



Newtown Vibe  
Public Meeting  
15 March 2017

# Context of community survey

- A quick snapshot of what some members of the community are thinking and feeling (206 responses)
- We don't know the demographics in terms of who responded
- We have just captured a brief summary here of the high level themes
- Important to consider other data such as the recent BOCSAR statistics which people on the panel can speak to
- Important to also hear from community members in the room tonight

## **NNC online community survey snapshot – 206 respondents**

- Minority of respondents indicated they feel unsafe in Newtown (27%)
- Majority of respondents(52%) indicated they feel safe in Newtown

Comments indicate that key concerns are: weekends, late at night and non-locals coming into the area.

## **NNC online community survey snapshot – 206 respondents**

- The majority of respondents feel the Newtown Vibe is worse (64%)
- Around 25% of respondents were inbetween better and worse

### **Key concerns:**

- Comments indicate that key concerns are: weekends, late at night and non-locals coming into the area.

## **NNC online community survey snapshot – 206 respondents**

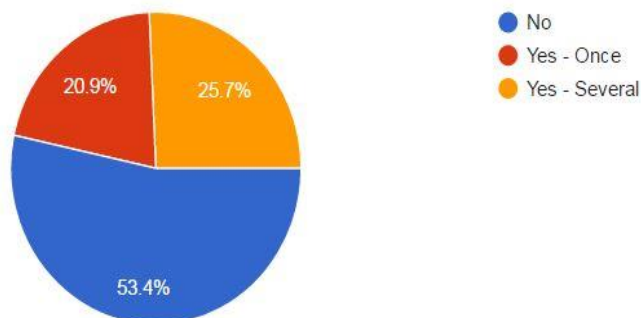
The majority of respondents still feel the Newtown Vibe is under threat (75%)

Comments indicate that key concerns are:

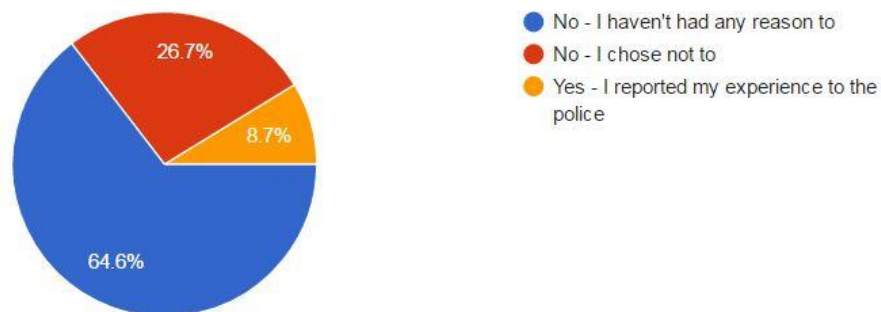
- Traffic
- Lockout laws
- Drunkenness
- Gentrification
- Affordability

Have you had any experiences of harassment, intimidation or violence on the street?

(206 responses)



If you have, did you report your experience to the police? (206 responses)



**Almost half have had a negative experience (47%) with most choosing not to report (91%).**

Key comments related to:

- Drunks
- Drivers
- Intervening in other people's altercations
- More police please
- Less police please

# **Online survey suggestions re what needs to happen**

Background comments related to:

- Police – more and less
- Restrictions/Laws – more and less
- Inevitability of gentrification and traffic



# Online survey suggestions re what needs to happen

Specific Solutions included:

- Roving ambassadors on weekend nights
- More informal community events on weekend nights
- Better training/education for security guards
- Encourage small businesses to stay on King St



## Quick intro to people nearby before we go to questions and comments from the floor...

- *What's your reaction/response to what you've heard?*
- *To what extent does it resonate or not with your experience?*
- *A question, idea or suggestion you have?*



## Presenters and Panellists

- LAC Newtown – Inspector Glen Aston
- President of the Local Liquor Accord - Richard Adamson
- ACON – Sarah Lambert, Director Community Health and Regional Services (apologies from Kai Noonan)
- City of Sydney - Councillor Miller
- City of Sydney – Libby Harris, Night Time City Manager
- Inner West Council - Lyn Milne, Social Policy and Planning Advisor
- Inner West Council - Lynne George, Manager Community Development
- Local venue manager – Jake Toivonen, Bank Hotel
- Member for Newtown - Jenny Leong