

CITY PRECINCTS

Your regular update from



Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter of the City Precincts Committee.

PRECINCTS VOTE TO AMALGAMATE

Formerly called City East and City West, the 2 Precinct Committees have now voted to amalgamate onto one entity. The City Precincts is a Committee of Council, funded through a Special Benefit Rate. The committee has representatives from businesses, the community, ratepayers and other stakeholders.

Projects approved by the committee are implemented by a Service Provider, Infinitus Advisory, appointed by Council after a competitive process.

The 2008-09 City Precincts Committee members are:

Chair: Edward Duc

Deputy Chairs: each responsible for a subcommittee.

Public Domain: Bronwyn Law

Security & Safety: Peter Zygodlo

Communication & Visitor Attraction: Claire Williams

Business Development & Advocacy: Catherine Henry

Members:

City East—Ron Brown, Suzie Darling, Katherine Frasca, Grant Keene, Paul Murphy,

City West—Christine Gregson, Reece Henry, Garry Jones, Suzanne Jones, Paul Murphy, Roland de With.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING !

The City Precincts are offering a LIMITED quantity of

FREE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS!

We have packaged a wire frame, tinsel and lights and we invite you too email us to request your **FREE** materials to

'make your own' Christmas Tree

to display in your window. Supplies are **LIMITED**, so to request yours, email

annette@infinitus.com.au

NOW

Kit Contains

Example of Decorated Tree



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Regular meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, and are usually held from 7am to 9am at Travelodge Newcastle on King Street because it is fairly easy to park.

Your representatives are keen to hear more of your views and ideas on how we can all work together to help our city move forward during this exciting period of change.

Most of all, we would like to meet you at the Precinct Meetings and at our planned networking events, Look for your invitation to our first informal gathering and the chance for you to meet your fellow business operators.

One of the first projects is the establishment of an electronic newsletter (eNewsletter), which will be launched in the near future. Having your email address on our database will help us to keep you informed about our projects and to send you invitations to meetings or forums.

Our City Guides will soon start carrying out surveys of bus stops and derelict buildings. Please let them know of issues you believe should be brought to people's attention.

These surveys are in addition to the current practice of City Guides recording and reporting graffiti and general vandalism and damage.

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PROJECTS

Our 2008-09 Business Plan will focus on the key areas identified through the last review and stakeholder surveys. Our Primary Targets have been identified as:

- 1) A city that is attractive, clean, safe and fun.
- 2) An active, engaged stakeholder group.
- 3) A sustainable business plan

Strategies have been developed to address these target areas and include developing a clean and safe environment as well as an improved public domain.

GRAFFITI REPORT: A graffiti report has been written by Infinitus Advisory that gives options for how to best manage graffiti. The report went go to Council on 14 October and will be presented at the next meeting of the Safety Panel.

BUS STOP SURVEY: A survey looking at the cleanliness and accessibility of bus stops will begin shortly and a report compiled for the appropriate stakeholders.

STREET CLEANING: The committee is looking into improving street cleaning.

EMPTY BUILDING SURVEY: In conjunction with Council, we are conducting a survey on empty buildings to try and identify areas of need.

VANDALISM: The local Police Command has been contacted and will be arranging a Safety Forum for Hunter Street business owners. More details will be advised as available.

RENEW NEWCASTLE: We have had meetings with Marcus Westbury and are very interested in his proposal to renew Newcastle by filling empty shops with arts-related projects. Watch this space for further details as they become available.

Fort Scratchley Historic Site

The Fort is open 6 days a week (closed Tuesday), from 10am to 4pm, with Free General Admission and Self Guided Tours. Paid Guided Tours are available Saturday and Sunday at 11am and 2pm, plus throughout the week as required and at other times by appointment.

PAID GUIDED TOUR COSTS (including gst) start at \$5 concession up to \$25 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children for the Full Site Tour; or from \$4 concession to \$20 Family for the Tunnels Only Tour. Group Tour bookings are also available. For enquiries or Group Bookings phone 02 4974 5000 or email-mail@fortscratchley.com.au

HISTORIC BUSINESS PROJECT

We will soon begin mapping the history of some of the historic business buildings in the Precincts. If you have ideas or can help in any way — let us know.

CITY PRECINCTS—CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

FAX TO 4929 4035 or email annette@infinitus.com.au or jim@infinitus.com.au

- Yes, I am a city centre business and would like to add my details to the database or change my current details
 Yes, I would like to be updated on events and activities in Newcastle which may affect my business. (NOTE: If ever you wish to be removed from our emailing list, just let us know and we will immediately remove your email address from our database)..

Name Business Name.....

Type of Business/Service..... Email.....

Ph..... Fax..... Website.....

Street Address.....

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