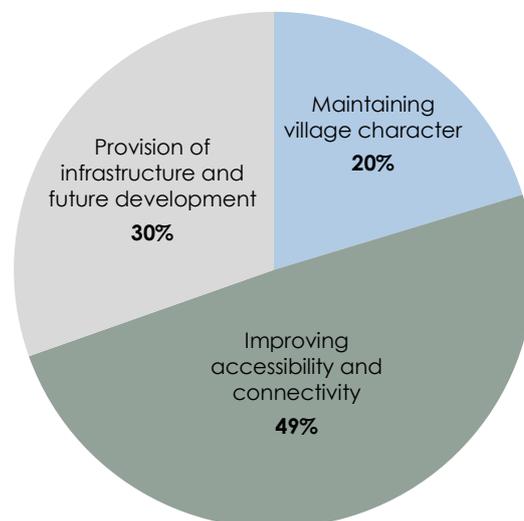
Likes	Count	%
<b>Location and accessibility to other areas</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>55.1%</b>
Location in general	22	
Harbour, marina	17	
Location to CBD	13	
Pedestrian access and cycleways	4	
Access to transport	3	
<b>Village community</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31.8%</b>
Character	13	
Community	12	
Local industry	7	
Lifestyle	2	
<b>Potential for change, growth, development</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13.1%</b>

## 3.2 Challenges for the future of Wickham

Participants identified a range of challenges for the future of Wickham. A summary of the challenges discussed is provided in Table 3. The full list of challenges documented in this task is shown in Appendix 2.

Key findings include:

- Almost half of the challenges identified by the groups were related to access and transportation. Traffic management and parking were key concerns.
- Challenges related to the provision of infrastructure and future development in Wickham accounted for three in ten responses.
- A fifth of responses identified challenges to maintaining and strengthening the village character of the suburb.



**Table 3 Challenges for Wickham**

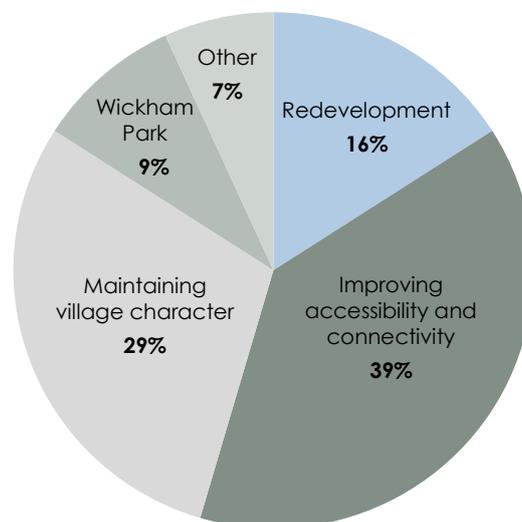
Challenges	Count	%
<b>Improving accessibility and connectivity within Wickham and with adjoining areas</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>49.3%</b>
Traffic management	14	
Parking	10	
Pedestrian access and cycleways	7	
Wickham Park access	3	
<b>Provision of infrastructure and future development</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30.4%</b>
Development	10	
Infrastructure provision	9	
Government	2	
<b>Maintaining and strengthening Wickham's village character</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20.3%</b>
Public domain	8	
Mixed use	4	
Maintaining Wickham's character	2	

### 3.3 Opportunities for Wickham

Table 4 contains a summary of the opportunities for Wickham that participants would like to see maximised.

Key findings include:

- Almost four in ten opportunities identified for Wickham related to improving accessibility and connectivity, and in particular, parking
- Three in ten responses provided suggestions for maintaining and strengthening the village character of the suburb.
- Opportunities for redevelopment of buildings and sites were identified in one-sixth of responses.
- Opportunities were also suggested for Wickham Park, infrastructure provision and establishment of a sailing facility.



**Table 4 Opportunities for Wickham**

Opportunities	Count	%
<b>Improving accessibility and connectivity within Wickham and with adjoining areas</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>38.6%</b>
Addressing parking	9	
Pedestrian access and cycleways	4	
Other connectivity opportunities	4	
<b>Maintaining and strengthening Wickham's village character</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>29.5%</b>
Village character: Community spaces, green, safe	10	
Village character: Local businesses	3	
<b>Redevelopment of buildings and sites</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15.9%</b>
<b>Wickham Park</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9.1%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
Infrastructure provision	2	
Sailing facility	1	

Tables 5 to 13 provide more detail for each of the Opportunities identified by groups during the workshop. For each Opportunity participants were asked to identify where this opportunity could be realised and what would help to make it happen.

**Table 5 Opportunities: Addressing Parking**

<b>Addressing Parking</b>		
<b>The Opportunity</b> <i>(from Discussion Paper or other great ideas)</i>	<b>Where</b> <i>(Location in Wickham or adjoining area)</i>	<b>What would help make this happen</b> <i>(Including initiatives by community group, government, businesses, planning controls, redevelopment)</i>
Multi-storey car parking; maybe incorporate pedestrian or cycleway	Fuchs site possibly	NCC concessions or incentives to develop
Parking for cars, terminus for buses, small grocery store and retail; keep the parking in surrounding streets free; more employment	Behind The Lass, around Throsby St area	
Smart Parking Plan; with residential permits, daytime restrictions, path gardens on narrow sections of road	Actual locations; Park and Ride in outer suburbs	NCC and RMS
Real on-site traffic and parking management	At key points, Throsby and Hannell Sts, other key corners	Meetings by relevant groups to hear what is going on. Move traffic lights, ban bug vehicles, angle parking, garbage management (smart bins, community involvement in garbage management)
Improve Honeysuckle parking	Store carpark	Provide alternatives for Honeysuckle precinct workers
Parking areas for community	Larger redevelopment sites	Contribution plan through NCC for parking in Wickham Precinct through DA's
Car parks	Over rail tracks	
Provide parking for cars and scooters	Throughout Wickham	Reduce long day stayers
Section 94, develop parking, subsidise resident parking	Throughout Wickham	

**Table 6 Opportunities: Pedestrian Access and Cycleways**

<b>Pedestrian Access and Cycleways</b>		
<b>The Opportunity</b> <i>(from Discussion Paper or other great ideas)</i>	<b>Where</b> <i>(Location in Wickham or adjoining area)</i>	<b>What would help make this happen</b> <i>(Including initiatives by community group, government, businesses, planning controls, redevelopment)</i>
Better link between Wickham and Honeysuckle	Lee Wharf (in front of old dockyards)	Removal of cyclone fencing, Bicycle and pedestrian link, Good lighting
Access, cycleways, walkways, limit vehicles	All thoroughfares	Council, Section 94 funds

Overhead pedestrian walkway across railway (at Railways St) to enable pedestrian access to Hunter St	At the closed Railway St rail crossing	Safety
Linking a cycleway from the Wickham Interchange to the current one that travels to TAFE	Starting along railway line and through Wickham Park	

**Table 7 Opportunities: Other Connectivity**

<b>Other Connectivity Opportunities</b>		
<b>The Opportunity</b> <i>(from Discussion Paper or other great ideas)</i>	<b>Where</b> <i>(Location in Wickham or adjoining area)</i>	<b>What would help make this happen</b> <i>(Including initiatives by community group, government, businesses, planning controls, redevelopment)</i>
Ferry Wharf	Lee Wharf (at the pile of earth)	Remove the earth, RMS, Port Hunter
Wickham Ferry Terminal	Landing at Glasshouse near bridge	
Enhance connectivity throughout, to city, foreshore, promenade, Wickham Park, cycle network	Different solutions for different zones	Use public domain, creative lighting, public art, play gear to lead us through
Alleviate some of the traffic congestion in the Village of Wickham. Roads too narrow, safety an issue for elderly residents	train terminus and surrounding area	Open up The Store and Hunter St side to more traffic to and from the train terminus

**Table 8 Opportunities: Community Spaces, Green, Safe**

<b>Village Character: Community Spaces, Green, Safe</b>		
<b>The Opportunity</b> <i>(from Discussion Paper or other great ideas)</i>	<b>Where</b> <i>(Location in Wickham or adjoining area)</i>	<b>What would help make this happen</b> <i>(Including initiatives by community group, government, businesses, planning controls, redevelopment)</i>
Safe suburbs (NSW Police Initiative)	Entire village	Consultation and linking to police, Council, anti-graffiti, etc.
Community Spaces: gardens, halls, markets, piazza	Allocated large parcels for community use	Allocate now, Section 94 funds
More picnic areas and bbq's; social/family connections	Foreshore	
Park and Garden areas; community meeting and relaxation areas	Pockets within suburb	NCC

Improved safety and cleanliness	Start with access routes first	Better lighting (smart lighting), community partnerships/projects, alcohol-free zoning, smart bins
Streetscape	Where feasible	Get rid of overhead wires, widen streetscapes where possible, greening where possible including shade trees and seating
Strengthen residential community character by eliminating Airbnb-style letting	All residential new developments with strata controls	Recognition of the negative effects experienced in coastal areas elsewhere
Greening and activating the suburb; more activation and public art along and through public domain	Extend Tree of Knowledge Park east and Wickham Park	Smart technologies, community events, murals
Improved safety	Streets	Street lights, improved footpaths
Beautification and planting	Throughout Wickham	

**Table 9 Opportunities: Local Businesses**

<b>Village Character: Local Businesses</b>		
<b>The Opportunity</b> <i>(from Discussion Paper or other great ideas)</i>	<b>Where</b> <i>(Location in Wickham or adjoining area)</i>	<b>What would help make this happen</b> <i>(Including initiatives by community group, government, businesses, planning controls, redevelopment)</i>
Small supermarket and commercial (e.g. hairdressers, doctors surgery); create a residential and commercial town square	Block bounded by Albert, Greenway, Railway, Foundry Sts	Allow development to serve residential future capacity
To live in a vibrant, exciting village community with lots of different businesses and homes	Throughout Wickham	Extra parking to bring people to the village for events and eclectic mix of businesses
Make Throsby St a "main street" of Wickham	Throsby St	Businesses, wider walkways, no parking (central parking area)

**Table 10 Redevelopment of Buildings and Sites**

<b>Redevelopment Of Buildings and Sites</b>		
<b>The Opportunity</b> <i>(from Discussion Paper or other great ideas)</i>	<b>Where</b> <i>(Location in Wickham or adjoining area)</i>	<b>What would help make this happen</b> <i>(Including initiatives by community group, government, businesses, planning controls, redevelopment)</i>
Retention of historical buildings	Where the historical buildings are	Council, Section 94 funds
Even stepped planning envelopes from 10-60 m to share the views, sun, height, outlook	Across the Village	Understanding good urban design and city living principles

Build over the railway like in Chatswood (no mine subsidence); control noise	On railway and interchange	
Remediation of contaminated sites	Fuchs, Eagles, etc.	Incentives for developers to repurpose for housing
Increased density of housing		Increased rates generated should lead to greater spend in the suburb
Development	Wickham	Increased DA and capital contributions should be allocated to Wickham budget
Create the Village Atmosphere	Central core of suburb	Limit tall buildings to the outer circumference, Lower heights in the middle of the suburb, Design the streets to be used by residents, lighting, seating, wider paths

**Table 11 Opportunities: Wickham Park**

<b>Wickham Park</b>		
<b>The Opportunity</b> <i>(from Discussion Paper or other great ideas)</i>	<b>Where</b> <i>(Location in Wickham or adjoining area)</i>	<b>What would help make this happen</b> <i>(Including initiatives by community group, government, businesses, planning controls, redevelopment)</i>
Access to park via Throsby, Church and Greenway Sts	Throsby, Church and Greenway Sts	Thoroughfare with vista of trees in view, Council, Railways
Open Wickham Park up to multiple sporting, cultural and other events and festivals	Wickham Park	NCC and Wickham Committee work together to deliver
Plan for the future of the railway land as public access or amenity		Public consultation specifically for this area
Open up Throsby St to connect with the park; where the park meets Throsby St allow small shops like a village area to be built e.g. paper shop	Western end of Throsby St, extend to adjoin Wickham Park	When Fuchs Oil and Blackwoods are sold. Make sure that new developments are not planned in the park off that extension of the street

**Table 12 Opportunities: Infrastructure Provision**

<b>Infrastructure Provision</b>		
<b>The Opportunity</b> <i>(from Discussion Paper or other great ideas)</i>	<b>Where</b> <i>(Location in Wickham or adjoining area)</i>	<b>What would help make this happen</b> <i>(Including initiatives by community group, government, businesses, planning controls, redevelopment)</i>
Section 94 funding for infrastructure	Wickham	Reallocate fair share to Wickham
Stop flooding	Throughout Wickham	Clean drains regularly

**Table 13 Opportunities: Sailing Facility**

<b>Sailing Facility</b>		
<b>The Opportunity</b> <i>(from Discussion Paper or other great ideas)</i>	<b>Where</b> <i>(Location in Wickham or adjoining area)</i>	<b>What would help make this happen</b> <i>(Including initiatives by community group, government, businesses, planning controls, redevelopment)</i>
Recreational sailing facility, like rowing shed in Carrington	Adjacent Tree of Knowledge Park, on city side of the park (currently used to store dinghies)	Community, NCYC, RMS (as landowner)

### 3.4 Character Precincts

The suggestions made by participants on the six character precinct maps and on additional maps (traffic management, pedestrian accessibility, potential development) have been collated in Table 14 under each of the geographic areas.

**Table 14 Character Precinct Suggestions**

Character Area	Suggestion
<b>Harbour Edge</b>	Pedestrian crossings at Hannell and Cowper Sts roundabout; across Cowper St (at existing pedestrian refuge) and across Hannell St (at existing refuge near Hertz)
	Protect exit from Mariners apartments onto Hannell St by changing traffic lights
	Complete and maintain Tree of Knowledge Park
	Beautification of harbourside walkway from Mariners towards the CBD
	Beautification of both sides of Hannell St between Tree of Knowledge Park and railway corridor
	Can the park south of the Tree of Knowledge (between harbour and old Lee Wharf Rd) be extended as per original plan
	Dinghy sailing facility; on the southern edge of this area adjoining wharf and carpark where dinghies are already stored
<b>Park Edge</b>	Open up Church St into Wickham Park
	Open up Greenway St into Wickham Park
	Cycleway along Greenway St to Wickham Park
	End of Greenway St near Wickham Park, solid fence being removed and DA for café being lodged to activate park frontage and provide passive surveillance
	Widen Holland St and open up into Wickham Park
	Establish road and/or path along park edge from railway corridor north to meet up with John St; will intersect with Holland, Church and Greenway Sts and allow access to Albert St
<b>Rail Edge</b>	Buildings between Hunter St and railway corridor, bordered by Stewart Ave and Railway St. Bulldoze all; build two level commercial and six level car parking
	Open up Railway St for pedestrians across the railway corridor
	Bishopsgate St narrow, bad access
	Resident parking only in Wickham St, Bishopsgate St
	All developments must have two carparks per residential unit and one per commercial
	At proposed Interchange, pedestrian access to Hunter St and Honeysuckle
	Railway corridor and Stewart Ave, road overpass over the railway corridor, divert trains underground
	Intersection Throsby and Hannell St is a problem
	Flood storage, question marks located at intersection of Union St and railway corridor
	Access and impact of car parking Bishopsgate St (from Potential Development Map)
	Utilise wide streets e.g. Railway St (from Traffic Management Map)
	Need parking areas (possibly adjoining Railway St) (from Traffic Management Map)
	Speed bump, narrow street (Bishopsgate St) (from Traffic Management Map)

Character Area	Suggestion
<b>Village Hub</b>	Open Holland to Wickham Park
	Pedestrian crossings at intersection of Throsby and Railway Sts; across both streets
	Throsby St beautification; street trees, angled parking between Railway and Union Sts
	Roundabout at intersection of Throsby and Hannell Sts; including pedestrian crossings
	Pedestrian access from western side of Hannell St to Yacht Club and marina
	Pedestrian access from Hannell St to harbour across the park south of the Tree of Knowledge Park
	Ferry wharf on harbour edge adjoining the park south of the Tree of Knowledge Park
	Footpath and road work repairs for Dickson St (from Pedestrian Accessibility Map)
	Solve parking issues for Wickham, make Newcastle free parking like it used to be (from Potential Development Map)
	Union St, concerns with two-way traffic, won't handle the traffic (from Traffic Management Map)
	Union St should be no parking or one-way (from Traffic Management Map)
	Grey St, people ignore the one-way signs (from Traffic Management Map)
	Poor condition of footpaths Dickson, Union, Bishopsgate Sts (from Traffic Management Map)
	Union St, blind corners, can't see (from Traffic Management Map)
	<b>Emerging Industries Quarter</b>
<b>Wickham Park</b>	Overhead pass at Railway St to get across to Hunter St
	Take down fences to allow access (from Pedestrian Accessibility Map)



# Appendix 1 Responses to Task 1

Detailed listing of responses to the question:

*What are the two things you like most about Wickham?*

Focus Area	Elements and Characteristics
<b>Location</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close to beaches, shops and work</li> <li>• Close to Beaumont St.</li> <li>• Close to Beaumont St.</li> <li>• Close to services</li> <li>• Closeness</li> <li>• Convenience</li> <li>• Convenience</li> <li>• Handy for the shops</li> <li>• So close to "everything" but seems to be "itself"</li> <li>• View of Newcastle, skyline, open space</li> <li>• Central location</li> <li>• Central location</li> <li>• Central to everything</li> <li>• Good location</li> <li>• Location, handy for everywhere, can walk</li> <li>• Location</li> <li>• Location</li> <li>• Location</li> <li>• Location</li> <li>• Location</li> <li>• Location</li> <li>• Location quiet</li> <li>• Proximity</li> </ul>
<b>Harbour, marina</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close to the water</li> <li>• Close to the waters edge</li> <li>• Connection to harbour</li> <li>• Harbour</li> <li>• Harbour foreshore walk</li> <li>• Harbour precinct, proximity to water</li> <li>• Location on harbour</li> <li>• Love the harbour and marina</li> <li>• Marina</li> <li>• Promenade along waterfront</li> <li>• Proximity to harbour</li> <li>• Proximity to harbour</li> <li>• Proximity to river</li> <li>• The harbour</li> <li>• Throsby creek</li> <li>• Waterfront</li> <li>• Wickham park linking to marina foreshore</li> </ul>
<b>Location to CBD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close proximity to CBD</li> <li>• Close to city</li> <li>• Close to the CBD</li> <li>• Close to town</li> <li>• Connection to city but a bit removed</li> <li>• Gateway to CBD</li> <li>• Proximity to CBD and amenity</li> </ul>

Focus Area	Elements and Characteristics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proximity to CBD and amenity</li> <li>• Proximity to city</li> <li>• Proximity to city</li> <li>• Proximity to city and honeysuckle</li> <li>• Proximity to Newcastle and Hamilton</li> <li>• Proximity to services (CBD)</li> </ul>
<b>Pedestrian access and cycleways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle to beach</li> <li>• Good connectivity</li> <li>• Level walking</li> <li>• Walk everywhere</li> </ul>
<b>Access to transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to transport</li> <li>• Close to Wickham interchange</li> <li>• Transport</li> </ul>
<b>Character</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity</li> <li>• Character / heritage</li> <li>• Historical fabric</li> <li>• Historical importance / rich history</li> <li>• It's a village</li> <li>• Quietness</li> <li>• The history</li> <li>• Variation in building forms</li> <li>• Village</li> <li>• Village atmosphere</li> <li>• Village atmosphere</li> <li>• Village feel</li> <li>• Village feel, quiet, friendly</li> </ul>
<b>Community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Community'</li> <li>• Community and friendships</li> <li>• Good village community</li> <li>• Local community quiet</li> <li>• Peaceful, everyone knew everyone (used to be ...)</li> <li>• People</li> <li>• Potential for individuality</li> <li>• The Kilby factor</li> <li>• The people</li> </ul>
<b>Local industry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Character of old building (Arts Institute)</li> <li>• Coffee shops</li> <li>• Industrial workshops</li> <li>• Innovative use of industrial buildings</li> <li>• Proximity to restaurants, bars and cafes</li> <li>• Shopping</li> <li>• Variety - clubs, pubs, food</li> </ul>
<b>Lifestyle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordability / lifestyle</li> <li>• Lifestyle</li> </ul>
<b>Potential for change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes</li> <li>• Development</li> <li>• Future development</li> <li>• Going forward</li> <li>• Growth</li> <li>• Level land</li> </ul>

Focus Area	Elements and Characteristics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New development</li><li>• New feel</li><li>• Opportunity</li><li>• Opportunity rejuvenation</li><li>• Opportunity</li><li>• Potential</li><li>• Potential for improvement</li><li>• Underlying growth and potential</li></ul>



## Appendix 2 Responses to Task 2

Detailed listing of responses to the question:

*What are the challenges for the future of Wickham that resonated with you?*

*What other challenges can you see?*

Focus Area	Challenges
<b>Traffic management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connectivity and access; including across Hannell St, need for emergency services</li> <li>• Distribution of traffic, people etc. from interchange</li> <li>• Heavy vehicle traffic; size and number</li> <li>• How is the interchange going to affect the area e.g. parking, integration of pedestrians, bus flow, light rail, views to harbour</li> <li>• Motor vehicles</li> <li>• Road work repairs for Dickson St.</li> <li>• Roads, traffic</li> <li>• Traffic</li> <li>• Traffic</li> <li>• Traffic and parking management plan; exit from Mariners, ban large vehicles (like car carriers) from Throsby St.</li> <li>• Traffic flow</li> <li>• Traffic flow around Wickham</li> <li>• Traffic management</li> <li>• Will amenities match the increase on population growth e.g. traffic flow</li> </ul>
<b>Parking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking</li> <li>• Parking</li> <li>• Parking</li> <li>• Parking</li> <li>• Parking</li> <li>• Parking issues</li> <li>• Parking residential</li> <li>• Parking; lack of off-street</li> <li>• Parking; residential and new developments</li> <li>• Reducing need for car parking (less cars)</li> </ul>
<b>Pedestrian access and cycleways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access; pedestrian, cycleways, park, no dislocation</li> <li>• Footpath pedestrian ease and traffic flow</li> <li>• Footpath repairs</li> <li>• Pavements, pedestrian walkways</li> <li>• Pedestrian and cycleways</li> <li>• Pedestrian movement</li> <li>• Public access by foot and vehicle</li> </ul>
<b>Wickham Park access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to hunter St.; access to Wickham park</li> <li>• Access to Wickham park from Wickham</li> <li>• More community utility for Wickham park; activation; access</li> </ul>
<b>Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correlate mines free-land with developable land</li> <li>• Footprint of new buildings; height, heat sink, shadowing, privacy, setbacks</li> <li>• Height limitations - lift the heights</li> <li>• Heights</li> <li>• Recent development in conflict with Wickham village</li> <li>• Residents and developers working together</li> <li>• Set backs</li> <li>• Setbacks</li> <li>• Small parcels of land; makes change hard; streetscapes</li> <li>• Zoning limitations</li> </ul>

Focus Area	Challenges
<b>Infrastructure provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage</li> <li>• Flooding</li> <li>• Flooding</li> <li>• Flooding issues</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Infrastructure, gas, water, sewer</li> <li>• Lighting</li> <li>• Stormwater</li> <li>• Water table</li> </ul>
<b>Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability of NCC delivering</li> <li>• State government and NCC policies on same page</li> </ul>
<b>Public domain</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity streetscape landscape</li> <li>• Beautification</li> <li>• Greening and beautification</li> <li>• Improve safety of public domain; management, single entity, alcohol control, safety</li> <li>• Street activation</li> <li>• Street soft scaping; art; right species =natives</li> <li>• Streetscape, trees etc.</li> <li>• Streetscapes; people, car spaces, shared spaces, views to harbour, links to harbour</li> </ul>
<b>Mixed use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integration of new residential pushing industrial - light commercial</li> <li>• Mixed use conflict</li> <li>• Nosey neighbours</li> <li>• Residential vs mixed use</li> </ul>
<b>Maintaining Wickham's character</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of village</li> <li>• Heritage and character</li> </ul>