

# Wingham CBD Draft Masterplan

Friday 16 April – Thursday 27 May 2021

## Engagement Outcomes Report



## Introduction

This report provides a summary of community and stakeholder consultation that was undertaken between Friday 16 April and Thursday 27 May 2021 to gain community feedback on the draft masterplan for Wingham's CBD. This consultation follows an initial extensive community consultation to provide feedback on a concept plan, held from 7 December 2020 until 5 February 2021.

This report is presented in six sections:

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## Project background

Beautification of the Wingham CBD has been on the wish list of the Wingham community for several years. Although plans had been developed more than a decade ago, there was a need to replace these, as many of the elements did not meet current standards or the expressed needs of the community.

Following Community Conversations held in 2019 when the community again identified the CBD as an area they would like to see improved, we set about delivering a CBD masterplan project to address this concern and improve the central business district of Wingham.

The announcement of Federal funding of \$1 million, from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and Financial Assistance Grant program has boosted the program's budget to around \$3 million to assist it to become a reality sooner rather than later for the Wingham community.

Council engaged a landscape architect to prepare a concept plan, which outlined a three-year plan for proposed works to beautify and revitalise the CBD area and improve traffic flows and pedestrian accessibility within the zone. The concept plan was placed on public exhibition for an extended period, from 7 December 2020 until 5 February 2021 and community members and stakeholders were widely consulted.

From there, a draft CBD masterplan concept design was produced based on what the community had told us in this first consultation. As a final check in, a second round of community engagement was held to ensure the plans reflected the community's expressed preferences. This consultation was aiming for a more focussed feedback from the community – to check in that the draft plans did reflect what we had been told in the first consultation and secondly, that nothing had been missed.

# What were people engaged on?

## Purpose of engagement

The overall purpose of the engagement with the community was:

- To gain endorsement that the draft CBD masterplan concept designs accurately reflected the community's desired outcomes from the first consultation;
- To check in that nothing had been missed.

## Objectives of engagement

To achieve this the engagement had the following objectives:

- present the final draft masterplan for improvements to Wingham's CBD to the community, to allow for community endorsement of the plan, and any additional feedback before plans are finalised;
- provide key stakeholders and community with detailed information on the proposed works, to help support participants to provide considered feedback;
- ensure participants in the engagement feel their feedback is valued during this process and to inform them of the how their feedback has influenced the final decision;
- to continue to build trust with our community and ensure that new and upgraded facilities and infrastructure deliver benefits by meeting the current and future needs of the community;
- ensure engagement is completed on time and within budget.

## Project scope

Based on the feedback received from the first consultation, a draft Masterplan has been drawn up and the community was to be informed of and consulted on this plan. Council will consider feedback received on the concept plan for possible inclusion in the final plan.

The negotiable elements of this consultation included asking participants if they broadly support or endorse the draft masterplan, as being reflective of the outcomes of the community engagement report. Participants were also asked to identify anything that they believe has been overlooked, or that should be included in the plan.

As the previous consultation was extensive and its outcomes have been accepted by Council, it was not intended this consultation would overturn elements already supported by the community in that first consultation. As a result, the basic inclusions in the draft masterplan are non-negotiable unless:

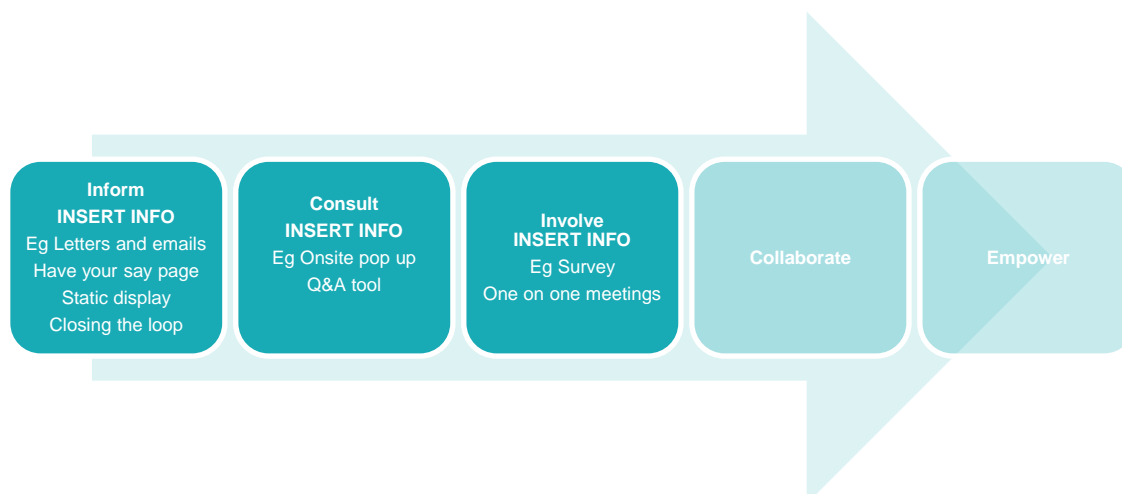
- an overriding concern is identified that has been missed from the first engagement;
- unforeseen factors are identified that must be addressed (proposed works don't meet current standards, safety, etc).

This was made clear in public communication (media releases, flyers and the website Have Your Say page during the consultation.

## Level of engagement

As outlined in MidCoast Council's Community Engagement Policy we utilise the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) five-point framework for measuring the level of community engagement for each project.

Within this scale, this project achieved an Inform /Consult /Involve level of engagement. At this level our commitment to the community was to listen to and acknowledge the benefits and limitations of the proposed design and consider these in the development of the final design. The diagram below shows the levels of engagement and the activities undertaken within each level.



The proposed levels of the engagement identified at the start of this consultation were:

- Inform - to provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.
- Consult - to obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.

During the consultation, many more issues and concerns were raised than was anticipated.

As a result, the project engagement team undertook several one on one meetings, both during the consultation and immediately after its close, to ensure that we continued to work with our community to understand their concerns and aspirations and consider if alternatives can be developed that will better meet community needs. This consultation reached the following level on the IAP2 spectrum:

- Involve – To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.





## Who did we engage with?

### Key stakeholders

We contacted key stakeholders directly to ensure they were aware of the engagement, seek initial feedback and link in with opportunities to discuss the project and concepts further. A stakeholders workshop was held in Wingham on Thursday 29 April with Council representatives in attendance, and nine representatives of Wingham business and community groups in attendance.

We also had around 11 one-on-one conversations with key stakeholders to discuss in detail the implications and opportunities for their facility, organisation or business.

Key stakeholders involved included:

- local residents
- Wingham Chamber of Commerce
- Manning Valley Historical Society
- Wingham Ex-Services Club
- local business owners
- local tree and vegetation experts, including residents and plant nursery.

### Community consultation

All 138 participants in the online survey were Wingham residents. A total of 20 submissions were received, 13 from Wingham (or surrounds) residents, three from other MidCoast areas, two were of unknown residency and two from elsewhere in NSW.

Every local business within the CBD masterplan precinct was visited in the week preceding the consultation start date to ensure they were aware and to leave flyers for regular customers to be made aware.

Two street pop-ups were held during the consultation, on Friday 30 April from 10am -12pm and Thursday 6 May from 11am – 1pm on Isabella Street Wingham.

As detailed below, a wide range of methods were used to ensure that people were aware of the second round of consultation. More than 17,500 people were reached via social media and there was a threefold increase in website visits to the consultation pages from the first consultation – with around 1,250 people checking in on the consultation.

## How did people have their say?

The range of engagement activities undertaken provided a variety of ways for the community to share their opinion and ideas and generate community conversations. By providing both face-to-face and online engagement opportunities we were able to get input from a broad cross section of the community, including key interest groups, stakeholders and hard to reach groups.

Duplicate surveys were removed to allow only one response per participant, although all comments were included. Duplicate submissions by individuals were combined into one submission.

Face-to-face engagement	Online and electronic engagement	Communications
2 pop-ups on site with approximately 35 people attending	138 participated in online survey	300+ flyers distributed
1 workshop with 13 key stakeholders attending	1,276 visitors to Have your say page on Council's website	2 stories covered in Print, radio and television
11 one on one meetings with key stakeholders	17,562 people reached on 3 Facebook posts	<b>Submissions</b>
	90 emails to key stakeholders	20 submissions received on time
		7 late email submissions received

## Engagement activities

The following activities were used to seek input and build awareness of the community consultation on the draft CBD masterplan.

### Have your say page

The *Have Your Say* page provided an online hub to both share information, encourage participation in engagement activities and direct linkage to the online survey.

Information included background to the project, previous consultation outcomes and related documents, concept plans, site map, key dates, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). This consultation was the first on Council's new online Have your Say website, and included new features, such as ability to see 'before and after' imagery for the project, and to send messages directly to the project manager or to the engagement team. A threefold increase in site visits was a positive outcome for this consultation.

Over the period of the engagement, there were 1,276 visits to this page.

The page continues now as a project page, although the consultation period is over to provide continuity and updates for the community. It can be accessed at: [www.haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://www.haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au).

### Survey and submissions

A survey was the primary tool for gathering feedback and aimed to seek endorsement that the draft masterplan reflected the outcomes of the first consultation, and opportunity for any other general comments. The survey was available on the Have Your Say webpage.

A total of 138 people completed the online survey. There were 20 submissions received, many of these were duplicates of online surveys received. In addition, seven (7) late submissions were accepted to be considered.

Appendix Three (3) provides a copy of the survey, Appendix Four (4) provides the written responses from the online survey and Appendices Five (5) and Six (6) include submissions and late submissions.

### Q and A

The “Who’s Listening” tool was available on our *Have Your Say* page and enabled people to seek clarifications related to the proposed works.

We received 22 emails during the consultations period.

### Onsite pop ups

As a part of our face to face engagement we hosted two street pop-up events to educate community on the proposed upgrades, gather feedback on the project and inform people of how to have their say.

These pop ups involved a display showing the concept plans, site plan and details on how to have a say. Flyers were available for people to take away to encourage them to provide a more detailed response.

Approximately 35 people attended the pop ups.





## Workshop

Key stakeholders had participated in a workshop during the first consultation, and all previous participants were invited to attend a follow up workshop during this consultation. In addition, 90 other registered community members were informed and invited to the workshop. All local businesses located in the CBD masterplan precinct were advised and invited.

A total of 13 stakeholders attended the workshop held on Thursday 29 April in Wingham.

A summary of concerns and comments raised is included in Appendix Two (2).



## One on one meetings with key stakeholders

To ensure we received feedback from those key stakeholders with a high interest in the project, we invited those groups to meet with us face to face to discuss the proposal and collect their feedback.

Around 11 face to face meetings were held. These groups included:

- local residents
- Wingham Chamber of Commerce
- Manning Valley Historical Society
- Wingham Ex-Services Club

- local business owners
- local tree and vegetation experts, including residents and plant nursery.

These meetings were held to clarify and seek further detail and feedback on community views expressed publicly during the consultation and to ensure consistency and that new alternatives were being explored in context of the outcomes of previous consultation.

## What people said?

### Formal submissions

There were 20 formal submissions made on the draft masterplan consultation and seven late submissions received. These are reprinted in full in Appendices Five (5) and Six (6).

Many of the views expressed reflect those expressed in the survey below, and some people who made a formal submission also completed the online survey. Almost all comments received are reflected in the responses listed from the online survey.

Late submissions are included in the report for transparency. They are not considered otherwise in the Engagement Outcomes Report, although the Project Manager will consider them as feedback when making the final report to Council. It's noted that all feedback received in late submissions was already expressed by other participants – so the intent of late submissions is reflected in the Outcomes Report.

### Online survey

The online survey component of this consultation sought to verify that the draft CBD masterplan was an accurate reflection of what the community had told us in the first consultation. A copy of the survey questions can be found in Appendix Three (3).

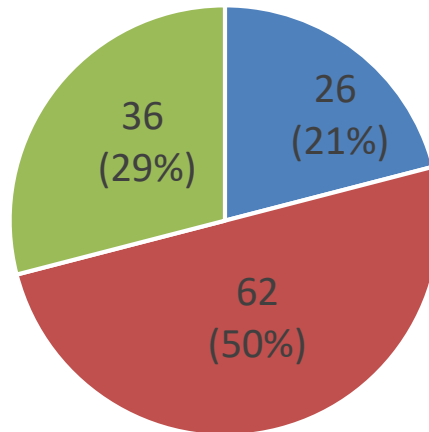
There were 138 individual responses to the online survey after duplicates (individuals who submitted more than once) were reduced to a single response.

### Endorsement of draft masterplan alignment

Respondents were asked if they felt the draft masterplan accurately reflected the outcomes of the first consultation. Of 138 respondents, 89.9 % answered the question.

Did the draft masterplan accurately reflect the first consultation results?

124 responses (89.9% of total respondents)



- It is an accurate reflection of the community majority views from the previous consultation
- It reflects some of the community's preferences expressed in the previous consultation
- It does not reflect what the community asked for in the previous consultation

### Specify how the draft masterplan reflects only some or none of the community's views in the first consultation?

If respondents indicated that the draft masterplan included only some elements, or was not an accurate reflection of the first round consultation, they were asked to explain which elements of the first consultation had been missed.

Their responses are printed in full in Appendix Four (4).

A total of 138 responses were recorded. Of these, 58 made comments that endorsed the masterplan or did not relate to the community consensus from the first consultation.

Of the 80 remaining comments, a large proportion of those (68) concerned the Central Park wall along Isabella Street, which the first consultation had endorsed (86% in favour). See the **Summary** (page 15) for further comment on this significant result.

A summary of the comments, by category or topic, is included on the following page.

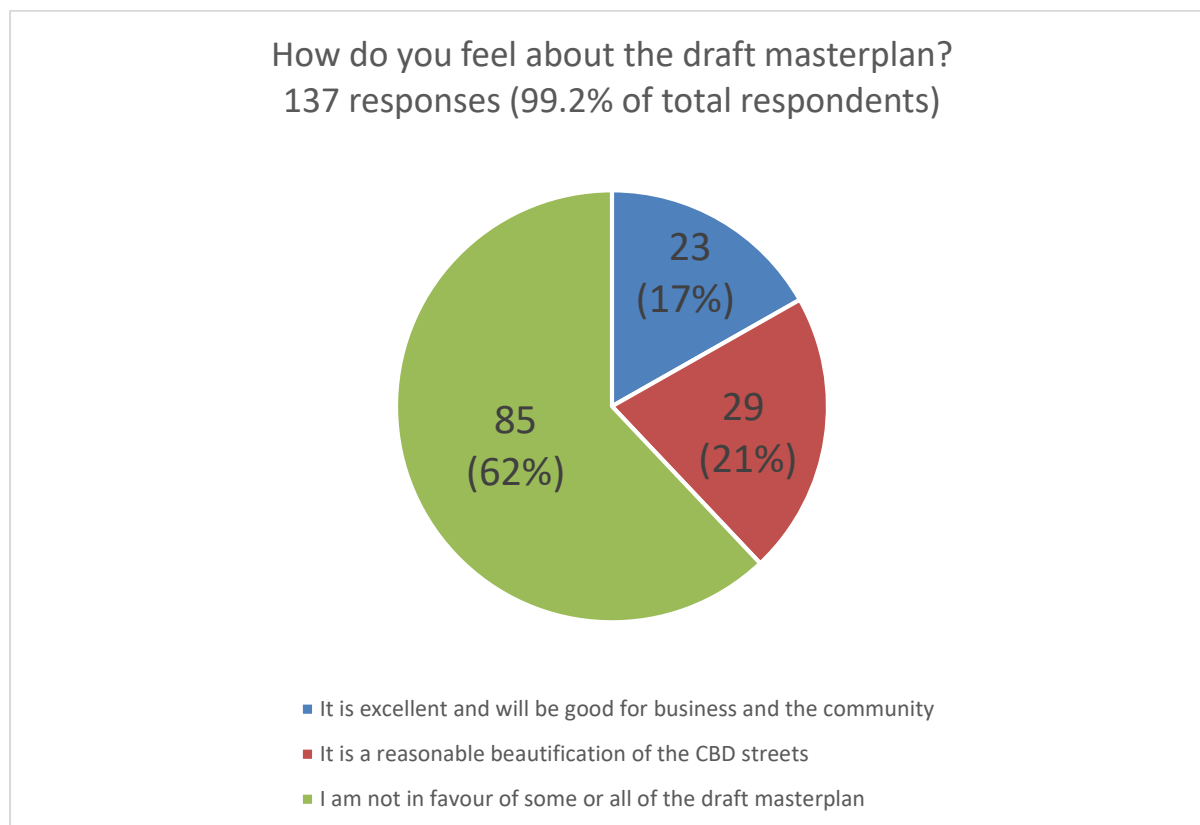
Comment type (number of responses)	Breakdown of intent of response
General comments (29)	<p>Three (3) were in support of the plan</p> <p>Six (6) were critical of the engagement process</p> <p>Four (4) said the plan should include more greenery / less concrete</p> <p>Two (2) wanted money allocated elsewhere, or to revert to the 2004 plans.</p> <p>12 people provided further suggestions to enhance existing masterplan</p> <p>Two (2) indistinct meaning</p>
Central Park Wall along Isabella Street (68)	<p>Seven (7) wanted the steps retained, but increase plantings within the space</p> <p>39 said not to remove the grevilleas or water gums from the footpath on Isabella Street</p> <p>Seven (7) said make sure the plan includes the same or more greenery</p> <p>One (1) said the steps will be a safety hazard</p> <p>One (1) said the current wall is a safety hazard</p> <p>Three (3) said they didn't like the wall look and feel</p> <p>One (1) said to hold off and stage the works on the treatment of the wall area.</p>
Light poles (3)	Three (3) said the light poles should reflect the heritage nature of the town.
Parking and road surface treatments (17)	<p>11 people said parking was important</p> <p>Three (3) suggested a change to the parking design</p> <p>One (1) wanted more off main street parking</p> <p>Two (2) wanted the road pavements coloured to indicate shared traffic zones</p>
Footpaths (5)	<p>Three (3) want the same paving that is sampled in some areas used throughout the CBD area</p> <p>Two (2) said the masterplan didn't detail the pavement material in enough detail / clearly</p>
Bent / Farquhar Street intersections (3)	Three (3) people expressed disappointment that peanut style intersection was the community's preferred option
Street Trees (7)	<p>Four (4) were in support of the central street trees</p> <p>Three (3) were concerned at the choice of species</p>
Heritage (6)	<p>Five (5) wanted more emphasis on heritage in the designs</p> <p>One (1) said the Heritage Assessment was too general</p>

## General sentiment

Respondents were asked how they generally felt about the draft masterplan.

A total of 38% felt either that the plan was excellent and would be good for business and the community, or that it was a reasonable beautification of the CBD streets.

A majority (62%) expressed that they were not in favour of some or all of the draft masterplan.



Finally, respondents were asked to provide any other comments about the masterplan, so that we could elicit reasoning behind the above response. There were 180 responses entered from the 138 respondents. These responses are reprinted in full in Appendix Four (4) . A summary the comments, by category or topic, is included here.

Comment type (number of responses)	Breakdown of intent of response
General comments (44)	<p>15 offered further suggestions for improvements</p> <p>Nine (9) commented they want more greenery, less concrete</p> <p>Eight (8) were in support of the draft masterplan</p> <p>Four (4) commented on engagement process - positively and negatively</p> <p>Three (3) wanted public toilets or water stations included</p>



	<p>Two (2) comments were about accessibility</p> <p>Two (2) said retain the town clock</p> <p>One (1) said it's a waste of money</p>
Central Park Wall along Isabella Street (60)	<p>40 said don't remove footpath plantings of grevilleas and water gums</p> <p>Eight (8) said retain the steps but increase plantings within the space</p> <p>Six (6) said they didn't like the wall's appearance</p> <p>Three (3) said ensure there is same or more greenery</p> <p>One (1) said widen the steps</p> <p>One (1) said make sure accessibility ramp is included</p> <p>One (1) said keep the mosaic</p>
Light poles (9)	<p>Six (6) are concerned the smart poles won't be a heritage look</p> <p>Two (2) comments regarding signage were received</p> <p>One (1) said lighting should be installed in laneways</p>
Parking and road surface treatments (20)	<p>Nine (9) are concerned with parking spaces lost</p> <p>Four (4) supported the off-street parking undertaken and proposed</p> <p>Three (3) suggested timed parking for Isabella Street</p> <p>Three (3) suggested other parking ideas</p> <p>One (1) commented on taxi services</p>
Footpaths (11)	<p>Three (3) want same paving as outside Amcal and Wingham Wellbeing</p> <p>Three (3) wanted more clarification on footpath materials</p> <p>Two (2) want shared pathways</p> <p>One (1) wants clarification on what's proposed in Wynter Street</p> <p>One (1) wants to retain existing footpaths</p>
Bent / Farquhar Street intersections (6)	<p>Five (5) support the peanut style intersection</p> <p>One (1) questions placement of pedestrian crossings near this intersection</p>
Street Trees (11)	<p>Four (4) question the chosen species</p> <p>Two (2) support centre street trees</p> <p>One (1) wanted smaller centre trees for Wynter Street</p> <p>Four (4) made other comments about street trees</p>
Heritage (19)	<p>16 want heritage character preserved</p> <p>Two (2) want a heritage plan for Wingham</p> <p>One (1) said road treatments weren't in keeping with heritage style</p>

## Summary

The Wingham community has been highly involved in participating in two rounds of engagement totalling approximately 15 weeks, in the past six months. This demonstrates a clear willingness to participate and be involved in the development of their town, and we are grateful to be able to partner with them to make sure that the CBD masterplan delivers the best possible outcomes for them.

While it is clear that overall the Wingham community does want the CBD masterplan to proceed, they are concerned that we get the detail right. They have also been consistent in their feedback - many sentiments expressed in this consultation echo those provided at the first consultation.

There were many interesting ideas for how the CBD masterplan could be built upon in future – through private property improvements, community festivals and further improvements to Wingham's town area including Central Park. Many of these should be referred to the community for consideration when developing the Wingham Local Community Plan, and to the Chamber of Commerce for their consideration.

The community has clearly spoken on the following aspects of the CBD masterplan.

### Getting the details right

Most elements of the CBD masterplan have been endorsed by this consultation, or the first consultation results. There are a few elements that received significant attention from participants.

The following elements are of most concern to people when developing final plans and progressing the CBD project.

#### Central Park Wall

The first engagement survey had a total of 212 responses, and 86% of respondents were in favour of the stepped wall concept. To quote the first Outcomes Report on that engagement (page 9):

“However, there was a large number of comments and suggestions for modifying the concept plan design, and a very clear message that greenery and/or existing vegetation should be maintained when developing detailing concept plans, to soften the appearance of the (stepped) wall, and to provide shade and help cool the surface. Some respondents commented that part of the wall that faces west will be very hot in the afternoon.

Feedback was received that access ramps should be included to improve accessibility.

In line with comments about the CBD masterplan in general, there was a strong response that some of the heritage items should be kept, including the

pergola entrances at the corners to the park, and the tiled mosaic. Respondents want to see these incorporated into the design of the stepped wall.”

The community through this second consultation, has very clearly and consistently called for the same elements to be incorporated in the stepped wall design. Although it was unintentional, the design drawings of the stepped wall in the draft masterplan presented to the community did not visually represent these elements – increase of greenery or retaining existing plantings; the accessibility ramps and the inclusion of the corner pergolas and mosaics.

If a stepped wall is to be considered, the community wants to see new concepts and designs that incorporate what they have consistently asked for. Specifically, they have asked for existing foliage to be retained, for more greenery - not less, for an accessibility ramp and for other existing elements to be retained and shown in final designs: the corner steps, wooden entrance structure and mosaic (corner of Isabella and Bent Streets).

It should be noted that if the wall is redesigned to keep existing foliage, it will not be possible for the footpath to be widened as a shared pathway – allowing a variety of pedestrian and bicycle safe access. This was a community expressed wish during both consultations - to have a good shared access connecting the CBD area to Central Park and to Wingham Brush.

## **Heritage**

People strongly feel that the heritage character and charm of Wingham’s CBD area should be preserved. While many elements are outside of Council’s control (such as private property awnings and facades), and keeping in mind that existing development in the CBD area is a mixture of styles and eras, people want the core elements of the CBD masterplan to retain a heritage feel.

Some elements are inherently modern and allow Wingham to function as an effective business centre – for example the incorporation of on-street parking and providing accessible access to businesses.

There was some comment about whether smart poles would be in keeping with the character of the street. The provision of on street power to allow a wide variety of festivals and street performances is an advantage of smart poles. If included in the masterplan, people want them to be incorporated subtly so they do not visually impinge on heritage parts of the CBD.

In designing intersection road treatments including coloured pavement, people want Council to consider some options that are more in keeping with a heritage feel for the CBD.

## **Parking**

Parking remains a significant concern for many people, mostly, but not confined to, availability in the CBD area.

While many people commended the McCullagh Lane car park improvements and laneway connection to the CBD that is already underway, some felt that further off-main street car parks should be developed.

Recognising that elderly people and those living with a disability need to park close to businesses, the key stakeholder workshop identified that placing a restricted time limit of two or three hours for on-street parking, would ensure that business and CBD workers would park in the off-CBD locations and take a short walk to work. This would increase car park turnover in the main street and provide more spaces each day for customers.

This view was expressed and supported by others via the survey and in other submissions.

A recommendation in the Wingham Flood Management Plan is that Council should look to secure an access path from Combined Street through to Isabella Street, to improve the exit routes as flood waters rise. This aligns with the idea of providing more parking near Worthing Lane in the future.

### **Street trees**

Overwhelmingly, there is support for the inclusion of mature street trees in the centre of Wingham's CBD streets. This would restore traditional plantings that were removed around 100 years ago – restoring the heritage character that people value. This consultation did not raise significant objection (less than 10 comments) on the choice of tree made by the people in the first consultation – for weeping lilly pilli. The weeping lilly pilli is an established and well used street tree, and native to Wingham which is why it was chosen.

However, in the late stages of the consultation, and after consultation ended, some people questioned whether the fruit drop from the trees would constitute a safety (slip) hazard or be annoying for vehicle owners. Questions were raised about whether flying foxes would be attracted to the trees, although it's not considered that would be the case. The engagement team did consult with a local resident who is a tree expert at various stages during the consultation, and after its conclusion, to establish if any better alternatives for mature tree plantings could be found.

### **Bent and Farquhar Streets intersection**

General community sentiment endorsed the original community feedback for the peanut style intersection treatment. However, the museum as a key stakeholder, was not in favour of the peanut option, preferring an offset T-intersection instead. In a one-on-one consultation, a museum representative said the main concern was disruption to the museum's operations while construction of the peanut intersection was underway. Refer to Appendix Two (2) for the summary notes of that meeting.

It's recommended that the project manager for the intersection works should provide early notice to all affected by the intersection works, and work constructively with the parties to minimise inconvenience wherever possible.

## What's next?

The engagement data contained in this report will be used to inform key staff, management and Councillors on the outcomes of the consultation for the draft Wingham CBD masterplan. This feedback will be considered, along with other factors including time frames, budget, funding agreements and intended purpose of the space to develop a final design. A copy of this report will be made publicly available on Council's website, as well as distributed to those participants who expressed an interest in being kept informed on the project



## Appendices

### Appendix 1: Flyer and social media collateral

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DRAFT MASTERPLAN**

## Your draft masterplan is here

Thank you Wingham for your extensive response to our community consultation earlier this year to develop a masterplan for beautifying Wingham's CBD. We've taken on board many comments and all the feedback, and now we'd like to check in again with you.

We're seeking your final feedback on our Wingham CBD draft masterplan before we proceed to detail design work and scheduling of the works.

Please take a look at the draft masterplan and let us know if we've accurately reflected the consensus from the first consultation.

It's an exciting project and we're looking forward to working with you to bring it and Wingham's streets to life.



## Let's get together to chat about it

We're holding pop-ups outside Bent on Food on:

- **Friday 30 April, 10am - 12pm**
- **Thursday 6 May 11am - 1pm**

Drop in and chat with our project team to learn more about the draft masterplan, the initial stages of work to be undertaken in 2021, and to complete the survey.

**Local businesses:**

If you're a local business or stakeholder, we'd love to hear your detailed feedback at a workshop.


Visit the Have your Say page below and register for the workshop on Thursday 29 April from 10am - 12pm.

## Have your say

Can't make it? Visit our website (just scan the QR code) to learn more and complete the survey.

**Consultation closes Thursday 27 May**

[haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au](https://haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au)



MidCoast Council

April 21 · 🌐

Hey #Wingham, we've taken your feedback from an extensive consultation held earlier this year, to create the draft Wingham CBD masterplan. We want to check in with you again now to make sure the plan is on track. We're holding pop ups outside Bent on Food in Isabella Street on Friday 30 April and Thursday 6 May, so drop in and see us there. Find out more, view the draft masterplan and have your say at: <https://bit.ly/3x3jQPE>

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People Reached

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Engagements

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16 Comments

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April 28 · 🌐

Hey #Wingham we're heading your way tomorrow from 10am - 12pm for a workshop on the draft CBD masterplan. If you're a business, or you've got a special interest, make sure you register to attend now - we've got some seats left, although places are limited! Book in here: <https://bit.ly/3x3jQPE> If you can't make it tomorrow, catch up with us at the pop up outside Bent on Food, Isabella Street on Friday 30 April, from 10am -12pm. We'd love to hear your thoughts before the plan is finalised.

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Karen Hutchinson, Duncan Russ and Brendan Howard

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May 6 · 🌐

Hey #Wingham - if you'd like to chat with us about the draft CBD masterplan, don't miss our final pop up on Isabella Street (near Bent on Food) today between 11am - 1pm.

Following the first consultation early this year, we've developed the draft plan based on the community's feedback. Now we're checking that the draft plan aligns with that feedback, and that we haven't missed anything.

If you can't make the pop-up, you can still have your say - just visit <https://bit.ly/3x3jQPE> and complete the online survey - or ask us questions online.

Hope to see you there!



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## Appendix 2: Summary of workshop and one on one meetings

### Summary notes: Wingham Draft CBD Masterplan Stakeholder workshop Thursday 29 April 2021

**MCC Manager Projects and Engineering, Rhett Pattison** introduced the workshop.  
**MCC Project Manager David Spear** outlined the results from the first consultation.

Margaret - Museum location disadvantaged – explore why  
Rhett - School prefers crossing at new location  
Greenery removed from the space between wall and footpath on central park  
Brooke - Road realignment on Isabella  
Parking - a solid structure over the car park.  
Brooke - Worry about vandalism – this is really out of our control  
Get some lighting on laneway to McCullagh for security  
Trees -SEMI MATURE will be planted – existing 4-5 metres tall.  
Heritage consultant was supportive of concept plans and designs

#### **Consultant David Tooby spoke**

Council is working on detailed design plans for roundabout, Bent Street trees and the park wall along Isabella  
Grahame – about having a shared zone within the roundabout – will that be possible?  
The look will blend, investigations continuing.  
John - raised road surfaces near refuges can be confusing. Coloured asphalt?  
Brooke - disability car spaces. Zebra crossing in middle of Isabella.  
Brooke - possibility of a crossing at top end of Isabella Street to connect park with shops across the road.  
**David Tooby** – the corner of park near Isabella and Bent is really important zone for the future consult .

#### **David Spear**

5-6 weeks till McCullagh carpark is done  
September – Bent Street / Farquhar Street roundabout and Bent Street trees  
Some disruption will occur.  
Council will letter box drop and consult with individuals on how to best minimise disruption.  
There will also be roadworks starting soon on Isabella Street between Primrose and Dennes Streets.

Electricity substations required for EPV vehicles. Will they be put in?

**David Spear** – Council is having discussions.

### Questions

Brooke – how are you getting it done – is it in sections and how is that done?

**Rhett** – Bent and Farquhar Streets intersection is first and we want to set the scene we want it to look good.

Pending funding, the wall at Isabella Street top end would be next.

Isabella Street alone would be 12 months of work.

**Brooke:** October – December is busiest time of year.

**MCC Team Leader – Project Delivery, Engineering and Infrastructure Services Stuart Small** – if you have preferences for timeframes let us know.

**Margaret** – what is funded now?

**Rhett Pattison and Stuart Small** - Roundabout and car park and wall at Isabella is funded now

Road pavement is funded and trees – this will happen within the next two years.

Footpath and remaining elements are not funded at present.

**Adrian** – no plans of other lane? Worthington Lane and Wynter street – funding once we get the deed – two years.

**Brooke and Adrian** - possibility of future off main street parking north of Isabella Street to supplement parking.



## Appendix 3: Online survey

Open

### Wingham CBD draft masterplan: feedback form

Please note: The community has chosen the design for the CBD through the first consultation process. We are checking in with you now, in case there is any additional feedback that can be included within the existing draft masterplan designs.

First Name Required

Last Name Required

Postcode Required

You have 4 characters left

Reviewing the Wingham CBD draft masterplan, do you think:

- ☐ a. It is an accurate reflection of the community majority views from the previous consultation
- ☐ b. It reflects some of the community's preferences expressed in the previous consultation
- ☐ c. It does not reflect what the community asked for in the previous consultation

Overall, please indicate how you feel about this draft masterplan for Wingham's CBD:

- ☐ It is excellent and will be good for business and the community
- ☐ It is a reasonable beautification of the CBD streets
- ☐ I am not in favour of some or all of the draft masterplan

To assist us to get it right, please provide any other comments on the draft masterplan below:

If you would like us to keep you updated on progress of this project, please provide your email below (no need if you already did this during the first CBD beautification consultation):

Submit

## Appendix 4: Survey written responses

There were two open-field questions in the online survey. Below is every response received in those two questions, redactions in place where individuals were identified, potentially libellous or defamatory comments were made or obscenities. Please note that we have categorised answers for clarity and to analyse and summarise comments received. That summary is included in the body of this Report.

### Q5 If you chose b or c above, tell us which community preferred options have not been included in the draft masterplan:

tree removals at central park?

"Because of these plans I have spoken to various people in Wingham and around Wingham. The people I speak to in the community do not want council wasting money to rip out established trees, only to pay to plant other trees. There is strong consensus that it makes no sense to remove the trees that are currently along the Northern Edge of the Park (along Isabella St). These trees and associated gardens provide excellent services and should be better maintained rather than removed. The notion to put a brick stepped wall the length of the park does not make it more appealing, nor does it significantly improve the access.

The design for low brick walls along the foot path is not supported by all people. It creates problems for getting in/out of parked cars. people expect they will not be used as seating and will just become an eye-sore. Something more in-line with the heritage of the town would be better suited. Such as simple Timber seats. Plus, taking a staged approach, to gauge their utilisation and success makes more sense than spending too much money upfront on features that are not adaptable.

Next to Central Park. The trees and shrubs in Question are around the Central Park (opposite Lifeline shop and Insablla St frontage) to remain.

Heritage Induction Light Poles

Heritage style design throughout... not concrete, and smart light poles. Heritage style light poles such as those used in Taree ???Leave established trees on Isabella street there. The addition on concrete/brick seating steps will be way too hot in dinner and a danger for children ect using the town green.

"Please do not remove the existing trees in Central Park or any area and remove some gardens as a both paths from the brick-step to replace the walls. The more greenery and less removal of green space is best!

Wingham residents want a vibrant earthy space and away from bare unappealing concrete.

A newly local mural artist would be keen to participate in the beautification project—see E.Rose Art for examples in done on behalf of the Liverpool Plains Shire Council and well appreciated by the project. Happy to be contact if more information is desired.

I think parking is most important and access for oldies . And less concrete and pavers more ( real turf ) and leave the big trees for shade and more shrubs .

We want the trees and shrubs to remain around the Wingham Park, especially the Isabella St frontage opposite the Lifeline shop. The brick stepped wall is ugly. We are not a suburb of Sydney, nor want our town to look or feel that way. We want to embrace our love of nature, birds, trees and the environment - and certainly not destroy an established source of enjoyment and food for our resident native birds, or shade and protection for our

residents. These large trees and grevilleas are also aesthetically irreplaceable. Leave them alone!

I am very concerned that the "after" beautification artist impressions of Isabella St actually show less trees!!!! Surely we should have learnt through recent global climate issues we need more trees. A brick/ cement wall edging Central Park will reflect heat and certainly won't improve the attraction of the Park which looks so much more inviting now with its trees and greenery.

- 1) CONSIDERING THAT WINGHAM IS MUCH OLDER THAN TAREE, the historical facts are not being reflected in the choice of STREET LIGHTING...must be historically..OLD!!!
- 2) REMOVAL OF TREES FACING ISABELLA ST ..NOT IN THE PARK. are mature trees where we sit with young children and babies that play at the newly erected play ground. THE TREES ARE SHADY AND MUST BE LEFT. They are NOT IN the PARK!!!
- 3) A STUPID HOT WALL OF BRICKS is NOT WHAT WE WANT...leave the TREES & PLANTS. Cooling and pleasing to us gardeners!!!!

There has been a lot of commentary about this beautification of Wingham throughout social media platforms. Some good, some bad but I think Council should be reviewing some of the local groups to see the broader views in the LGA.

Needs to be more practical and safer have the park divided to the road. Kids will play on the brick steps right next the roads. The trees provide a boundary and a spot for wild life stop the noise from the field to the shops.

Upgrades to the playground for children

At no stage would community members ask for or request the wasteful removal of mature shade trees and bushes around the surrounds of Central Park which soften the overall landscape.

Tree and foliage coverage also provide a cooling effect in our blistering summers in Wingham.

I would like you to revisit the original footpath which has already been laid out the front of the Amcal Pharmacy and Wingham Wellbeing. This option was not given to vote on. It incorporates Lincoln brickwork pavers and concrete.

I have already submitted an email detailing the problems that I had with alterations to the plan submitted by the consultancy firm. They primarily relate to my opposition to the removal of vegetation in front of Central Park and the installation of a peanut shaped roundabout in front of the museum despite the majority of those at the consultation meetings opting for the T intersection. - Very disappointing. I strongly favour tree planting in the centre of Isabella and Bent Streets and the pods in front of the restaurants

Maintaining as much greenery as possible.

The removal of mature trees along Isabella st. The tiered embankment looks like a long brick mausoleum and as it faces north with no shade it will be hot and bare. Wingham is a heritage town and putting in modern fixtures in the town square totally destroys the fabric of the town

The community planted trees alongside Wingham Park. The draft Wingham CBD Masterplan proposes to cut them down and replace with paving and concrete. Thus the draft Wingham CBD Masterplan does not at all highlight Wingham's best aspects, nor the Manning's unique beauty. Please keep the 22 water gums and 34 grevilleas that were planted by community and Wingham high schoolers about 10 years ago. They are loved by birds and bees, and humans alike.

Wingham Park is an oasis of green and shady open space in the middle of your beautiful heritage town - the envy of so many choked and closed towns in our state. I'm not at all in favour of replacing any of the soft green and shady plants and trees with anything other than more Australian natives. Isabella St opposite Lifeline is beautiful, soft, green, cool in summer and refreshing - leave it as it is! Maybe two short (3m ?) sections of the proposed hard hot masonry steps to improve access, but absolutely no more!

Like several other residents I believe the idea of removing ALL of the existing plants/trees and creating steps for access and seating along the side of the park at the top of Isabella Street is excessive. The renovation will be detrimental to the current ambience, sense of privacy that exists in that part of the park. To decrease the amount of new wall/steps and instead have a few sections along the wall made for this new purpose would ensure the private/enclosed ambience of that side of the park could be maintained. Less plants/trees would need removal, and less materials required for creating the wall/steps. This material/cost could instead be used for creating small table/seats (incorporating local artist's work) inside the edge of that side of the park itself. There is currently minimal pedestrian traffic in this part of Isabella St, though the car park's rejuvenation will slightly increase this. Older people will continue to park further down Isabella St, for easier access (no slope to walk up/down with shopping). To include several more disabled parking spots is essential around the middle of Isabella St, as well as further consideration of improving existing 'casual' parking arrangements between Isabella St + McCullagh Lane.

Why.

non removal of parking, especially in the Medical precinct area at bottom of Isabella St.

There is a significant amount of community concern over the prospect of losing the existing garden along the Isabella St wall of Central Park. Whilst welcoming the planting of additional trees along the streets, we hope that a modification to the proposed terraced walls along this section of the park can be optimized to retain the existing garden.

Some of the ideas that have been put forward are really good. But the steps to the main road from the park is not a good idea as kids already are in danger of jumping off the wall at the park. One day I was there with my grandson and a young mum was breast feeding her baby on the bench and was quite distraught when all of a sudden her 2 1/2 year old jumped /fell off the wall, luckily I was there with my husband to assist but this little person ran away from me because she didn't know me, cars and a bus came past, we eventually got the situation in control, it was quite frightening for all concerned. Last time we had a meeting with council in the Town Hall , people requested a fence along the wall where the play part of the park is. unfortunately that didn't happen.

I was not part of any previous consultations. However I see Wingham as very much a heritage town, and I fear much of its charm will be lost if building frontages are replaced with modern ones, and if modern awnings are added over the footpath. My immediate reaction to the artists' impressions was that they looked like ""anytown"" rather than Wingham. I have travelled to a lot of country towns, and they do all seem to be modernised along these lines. The efforts to add shade are great, but I think heritage-looking frontages and awnings would give Wingham an ongoing heritage appeal. Perhaps funds or an incentive could be offered to owners of rundown buildings to repaint them?

I am also opposed to the destruction of the existing mature water gums and grevilleas in the park, to install brick wall seating. I understand these trees were planted by locals. They are a part of Wingham's history, and part of the local ecosystem which should be preserved."

Keep the trees and shrubs around Wingham Park especially Isabella Street frontage opposite Lifeline shop.

Concern about the suitability of plants chosen. Trees in main streets must carefully looked after, because with climate change this is a great opportunity to reduce the heat banks which our roads become particularly in summer.

The area bordering Central park: Please leave the existing foliage and grevilleas where they are. There is nothing to be gained to benefit the people of Wingham, by taking them out and erecting concrete steps. Why steps here? To look at the traffic and parked cars. Please go easy on the bricks and concrete as part of the beautification.

Could the trees to be planted in Isabella St be of a suitable and local to this area type to provide shade in summer without dropping fruits or nuts on people trying to cross the street. I have seen two elderly people trip on the uneven surface of Isabella St this year. Please don't add a slippery component into the situation.

Extra parking

Loading zone in front of MV pumps shop please

The majority of the wall and the plants along the Isabella Street side of Central Park should be retained. There could be one or two more sets of steps to access the park, but we do not want the overall look and feel of the park changed. Removing all the plants and replacing them with a long, hard, stepped wall will be dreadful.

There is concerns about losing well established vegetation on the Isabella Street side on the Central Park.

Why not have front in parking this would allow for many more cars.

Don't waste our money, fix all our roads first, MCC has no right to just go ahead and do what you won't when you really are not doing what the rate payers want!!!! Fix the Bight Cemetery which you destroyed first.

1. Different pavement treatments at intersections along Isabella Street have been abandoned despite the original proposal and the ongoing recommendations of the consultant planner. That is - red pavement at the intersections that help define the area as a shared traffic zone and as an indicator for traffic to slow down. This was extremely disappointing.

It is now proposed to be normal bitumen - just like any other road section.

My preference would have been to make the entire western half of Isabella Street as a shared traffic zone with red pavement to make it obvious that it is a shared traffic area with pedestrian priority.. But, I feel the intersection treatment should be a minimum (and not just a cheap paint job!)..

There was very little public opinion about this - tree planting and loss of parking dominated - but this is a wasted opportunity for a truly shared space. It is obviously a cost saving measure - not good enough.

The proposals for electric vehicle recharging in McCulagh Carpark were abandoned - yes, very expensive - but as pointed out at the recent meeting there are public / commercial opportunities from organisations like RMA, NRMA and Caltex who do at least partially support these developments.

Peanut sucks - but the overwhelming opinion of a hundred or so people prevails. So be it.

The heritage assessment is rudimentary - there is nothing specific about anything, including the museum., which I note is earmarked for a number of streetscaping treatments.

The museum was built in 1870 - the oldest building in Wingham, is locally listed, and is currently under assessment for state listing. It dominates the streetscape at the top of Bent



Street, which is why we are always challenged with changes we make to the building. Seriously - we can't paint the building without permission.

I find it remarkable that you propose to change the entire street frontage of the museum without consultation, or even mentioning it to the Manning Valley Historical Society.

Any detriment to the museum or its place in the "Wingham Conservation Area" - which did not rate a mention in the heritage impact statement - will be challenged.

Destroying present garden and trees of park frontage on Isabella St

DO NOT REMOVE ANY EXISTING TREES, why do that and place hot bricks?... Wingham gets hot enough, don't make it hotter by removing the trees! Type of brick, colour of brick. We need car park spaces, not less. You have not looked at the needs of the community at all. Intersections have not been made better or addressed at all. Roads need attention before any "beautification" to the town, no good having a nice looking town if no one wants to drive into town,

It is a good start a lot more information is required

Parking is the biggest problem in Wingham.

Removing the trees.

Removing the car spaces.

I think it extremely difficult to get consensus from everyone on a beautification plan, I feel the beautification of Wingham is a wonderful concept and is much needed even though there are some areas that should be reconsidered such as the removal of shrubs & grivilleas.

I don't believe the alterations to the park and other streetscape are what the community wanted.

Wingham community want TREES not more concrete and brick. Residents from outlying areas who shop in Wingham are very concerned at losing our Heritage status. HERITAGE could be such a wonderful draw card to the Manning area for visitors to Ellenborough Falls first stop in Wingham the Heritage Town!

22 Water Gums and 34 Grevillias that were planted as part of phase 1 of the Wingham beautification plan 10 years ago are set to be ripped out - total madness.

How is it cost effective to rip out established trees and shrubs and plant of all things fruit dropping Lilly Pilly's in the main street and put up brick walls - sorry but these consultants really need to find another profession, this is absolute madness.

LISTEN TO WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT Feb 21 outcome report No 1 the main concern was greenery more trees.

Car park spaces

N/A

The park area is the area that concerns me. I walk my dogs around this park frequently. The heat coming off brickwork in summer is of concern. It's also ugly in appearance. A softer m, greener approach would be appreciated. The trees at Wingham Park should be left and simply enhanced. Bird life is prolific. I walk my dogs there regularly. To see our native birds habitat removed is foolish. We need shade and trees. Not less.

The Feb 2021 report noted that maintaining and increasing greenery was of prime concern to residents. 14 trees were to be planted in Bent and Isabella Streets.

Instead, 22 trees and 34 existing Grevillias will be removed to make way for a wall!?

Also, Lillipilis are probably a bad choice for street trees due to their messy droppings.

I don't think people are expecting so many trees to be removed.

the taking away of plants and trees from the walkway near the park in Isabella St opposite Lifeline shop.

It does not Reflect the original native plants or intention on the former planners.

The material of the shared walkway has not accurately been described. The heritage report nominates 2 materials not in keeping with the local environment of the mid north coast, that of 'specialist finish concrete' ie pebblecrete and bluestone paving.

The way these materials has been described and the way the previous survey nominated the proposed finishes has been misleading.

I am still very concerned (as per my previous submission) about the hard surfaces proposed for (especially) the southern side of Isabella Street between Wynter and Bent Streets. This is a low pedestrian area (and not as illustrated in the graphics for the proposed development) and can be extremely hot in summer. We fought for years to gain a softening of this area with plantings in front of the (hot) concrete walls. Please do not replace these plantings with more hard hot surfaces (that is, a brick stepped wall). This would be a tremendously retrograde step.

I am also disappointed, essentially for pedestrian and cyclist safety reasons, that the peanut rather than the offset T option has been selected for the Bent/Farquhar Streets intersection.

It seems to remove the greenery and trees that were planted by the high school 10 years ago which attracts the birds and replaces it with an ugly concrete infrastructure which is hot in summer. So much for consideration of the environment.

1. One of the beautiful things about Wingham is its heritage and Central park with the beautiful trees, especially fronting Isabella Street as these were planted by former high school students and they attract birdlife. A brick stepped wall will do nothing to keep the birds and nature - just a hard surface to sit on. I do not believe it will be utilised especially not by our elderly population.

2. An easy way to keep the heritage of Wingham would be to simply beautify the old shop facades - many of which are in desperate need of attention and beautification. We should look at towns like Morpeth in the Hunter how they retained and beautified their shop facades. Comfy seating for the elderly, tourists and visitors would be so much better than cold, hard services shown in the plan.

Community asked for keeping the amount and location of parking spaces as it currently is

I don't believe the majority of people would accept the removal of the trees and shrubs to build a brick wall!

Taking out the big trees & garden

Not sure everyone would want the established plants taken away from the border of the park.

I cannot understand the suggestion to remove trees and shrubs from Wingham.

We need to do more than make the street look beautiful. We need to attract businesses to avoid empty shops. We also need a tourist information spot in town to also sell local art and craft that is separate from the museum.

The bed pan water fall in the Town oval has to be replaced with something befitting the area, also the current water fall is electrically turned on/ off manually every day so wouldn't a timer switch be more cost effective than one person payed to turn one switch twice a day. Current wall around oval is functioning well with out major defects so doesn't need pulling

down at great costs. Plus the trees around footpath and under oval wall attract honey eaters and nectar feeding birds and look nice. These trees were planted by children in the hope of a better place, do not destroy their hope. Place placards advertising the types of trees and the birds they attract, all low cost additions to a so called master plan.

Yes the community want the CBD repaired with minimal cost and inconvenience, repairing the foot paths in the same pattern as Chapman & Wood chemist footpath is the best option. It is cheap, has a heritage look, easy to access underground services in the future, easily constructed with the least disruption to business that are just recovering from a pandemic and floods. Current masterplan is expensive and very disruptive with little long term gain. The plan to pull out the hardy Grevillea trees that attract birds and require nil maintenance is a mistake. These were planted by the High School children to enhance the area and give something back to the environment. To rip trees out planted by conscientious individuals sends a message to next generations of no matter what you do to help the environment and the future, council will do the opposite for short term gain. To then replace trees with stepped cold brick seating that people are suppose to sit on all day is crazy. Functioning seating is already in place on the oval and being used.

Community unhappy with removal of car parking even allowing for better access to undercover. Particularly unhappy with the removal of garden and trees along side of park. The stepped seating facing Isabella is an area no likely to be used. Better seating with shades in the park itself would be more appropriate.

The trees and shrubs next to the park along Isabella street were planted by the Wingham Chamber of Commerce as part of their beautification plan. They should not be removed and replaced with concrete steps. Concrete is ugly, unsafe and will be very hot in summer. The steps are a terrible idea

Ample street parking must be maintained

#### DO NOT REMOVE THE PERIMETER PLANTING OF CENTRAL PARK

The planting was part of the Wingham masterplan and took alot of effort to establish. There is no way this should be removed.

Do not obstruct the wide roads which are a heritage of the planning of Wingham as the administrative centre of the Manning

Do not do any of these things without fixing the dangerous roads we have to suffer the trees that the children planted must to stay. wild life reside there.

Its an insult to say that currently people don't know there is a park there

More importantly who is going to pay for all the changes?

Council cant even maintain our roads now, they are absolutely disgusting, they are not user friendly, unless your a GOAT..

The main road needs repairing but our street doesn't need a complete over hall. Our town is steeped in older heritage look. This new look is too modern. Shade for car park great idea but don't take away our car parks in the center parking.

Retention of the vegetation on the north side of central park. The community requested the terraced steps be redesigned to reduce vegetation removal.

This plan looks like replacement of all foot paths. That would completely change the look of Wingham and reduce its heritage value. The community were not given the option to choose the existing foot path material as approved in the 2008 cbd plan and which has already been implemented in parts.

I don't agree with ripping out most of the established plantings in the park, particularly the grevilleas- I think you could build on/improve the garden already there.

I don't agree with replacing the whole of the wall edging the park along the Isabella St side- you could add some nice access stairs at intervals along it instead.

I am in favour of more shade in all its forms, of softened edges.

More trees in the main shopping precinct and shade for off street parking.

Some of the community requested more child friendly inclusions. Eg path/ track though Main Street to park and possibly the brush. Providing a tourist walk that connects the Wingham brush to the town CBD

You can't fix our roads you spend money on 40 million dollar tin shed you have serious issues listening to people under your electorate go [REDACTED]

Keep the heritage look of the town, but it does need updating and tidying up.

I stand with Wingham people. They don't want this plan, they don't want trees removed and are not happy about it, nor the process. There hasn't been enough communication with stakeholders and no meetings, so please lets go back to the drawing board please.

I was did not have involvement in the community consultation unfortunately.

It is clear to me that the changes to the north side of Central Park (opposite Lifeline in Isabella Street), are not what the community wants. I think that many people have not understood your proposal will mean the removal of healthy native shrubs which were planted by local school children. The shrubs attract many birds and should be properly maintained. Many people have signed a petition calling for the shrubs to be retained. I understand that the petition has been submitted to Council.

I have lived in Wingham since 1975. It was a unique heritage town with all necessary facilities, plus a Court House, manned Railway Station with Goods Yard and Forestry Office. Wingham Brush was always a tourist stop and its restoration from weeds was backed by Council, The National Trust and National Herbarium and, finally, NPWS. It took over 40 years to achieve its present weed-free state. Council's draft masterplan makes Wingham look like any other town, not our unique Heritage town and the proposed changes would lessen its tourism appeal. I view the proposal to remove the plantings outside the Northern and Western sides of the Town Green as pure vandalism. I agree with the plantings of large trees in Isabella Street, but such trees should be unique to our Heritage Town, not something mass produced in a commercial nursery!

I remain opposed to the removal of the retaining wall on the northern and western sides of our town square and particularly the removal of vegetation adjoining these walls. A lot of thought went into "softening" the retaining wall. These plantings, in which I and many others were involved, have been particularly successful. The concept of a stepped brick wall would necessitate the removal of this vegetation for seating that nobody would want to use. This wall has been around a long time...that's what heritage is all about! The beautification plan has gone sideways and then off the rails in places because it was not designed with our heritage foremost in mind. The pebble Crete footpaths are also a modernization incongruous with our heritage as are the proposed light poles. The tree selection is pedestrian and is not unique to Wingham and it should be. We have 70 species of trees in the Wingham Brush alone! The process needs return to the drawing board, everything proposed should not only maintain but enhance our heritage, not "tart-up", gentrify or modernize our priceless heritage town.

Removing the bushes/shrubs/trees next to the park in Isabella st is ridiculous

I like the idea of making Wingham a place to visit but I feel the small country town feel is what makes Wingham great. We don't need a mini Taree.

Wingham has some of the most beautiful cafes, and when discussing the plan with many Wingham locals, the discussion has been that all of the cafes should be offered an outside eatery.

Also there needs to be public toilets in the Main Street as the public toilets on the other side of the park, are too far away for many elderly patrons within the community. A water station would also be great in the Main Street.

No mature trees or shady shrubs should ever be removed in the name of future betterment. Wingham is already a hot town and global warming is now accepted as real. It has to be taken into account. Retain all trees please.

The trees look great and help to keep that part of Wingham cool on a hot day, we need a lot more tree to help with cooling down areas that have asphalt and concrete. the trees are one of the saving graces of Wingham.

I believe the trees should not be removed instead build the brick stair case around them or improvise!

Cannot 're move marker

The trees and shrubs should remain. They present a beautiful aspect of the town as people arrive and turn into Isabella St. The trees allow visitors to sit in shade at the picnic benches and, as do the gardens, they attract the birds.

Trees and shrubs to remain on Isabella street opposite lifeline shop. The trees and shrubs to remain around the Wingham park.

Please keep wingham's heritage feel. A brick stepped wall in place of the gardens would destroy this

The overall beautification is commendable.

The removal of existing trees and shrubs in Central Park is a sad loss both aesthetically and environmentally.

Wingham could reflect as a gateway to a rainforest hinterland.

I feel that the trees and flowering shrubs should not be removed around the Park as they are instant shade and wildlife habitat instead plant more advanced flowering trees and Figs with a qualified Australian Native landscape architect incorporating paths (made from recycled and new brick from Lincoln Brickwork's) and trees, shrubs ground-covers all reflecting the once magnificent biodiversity flora of the area, with bird baths and points of natural interest.

As the sign shows as you drive into Wingham is a symbol of the Tree this needs to be enhanced and incorporated into all areas of the Wingham Town. Wingham's natural beauty is its potential forte and this is what the new generations of spending visitors and community want flourishing healthy environs, all beings thrive with the presence of trees and wildlife. Bangalow palms, Ficus, cabbage palms flowering bottle-brush and grevillias casuarinas Lillypillys would all work well throughout the landscape in Wingham.

I feel that Lincoln Brickworks should be used to supply material for all new paths and walkways. The flow form is wonderful and more water recycled through the park would offer a beautiful cooling effect like the Coolgardie safe in the stifling summer. The park would suite being an extension of the Wingham Brush. The Flying fox is highly misunderstood and since the fires are critically endangered along with many other species.



The Council really needs to learn and respect the message that ecological function must be maintained and is the engine that supports all life and this can be showcased along with sports and events in the Park and surrounds.

The tiered wall is not in keeping with the heritage feeling of the town. It is harsh and yes... modern. The planter boxes are a poor replacement for the current native plants. Heritage issues Please, please don't remove the beautiful trees/ grevillea in the park. They soften the township, encourage the native birds and give Wingham its green character. I have seen beautification of the Main Street (The Boulevard ) in Toronto NSW. ( Brick, cement and steel) It has destroyed the original character of the town. Please don't let this happen to Wingham. For those who have been sold the idea that building a tiered wall all along the north side of the park will open up the park... have they been asked to consider the park in the middle of summer and how HOT this park can get ? I also note that the BEFORE photo looking down Isabella Street has mainly pot holed bitumen in the foreground of the photo whereas the AFTER photo is an aerial photo that focuses on fully developed trees and wonderful smooth roads. The photographs give an unfair representation of what Isabella Street is really like and an unrealistic representation of what the final product will be like.

You asked for my Personal opinion I made the effort to email as asked. now why have I not seen or heard from anyone? Personally as a business owner & rate payer I'm extremely disappointed & feel very disrespected on many levels! Why are you setting up a pop up out the front of [REDACTED] ? why not out the front of any other business???

None of the issues I pointed out in my email have been addressed??? So far all I am seeing is council is only going to do what [REDACTED] want them to do Wingham is a lot bigger then Just one business!

the northern edge of Central Park should be left vegetated. This part of the shopping area is not used often and re-developing this part would have little benefit.

Removal of trees on the northern side of Central Park (opp Lifeline).

Rather than focusing solely on "beautification" why not focus on functionality. There needs to be several intersections in Wingham changed to roundabouts. There are a few with very poor visibility and one with a random rule that nobody from out of town would be aware of that was implemented to favour abattoir trucks. All accidents waiting to happen.

I'm very very concerned about planned removal of a number of native trees.

I know more planting is planned but removing mature established trees is utterly stupid when the suggestion is to plant more again later.

Trees that have survived the drought, the floods and now to consider removal for a tiered wall. Honestly I'm not impressed at all.

I have heard that we will lose car parks in the Main Street, people I have spoken to complain that there is already a struggle to park.

Our community likes to pride itself as forward thinking for the future in a sustainable way, losing 10 years of growth can not be replaced. Its a complete insult that you would be wasting so much energy to remove these beautiful trees when our community has struggled so much recently with fires and Covid and floods. Maybe work around these trees, you have the resources and the knowledge to do so. Do our town proud by making this effort

A playground and more focus on Central Park



**Q7 To assist us to get it right, please provide any other comments on the draft masterplan below:**

avoid removing major trees especially at the Central Park end

preserve as much green plant growth as possible

is the brick wall really the most effective seating arrangement given this will absorb heat for most of the day

In terms of the north side of the park section (along Isabella st: there is scope to provide some steps from the park onto the footpath. But these sets can be built in-between the existing trees, and have hand rails from the footpath up to and around the top of the wall (for safety). Maintaining the existing trees is a priority.

If mixed use 'pedestrian/cycle' is being considered it needs to be within a greater bicycle use strategy for the Wingham CBD. There is no reason why the footpath along the Northern side of the park (along Isabella st) section would have bicycle/pedestrian access. Unless there is continuity of bike/pedestrian access along the entire stretch of the Isabella st, this will merely be a piece-meal approach, that confuses traffic and helps no one. It makes more sense to have designated bicycle lane along the road. As this will; maintain pedestrian safety (noting the high proportion of elderly pedestrians); maintain the number of parking spaces (as needed by businesses and shoppers); and give cyclists a space to use (rather than a Hodge-podge approach).

The brick wall suggestion does not include community inclusion. The interface frontage to the Central Park to be of inclusion. Why is the community excluded from contributing, where this can continue with 2 x 3m sections / given to community / school / health projects a vantage point. Every month for 12months this allocated space is updated. I look forward to the inclusive community, the garden trees and shrubs are inclusive, the brick stepped wall is separation. Also , lighting is important. But there are contradictions in the paragraph. I do not support this vagueness. (Inline paragraph-The new light poles proposed will be multi-poles which will allow the flexible provision of lighting, CCTV, Wifi, banners, signage and visual effects lighting. Constructed of aluminium they will be modern in appearance and be located at intervals along the pedestrian pavement. The new light poles will provide much needed lighting and other amenities to the Town Centre, their modern sleek design will be unobtrusive and will not detract from the heritage character of the Town Centre providing a distinctly new layer of intervention. They will enhance the heritage values of the area by providing much needed lighting and other amenities. ) I would approve heritage values.

The correct inclusion to community does not include: CCTV, WiFi, Banners and visual effect lighting.

Provide proper signage, directions to the museum, library, and information centre. Thank you

Please use the local knowledge available re:planting appropriate trees (brush regeneration experts)

Use some heritage style features to keep Wingham's unique feel, with improvements in safety included.

Keeping established trees (planted by locals years ago), with the addition of established large trees carefully selected and placed to reduce heat and beautify the town.

Wingham is a heritage town. Any development should reflect this.

I would much prefer to see the established gardens along the Isabella St side of Central Park remain rather than a stepped wall I'm sure very few people would use. The gardens are attractive, well-established and make the play areas safer for children. What a waste of money to get rid of them!

Please, please do not remove the existing, established grevilleas and water gums! They provide not only shade, beauty and a source of food for such a diverse range of native birds (just spend a few minutes watching to confirm this) but they also provide a natural safety barrier from the road for mums and dads with kids.

Shame on you if you continue to ignore the pleas of your residents.

I had thought that the whole aim of the beautification of Wingham was to attract people into the town and assist in revitalizing business. At present the town suffers in the summer when high temperatures and lack of shade discourages people from remaining in town any longer than is necessary. If the plan eliminates some of the large trees that are already present and significantly high numbers of trees are not planted how will the summer conditions be improved????!!

WIDENING THE STEPS WITH A CURVED DESIGN would be more asthetically pleasing and widening easier for us older folk.

Keep trees and shrubs; have fun, inviting murals (including about Wingham's history); have seating and shade for visitors to the Village Green; have lots of events - art, fun, sport, history & festivals.

I would like to see a welcome to Wingham sign as you enter Isabella St. Also around the footpath of central park i would like to see a Hollywood style walk of fame including home grown sporting, academic and political people just to name a few. I believe there is enough room to add a bicycle track around the perimeter of the park as well. Another idea i have is to move the public toilet from where it currently is to the opposite corner facing L J Hooker.

The gardens to the north of Central Park shouldn't be removed. When I was growing up there were no plants or trees just the concrete retaining wall and a small strip of grass next to the path. The planting that has occurred in this area softens the look of the retaining wall and provides a beautiful aspect to the main street . Wingham in a beautiful area with lots of natural assets and removing this area of landscaping will detract from the streetscape and Central Park. Put the money for this section of the beautification to better use but adding to the existing planting not removing it.

Please update and upgrade the playground for children. There is no quality play are for children and families

I think that the work planned for the footpath area would be a positive move HOWEVER I am very much against the removal of the already established trees in Central Park. These trees provide a lovely amount of shade that is much needed in the summer months in Wingham where the temperatures are always higher in Taree and more so from the Great Lakes region.

Re: Changes to Central Park

This plan is a catastrophe. It demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of the heritage aspects of the town, the ridiculous use of brick wall seating, compared to comfortable park seating, (which is in keeping with an historic site), and the removal of valuable , mature plantings which are now there.

Please keep the softening and cooling effects of the present vegetation in and around the Central Park.

I would only like to add that the heritage status of the township must not be lost in the upgrade of the CBD.

I have also been alerted to the removal of the native trees on the town green which I am opposed to.

Thanks for all your work in the consultations, it is much appreciated and we look forward to the CBD upgrade.

I feel that by removing parking spots from the main street and planting mature trees will be a disservice to the community as it's already difficult to find car parks.

I also believe that removing the beautiful trees from the park and adding cement steps will detract from its beauty.

I cannot see my Council is not prepared to seek grant funding for the installation of electric charging hubs. This is the future of automobiles as the world seeks to move away from gas guzzlers which are destroying our planet. I also fail to see why solar panels cannot be installed in McCulloch car park. Again - this is a saving for the future. All in all a disappointing result.

I believe that just painting the wall and using saved money for more trees is a better option.

The slight embankment along Isabella st should be subtly screened not made feature of. More shade trees and pleasing garden soft areas so its soft colours and shapes blend in with the surrounding buildings

I grew up in Elands, and own property and pay rates in Midcoast Council Area. My father still lives in the area and I visit frequently. I value trees.

See above.

Please see above comment.

I also see no mention of what might be done to resolve the concerns around the Bent St/Farquar St intersection. A roundabout with the three current street entrances would be the simplest and safest solution here.

It may just be the artist's impressions shown here, but no plant genus or common name has been stated, and the graphics do not suggest that there will be trees all the way down Isabella St in the centre of the road up to Primrose St.

Whilst it is important to consider upgrading and beautifying the main street in town I am also concerned that it seems no thought has been given to other parts of Wingham near the main section. The fact that many streets in Wingham still have NO footpaths whatsoever. At least one on one side of each road is much more considerate of the health and safety issues involved when women with prams and elderly people need to walk on the road as there is no footpath on that street and the kerbside is too uneven.

The Central Park part of this plan is ridiculous. Why are you taking out established trees and putting in some sort of tiered seating. So that people can sit there and look at the traffic???

I love Wingham, but I feel like everything in life it looks old and tired, it's time for a makeover!! it will be fantastic for Wingham Businesses & the tourist trade, can't wait to see it complete

After the works have been completed there is a need to recognise that only the initial stage has been completed. There must be follow up to advertise to everyone in the state (and beyond) what is here. As a person who grew up in Sydney and lived there for 57 years before moving to the outskirts of Wingham, I can confidently state that virtually nobody in Sydney has ever heard of Wingham. It must be advertised widely and care taken to avoid

any association with Taree and its, unfortunate, bad reputation that exists for most Sydney people.

No big steps at the play park area please.

A park can be a real draw card for a little town. Kids need to be thought about and in this plan, they're not. A carefully planned fun and safe park would be lovely, a bike track for the kids would be so much fun, for little kids on their scooters and skate boards. The sawdust underfoot is a hazard more than anything causing splinters in feet. A sand pit like the one in the Victoria St Park would be lovely. A park like the one in Victoria St Taree would be ideal. PLEASE don't cut down the trees in the play part of our park.

More seating at the park would also be a bonus.

The trees in the main street are a great idea, the car park near the school is also a great idea. I truly hope the council will consider all of us here in beautiful Wingham.

I am concerned about the removal of existing trees and shrubbery near the playground in Wingham Park. As a parent of small children who frequent the park often I am always so grateful to the greenery. It provides, shade and beauty but most of all it is a fantastic way to deter kids from accessing the road without the need for an unsightly fence. It also provides a great play space for kids, the shrubs become hide outside, cubbies and all sorts of imaginary spaces. I am concerned that the removal of these trees and shrubs and the inclusion of steps will make the road all too alluring as well as removing the natural shade which is so important in our climate, especially so in children's play spaces. Please reconsider this aspect of the plan and keep our playground the inviting, relaxing place that it is.

Waist ove money and wrecking a beautiful heritage town

Overall, I applaud your efforts to beautify Wingham, but I think retaining (or in some cases, recreating) the heritage look would enhance Wingham's current appeal, including to tourists. Increasing shade is great, both by planting native trees and shading the carpark. I think heritage-style street lighting would be best, (with solar panels on top), and for similar reasons street seating would be best with a bespoke or ""Wingham"" look. I don't want the brick wall seating next to the park. The patchy/holey streets detract from the town's visual appeal, but also from comfort and safety on the roads. The roundabout proposed for the Bent St/Farquhar St intersection is a good idea. I regularly drive through there, and it is potentially dangerous. However the ""peanut"" design looks to me as if it might restrict a motorist's ability to evade a collision in the event of a problem, especially if the other vehicle is a large truck!

Finally, I wonder if there is any new infrastructure for flood mitigation included in the planning for Primrose St and Isabella St, and the roundabout...in view of the recent floods?

Keep trees and plants.

Incorporate biodiversity and rewilding.

Use organic methods for care.

Don't use plastic.

Reuse materials wherever possible.

Explain, if necessary, why environmental methods are necessary.

Ensuring that all plantings will be appropriately maintained so that they survive in all weathers; ensuring that risers on all steps are at a height suitable for older people, and that there is suitable access for prams and walkers.

Could the area around the children's playground in the Central park be fenced off in some childproof fencing. This would give a safer area for the children to play in and lessen the likelihood of running onto the street.

Can you please include an access ramp from the Main Street leading into the park / sport field for the disabled, prams etc. Ideally at the t-intersection on the corner opposite LJHooker.

Loading zone

Public toilet somewhere in the lower end of the Main Street if possible

As long as continual consultation with business and community happens

Leave existing trees and gardens as they are - plenty of shade and greenery.

Do away with the stepped brick wall - too ugly

Use heritage style lighting, not smart poles

Do not take all the footpath vegetation on the side of Central Park. Only in some places such as the bus stop make the intended stone work. Or replant vegetation near this site.

Leave the park as it is, there are mature trees that provide shade ,bird life insects, why ever would you want to remove what is there....madness.

I was at the recent meeting at Wingham RSL - I feel that all decisions have been made. It was just an opportunity for council to tell us what has been decided and what they are going to do.

For every suggestion, there was a reason it could not happen - not that I blame the council rep's - they obviously have budgets-schedules that they need to meet.

I have just moved to Wingham in the 8 months and walk along the Isabella St frontage of the park every day.....I see no reason why you want to destroy the gum trees along that frontage including the garden beds. I have never seen anywhere else that has such a beautiful display of the small ground covering gardenias which seem to thrive on total neglect and provide a constant display of flowers.

I don't see why there could not be just another central entry built rather than create a long hotbed of cement and bricks which will do nothing to provide a cool effect on the side of the park on Isabella St frontage

As stated, Don't Remove any Trees

Widened the foot paths, they are in need of repair and look ugly! Is there any point to comment here, seems like the council chooses what "they" want and not really listen to the people of the town, very disappointed in the council .

Listen to the people of Wingham!! Make Wingham practical as well as beautiful.

Definitely needs more green (trees) as it looks bare in the after pictures and feels hot ( it already gets hot up the Main Street. Don't over complicate the roads or intersections as intersection below (pool-bowling club, leaving or entering wingham is horrendous, I'm always asking rta about it) but it would be nice if the busses had there own lane but also a safe drop area for kids so parents can miss the buss lane/zone (just a thought), a shaded area and in closed like Taree would also be nice for the kids play area (help minimise sunburn and keep all children safe, falls risk and road risk, it would be great to give children that freedom to run around while being safe and food tables and given we just had the floods and lost power is there anyway of having a charging station that could be solar powered

I was horrified to see those trees were to be removed, as they have been there for quite a while, and they provide shelter and food for small birds. MCC does not have a tree preservation order, which means council and greedy developers are allowed to cut trees down without any thought for the bird life and other wildlife in the area.

Plant thousands more trees.

I hope the the proposed beautification displayed here also continues down Isabella st towards Caltex roundabout and along Primrose, Bent and Wynter Streets

Please put a 2 hour time limit on parking in Isabella st .

It seems to miss the mark in terms of the heritage feel of the area. Concerned about the loss of trees and inappropriate substitutes that will drop fruit etc. Concerned about the loss of car spaces. Playground needs some sort of fencing from the road but without losing the lovely plants in place. And why. Or have the playground near the toilets, or toilets near playground - soooo much easier for mums of little ones.

I oppose the plan to remove established tree's in the park, i don't see the necessity for it as they are habitat for the birds and I think it's a waste of money

My concerns are the removal of the grevilleas & shrubs on the verge as well as the trees behind , the brick wall seating isnt appealing for the reason hot in summer & cold in winter , my preferred seating would be wooden with shade in the park. A rotunda (bandstand) which could be utilised by local musicians, music in the park after having lunch in a local cafe. The centreline trees need careful consideration as the lilly Pilli bears small berry type fruit which shed, they are also water consuming . There are a number of trees which should be considered before the lilly Pilly .

Where is all the parking area to be with reduction of area by "" beautification "" ??

Is streetscape to be modernised detracting from country charm ??

Buildings Façade to be given heritage style with verandah style posts and murals encouraged as in other town reliant on the tourism dollar . ???

Residents concerns actually taken note of in final decisions ??

Carpark idea OK. Nearly everything else, including street awnings etc outside BOF are not in keeping with the heritage nature of the town. The removal of trees, planted by high school students and other community members, to be replaced with an ugly brick wall and a few new trees, is totally abhorrent. How about fixing the roads properly, not doing half the job and leaving intersections in a woeful condition? Roads leading to the town are in such poor condition that visitors are discouraged.

Forget Smart Poles, keep it to more heritage style lighting please. So many councils and communities around the country have increased their tourist trade by having a HERITAGE theme, why can't we?

I remember the Cobb & Co stables and was devastated when council cut the charred poles down (after the mysterious fire that took the old Wingham Hotel), what a magnificent area that would have been for an Arts and Crafts space or an Indigenous Keeping Place. Let's not do it again. There are other places that could hold these places now including the Old Goods Shed and the classic art deco ex-slipper factory as an art movie come performance space. Then there's the old station masters cottage, another wonderful heritage being lost if nothing constructive is done to refurbish and open to locals and tourists. Please listen to what the community want, we live here.

It's not just about people, the environment and species loss is too much to bear, keep what we have and work with it.



Keep Wingham Brush for the locals, I visit the Brush when shopping in Wingham and so many times there have been many RV and campers littering the place taking up space with no respect for locals and the environment.

Use local volunteers to maintain some areas, the Brush for one, following on from the brilliant job the Brush volunteers did there years ago.

Council need to listen to what the locals want, they who know the area, not expensive consultants from out of the area. There are many qualified and highly experienced people with all the knowledge needed to beautify our Manning, please don't destroy what we have, build on it.

The selection of the shade tree species is absolutely critical. The damage root systems can create is a financial liability the Council does not need. I know this from over 30years experience in amenity horticulture, please get it right

I believe that the owner of bent of food is getting the council to pay for their shop upgrade.

It looks terrible and please don't TAKE the established trees

The park design lacks vision and is disappointing. A green approach with lush plants and suitable trees would all to the beauty and provide shade. The brickwork suggested is stark and not in keeping with historical Wingham's heritage.

I don't like the idea of a stepped wall. It will be hot, artificial and ugly. The wall will disrupt plantings of trees next to the Wingham Park. Please leave these trees where they are Wingham has a growing reputation as an interesting Heritage and tourist town. I would like to see any improvements be in keeping with the Heritage theme. Can we have lighting similar to heritage lighting in Taree's main street, not newfangled looking lights please?

Wingham will benefit from improvements that make the town centre liveable, beautiful and cohesively themed.

My main objection is the removal of trees and plants around Central Park. Even if these trees are not desired in long term they should be left until more grow. There are very few trees and very little shade in Central Park. It is not an inviting place to go at the moment. If it is necessary to keep most of it for cricket then there should be extensive planting all around the edges.

To strip away the shrubs from beside the playground would be a terrible mistake. As well as destroying one of the few already beautiful features, contrary to the aims of a "beautification plan", they provide a safety barrier to deter young children from running straight out onto the street when families are there trying to supervise them. Please do not start the stepped wall design until HALF way down, much closer to the bus stop. Steps are a harsh barren ugly visual devoid of shrubbery. They are also easy to have accidents on, therefore hazardous to human health. They may provide wider access but this is not even needed until at least BEYOND the old NAB bank building, where the shopping strip really begins.

Please don't remove the existing trees and gardens on the North East side of the park (along Isabella Street opposite the Lifeline store). They are beautiful and important for the bees and other animals. You can work around them I'm sure.

I've mentioned it before but you need to fix the current parking issues before removing a single carpark space.

Today again there was not a single space available down the health hub end of town for most of the morning. This has been happening pretty much every single day lately.

Suggestions:

- Cordon off 41 spaces for a few weeks to give the people of Wingham a taste of what it'll be like with 41 less spaces.

- Start by planting 2-3 trees at the park end of town and see how it goes. Learn from that and decide how to move forward (I received a flimsy response for why this couldn't be done).
- Introduce 1 hour timed parking. I was against this at first but I've come around a bit. I think locals will hate it but the lady who visited us the other day said you can have the rule but not really enforce it strictly so that might be an option. Seniors parking was another option discussed. But the important point is that these need to be in place before a single tree is planted.
- Remove less spaces.

41 is excessive, and it'll be felt the most by the locals, and people living to the west (ie not visitors) who come to town once a week to do their shopping. You clearly don't understand the mindset of these people. If they can't get a park they'll get their medications filled next week, and just go a few days without. We are seeing it already - the management of people's conditions is less than optimal right now because people can't get a park, and one of these days it's going to result in someone having a heart attack so I hope you're ready for that.

I'll get off my soapbox. I'm more concerned about our regular customers than the pharmacy itself. The pharmacy can trace its roots back over 100 years, and I'm sure it will survive whatever happens with regard to the parking. For the record, I love trees and I'm not against greening the town, or the other upgrades in principle. But there is a clear parking problem that needs to be fixed before we move ahead with ripping up car parking spaces just to make things look nicer.

We need more trees not take away healthy trees that have been planted previously. The heat in Wingham is softened by plants, nobody wants to be in Wingham in summer as there is already too much concrete to reflect and intensify the heat.

Great to see tree planting in the Main Street. also good to see paving and landscaping between Central Park and the street.

It looks to modern. It is one thing to upgrade things, but to modernise them take from the character of them is another.

The character is what should be preserved. Change to look like everything else ruins character.

Would like to reduce centre of street trees to medium on Wynter St due to possible root damage to road and also shading of large PV system currently assisting tenants at 20 Wynter St.

The master plan does not indicate what work is to be undertaken on lower Wynter St. The current footpath paving should match what is planned for Isabella St. This may be in future funding however it should also be noted at this stage.

Hi, I feel that a disabled car park and motorcycle parking bay directly in front of a 45 Isabella St which is a Takeaway shop is a poor choice. It will effect deliveries and the general public will get fined just for popping in to picking up their fish and chips. Below 45 Isabella St there are a number of shops with much less traffic volumes that would be better suited to a disabled park. Plus there is a tree to be planted directly across the road taking up more of the parking directly in front of the shop. Another option would be to move the disabled park up to the bus stop.

I do feel that overall it has many merits. In general I am in favour of improving the usability and aesthetics of the main street area and the Central Park. I feel the stepped brick area has positives but not when it means the removal of existing shrubs that are now getting to

be of a size to be useful habit. Also I am not sure that the steps would get a lot of use on warm to hot days. Kind Regards, [REDACTED]

The material of the shared walkway has not accurately been described. The heritage report nominates 2 materials not in keeping with the local environment of the mid north coast, that of 'specialist finish concrete' ie pebblecrete and bluestone paving. The way this has been communicated has been misleading.

There is not enough discussion on the current thinking of the safety of shared pedestrian zones particular in areas of low urban density.

It's a shame this plan is to be implemented over a number of separate stages. This will diminish the intended overall impact. Wingham has again been left behind in the beautification stakes. Surely a better approach can be funded.

Again beautify being sympathetic to our Heritage Town - that's what makes Wingham unique. If you are replacing car spaces ensure that you replace those spaces and again easy accessibility for locals, tourists and especially elderly.

Don't remove beautiful plantings with hard, cold surfaces that won't be utilised especially up opposite Lifeline. Put more lovely picnic benches in Central Park, even a rotunda or large gazebo in Central park to add to heritage feel.

I'm happy with the master plan and was pleased to hear that a new bridge into Wingham is in the plans too.

I think the draft is amazing . It will be great for Wingham

What about something that will attract tourists? QLD has a big banana, what about a statue of big cow in the Central Park, together with upgrading the playground with some great equipment which will attract families with kids?

Wingham is a beautiful heritage town. Please keep it that way.

As a long term resident of MidCoast, having completed my schooling in Wingham and being aware of the travesty caused by Councils actions at Mondrook Cemetery - I believe the garden next to the park, the 22 water gums and 34 + grevilleas, that it is planned to remove must be kept and protected.

GTCC (council) donated the plants, wingham high school students and community members planted them, most of them are doing well, some now 3 to 4 m tall.

Wingham businesses are doing better than expected and the trade from tourists coming to our heritage town is very valuable. We NEED development that fits in with the heritage style of this town that so many people come to visit because of its history and it's architecture.

By all means fix the problems but keep Wingham Wingham! Don't again disregard the views of residents and rip out trees again that have been planted by the community.

Wingham has more character than any other local village and must be protected.

1. Are Taxi Ranks noted on the Plan - I fee the following should be looked at
2. Taxis have to park out in rain and hot sun
3. Summer time their motors have to be kept running to service their air conditioning system all day
4. Winter on very cold days same
5. Taxi Ranks should be covered. The majority of Taxi users are elderly
6. Terrible situation loading the boot of a taxi with a walker - groceries - wheel chair - prams in pouring rain the boot gets wet the interior of the Taxi gets wet The Taxi driver gets wet the customer gets wet the groceries get wet

7. Taxi customers should be able access the taxi under cover especially mothers with groceries - pram - baby and other small children - a mother leaning over putting a seat belt on the children in the back seat with rain pouring down is a blight on town planning - an ideal situation a park/drive through Taxi rank the same as the foyer of large Hotels
8. Demographics change sometimes the taxi rank should be re-located to another part of the town
9. Signage on the Taxi rank signs to the effect what times the rank is manned

You do not realize how bad a street looks until you see it in a photo

I do not think the seating on the side of the park will be ever used - the people have re located to the western end of the street the existing greenery looks alright to me - needs tidying up - money saved could be used for other projects

Leave the existing trees and gardens

I'm happy about the roundabouts planned and the tree beautification but would be devastated if the established plants are removed from the north facing wall of the Central Park.

Why on earth anyone would think of removing the trees and shrubs next to the park is beyond me.

They offer shade to people using the park and an abundance of birds and insects frequent them.

Consider shaded street seats closer to the park and the park beyond Isabella Street.

The draft 'Master Plan' to remove established vegetation which currently serves as shade, water absorption, erosion prevention, natural/native habitat for wildlife (birds/bees etc) should not be removed and replaced by hard surfaces (bricks, concrete) and immature trees. Hard surfaces contribute to increased heat, store heat and are counter intuitive as they shed water into storm water drainage contrary to vegetation absorbing water. As the proposed terraced steps (seating) and widened footpath will be hard surfaces facing North the heat radiation, refraction and material heat storage would most likely make this an uncomfortable plan to accommodate sitting or community space usage.

I believe this is a short sighted 'master(?)' plan and the planner should be more cognisant of the ever increasing and changing environmental impacts. MidCoast Council should ensure all current/future planning works in our area are inclusive of natural environmental protections for community users of public spaces including sun safe, storm water recycling (underground water tanks) to irrigate grass and vegetation areas within the park in a sustainable manner. Solar lighting and pump system to drive irrigation from water tanks as required for ongoing maintenance. MidCoast Council should overlay a move toward all developments in the region to incorporate and progress to an environmental sustainable circular economy.

Keep some of shrubbery at edge of town square to interspace seating/steps

Road repairs is a top priority. Toilet needed in CBD as I'm effected by not having easy access to toilets in this area. Sign posts in the CBD could do with a heritage theme to promote the towns heritage links like the town clock. Get a clock maker to give the town clock a striking mechanisms to chime the hours between 6am and 10pm, it will not cause noise issues to a noisy CBD

- 1 Simply repair road surfaces
- 2 replace foot paths in current Chapman & Wood Chemist pattern and add if you like markers/ descriptions of historic buildings that are or where there once in the footpath
- 3 Build a toilet in the CBD as its a long way to run from CBD Chemist up to the Oval toilets on the far side of the oval with your legs crossed
- 4 Council attract

different activities to the Town Oval like festival lighting of the plane/ oval at Wingham Christmas carnival in conjunction with RSL and service clubs, open days/ heritage walks of historic buildings, enviro fares maybe in conjunction with the High School

I am concerned about the stepped wall on the edge of the Wingham park. It gets very hot in summer and I think that brick without shade would not be a nice place to sit. I have also been made aware that many of the trees and shrubs that are to be removed were planted by school children. I suggest that the stepped brick wall be broken up by trees and shrubs to provide a bit of shade and it is pleasant to sit with birds in the grevilleas.

Lighting in laneways may be required

Love that our town is being given a huge facelift

as above

How dare you impose this on such a vulnerable community. Do not remove the perimeter planting of Central Park.

I believe and agree that there is up grades and maintenance to be done not only in wingham but in taree also.

Council needs to spend our money on fixing up what is there already NOT wasting more of our rate money removing existing plants for more concrete that based on current standards from council, WONT be maintained.

I wish to raise a few issues. I understand that a Heritage Study is to take place. I strongly believe in respecting and maintaining a heritage look to Wingham town.

Regarding the planned extended outdoor dining space in front of Bent on Food I think that modern decorative metal fencing barriers would not be sensitive to a heritage look and that a solid structure of brick/wood would be more suitable and compatible to the planned brick and wood retainer wall at the park.

The current cow, pig and leaf murals on front of [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] store look like something from Luna Park or a Pre School. These shop fronts are totally out of alignment with a heritage look and insensitive to the town as a whole. It concerns me that given more outdoor space that [REDACTED] will introduce loud music, modern tables and chairs, colourful flags and other eyesores that scream of all things 'progressive' fast and loud.

I also wish to add also my concerns of more shop proprietors painting depressing grey on their street front walls. Perhaps guidelines to shop owners to align more with heritage shades on store fronts would bring the town together as a beautiful old peaceful heritage town worth visiting and living in.

Another concern I have is regarding the planned new street signage as per the pictures above. Perhaps something in more natural subdued shades and typeset in a more traditional style would contribute better to the overall look and feel of a slow peaceful country town? An example is the signage for the Library. It does look a bit out of place on that beautiful old building. Perhaps for the future the council could consider changing these signs to a more traditional look and style. These seemingly small details can and do make a huge difference.

Overall I am pleased at the changes. The planned greenery will be most appreciated by many. I look forward too to the shaded carpark area, but wish to mention the dreadful gutter on the Farquhar St exit. No matter how slow or what angle one maneuvers the car the front will scrape the road severely. Perhaps I am the only vehicle that would not be able to utilise the car park if that was my only exit or entry way, but I suspect I'm not. Thank you for reading my letter.



Leave the town park how it is. It has all what the town needs access is on 3 sides and the one on the Main Street is fine. The trees are shade, bird, bee friendly. It's not that old so doesn't need this kind of money spent. Fix up structures that need repairing roads bridges our pool.

I think the new look needs to tone more with the look of our town our town could do with a gentle face lift but it doesn't need to look old trying to be young take a look at our older buildings and blend in with them keep. Don't be too modern.

#### Wingham CBD Masterplan

It is great to see the construction of the McCullagh's car park in Wingham as the first action in the CBD Masterplan. This will be an enormous help to the parking pressure in Wingham enabling the work of tree planting to begin. In the excitement of getting the job done, we must beware not to accidentally modernise Wingham and erode its heritage value. Tourism is taking off across Australia and Wingham stands to benefit greatly from this growth. Protecting Wingham's heritage and quirkiness is a job for us all to enable it to grow and thrive as a standout heritage town.

#### Foot path

There are sections of foot path which are in excellent condition despite their age. They contribute to the historical value of Wingham and it is these understated elements of the town which add to its' heritage value and should be retained. Examples of this can be found out the front of Wingham Museum and along the Wynter street end of Isabella street. Replacement of such elements places the heritage value of Wingham at risk.

When you consider what makes a trip to ancient towns in Europe so memorable, their historic cobbled foot paths are front of mind. Caring for and maintaining the original sections of our footpaths, although no comparison to these in age, contributes to the heritage feel of Wingham. Please take the time to walk these footpaths before agreeing to replace them with a new material at unnecessary expense.

Some areas of foot path must be replaced due to trip hazard and new works such as placing the power lines underground. The Wingham community were only offered two choices of foot path during the consultation process. The special finish concrete (aggregate/pebble create banded with brick) or the bluestone pavers. We were not offered the surface that was approved in the 2008 CBD plan and already implemented in parts of Wingham (out the front of the chemist at 103 Isabella Street and across the road at 13 Isabella street in front of Wingham Wellbeing). This finish incorporated Lincoln brick pavers (already in place in Isabella street out the front of 99 Isabella street – Garden Grub) and concrete. To suggest that the residents of Wingham chose the aggregate finish is misleading and misrepresents the process. Had we been offered to continue the existing footpath model we may well have chosen that. It would certainly be a simpler process, being more in keeping with the current foot path and can be completed in sections over time. It would also be more affordable; I have no doubt. Having already been approved in the 2008 plan it would have meant we can get on with the job in a timely fashion. I question the heritage merit of the special finish concrete.

#### Threshold paving at intersection

Wingham is not bustling with pedestrians and the current crossings at the intersection of Isabella and Bent streets work well. Introducing threshold paving at the intersection both here and at the Isabella and Wynter street intersection is further modernisation of Wingham. It is these seemingly small changes that erode the heritage presentation of Wingham. We need to be very careful not to change the face of Wingham. One day Wingham may be one of the few towns with striped crossings!

#### Parking

Having been strongly opposed to timed parking, 2 hour parking at the western end of Isabella street shopping area may be the best solution if the blisters go ahead in front of the cafes. When people shop at Granty's fruit and veg and the butcher they are usually having



to carry heavy loads so prefer a park close by. You could perhaps have a couple of 15 minute parks out front of the chemist for folk needing to duck in for a script.

#### Trees

In regards to the choice of trees for planting Kim and Peter Gollan and John Stockard are experts in our local area and council should be guided by their recommendations. We have waited a long time for trees to be planted in our main street. It seems a shame to narrow our choice of trees by the list of advanced stock. The trees we choose now, if chosen correctly, will be in place for the next hundred years or so. If we choose the wrong trees they will need to be removed and replaced down the line. We have wonderful endemic species of trees in Wingham and it would be wonderful if we were able to include them in the selection process. If having considered all options the current choices stand the test that is fine but I suspect other more suitable and Wingham only species may come out on top.

#### Central Park

The planned stepped access to central park has merit but the plan as it stands can be improved. Providing improved and welcoming access whilst retaining sections of the current planting would be ideal. It is extremely hot in Wingham and sitting along the planned terraced seating in the sun would be a very uncommon practice in Wingham. A still winter's day might be the only time you would sit along there. Having a stepped wall in front of the children's playground may encourage children to play on the steps and draw them down towards the road. The current planting keeps them trapped up in the playground so to speak. If there is a concern of children falling off the wall into the garden a fenced guard along there may be in order.

In regards to equity of access, a ramp commencing at the corner of bent and Isabella streets and running behind the bus stop on the north side of the park would not disturb much of the current planting and some added planting might be able to shield the ramp slightly from street view to soften the band of concrete. Care must be taken not to obscure the mosaic at the entrance. The park is at street level on both the east and southern sides and there is an area opposite the services club that could provide another area for ramp access from the western side.

#### Town clock

The current town clock that we all look up to at the Bent and Isabella street intersection should be retained. I can't see it on the plan.

#### Protecting Wingham's Heritage

Since the council amalgamation, forming Midcoast Council, there have been some actions that have eroded the beauty and heritage of Wingham. Greater education in understanding the heritage value of Wingham and surrounds is necessary if we are to protect Wingham for the future. Midcoast council decisions need to be a whole of council decision. Design, heritage, natural environment, liveability and accessibility all need to be considered before actions are taken.

Sadly, the cattle yards at Wingham showground have been recently demolished to be replaced with a modern steel shed. A steel shed has been erected at the entrance of the showground, now the first building you see as you enter the state registered heritage site. Surely Wingham can do better than this and show respect for such a significant site.

The removal of the heritage style bins in the CBD and the installation of unsightly Midcoast council branded bins is another example of one arm of the council acting in isolation. Fortunately, this error is more easily corrected than the above example.

The demolition of the headstones at the Bight Cemetery was a gross act of disrespect to the community and their loved ones. Had the whole of council been involved in the care and maintenance of the cemetery such an act could not have been sanctioned.

There are more examples of one-sided decision making and lack of accountability to the whole of council and community. Please be sure the Wingham CBD project respects all

voices. I don't want just another basic template upgrade like every country town in NSW, of which I have seen quite a few.

I have often wished to deal with the intersection of Bent and Farquhar Sts myself by simply by painting a circle on the road to designate a roundabout! Also, I would remove a couple of parking spaces in Bent St north closest to this "roundabout" thus giving the line of sight necessary and currently denied to approaching motorists from Farquhar St West. This would solve the traffic risk there. Something circular could go in the centre to enforce and assist compliance with the roundabout situation.

There is widespread community concern, in which I agree, that the removal of gardens and trees from Isabella street, to be replaced by a stepped embankment, not really shaded by established trees, is quite a retrograde proposal.

I think this will be wonderful for Wingham. I'd love to see the Central Park a little more included in term of providing a more child friendly playground. Also, linking the Wingham brush to the CBD with a tourist walk from the heart of the Main Street would be a great asset.

Read above moron

We just don't want Wingham to turn into a blingy town but to keep its character and be tastefully done up.

Although I don't live in Wingham, I come there often enough. I don't understand the motivation of this project and I like to stand with the Wingham people. They don't want this plan, they don't want trees removed and are not happy about it, nor the process. There hasn't been enough communication with stakeholders and no meetings. (a website alone is not enough to connect to people), so please let's go back to the drawing board and give people a decent chance to connect and have their say

I strongly disagree with the removal of vegetation along the perimeter of the park. The construction of a stepped brick wall is a stupid idea. Who is ever going to sit there where there is no available shade? The existing steps could be widened (perhaps twice as wide) and seating areas provided there, which would not require the removal of much vegetation. Littering is already a problem in this area and will be worse where there is large brick steps. Increasing vegetation in the mid-street is important to decrease heat island effects.

The shrubs on the north side of Central Park in Isabella Street should be retained. Wingham is a Heritage Town and replacing the native shrubs with a stepped brick wall will not be in-keeping with a heritage ambience. During summer months no-one will want to sit on the designated seating on the new wall; it will be too hot. Any new seating should be around the edge of the park, on the grass and under trees (preferably native).

The masterplan should first and foremost have been a Heritage Plan to preserve and strengthen our heritage and unique identity. Start over and do it right!

Cancel this "master plan" and do it again, providing Wingham with a Heritage Master Plan.

Removal of existing plants and taking away car parks is ridiculous. McCullough Place is too far for elderly and disabled

I think we should keep the trees around central park and main street. I believe it can be improved but don't lose the country town feel.

The plan looks great in improving the appearance of the Main Street. It is also important to add changes which are practical for the population of people already visiting the Main Street, as well as attracting new people in. I believe adding toilets and a water station, will make it more elderly, family and pet friendly.

This is a country town that draws tourists because of its quaintness, we don't need yet another concrete jungle.

Please ensure the addition of parents with prams car parking in this upgrade.

I believe the trees in Central Park should not be removed instead build the brick stair case around them or improvise!

Removal of natives from northern side of Wingham Park not a good idea

The pebblecrete pathway does not follow in the heritage style and should rather be in the style of that approved in 2008. It would be best if we keep our town more in a Heritage style than mismatch of modern and historic. I am also disappointed that I have never been consulted on this or any other issue despite being a rate payer for 30years and receiving rate notices 4 times a year and also being on Facebook.

A pebblecrete footpath has no heritage value. Perhaps something with better heritage look could be used.

Hopefully the CBD could reflect a rainforest/riverine theme with a view to future integration of enhanced pedestrian access to the river and other natural features.

Trees and Shrubs must remain and more be planted ( advanced) around the Wingham Park especially the Isabella St frontage opp. Lifeline. But really as a whole the entire park and surrounds.

Lincoln Brickwork's should be used for any new infrastructure including paths and walkways to maintain the already excellent brick buildings around Wingham. Promote the theme of quality craftsmanship of the brickwork in Wingham. Your buildings in Wingham ( Post office, toilet, council, school, church, police station and other shops and buildings are works of art and quality brickwork is rarer in other towns in NSW and is a real feature in Wingham and should be built upon. The local flora is also world class and should be showcased. To summarize enhance and promote the local vegetation and wonderful brickwork buildings and cultural history.

Please add natives to the garden that is already on the north wall of the village green. If the town CBD needs a makeover then perhaps we could plant more trees and Australian natives ... along with what is already there. Being a heritage town is one of Wingham's genuine assets. Keeping it green helps support its heritage ethos. You can still have good footpaths and roads and keep the Australian natives. It does not have to be one or the other. If the money is for 'beautification of Wingham's CBD area and streets' can some thing be done to beautify the entrance to the Friendly Town. This used to reflect the ethos of the township but flooding had destroyed what was once established by volunteer workers who are now too old to recreate what was there before.

The plantings (Grevilleas and Watergums) on the northern edge of Central Park should not be removed.

1. Car parking counts were done in September 2020 when COVID19 saw many elderly and disabled residents, and tourists, remaining at home and not coming into town. Therefore, the true number of car spaces used versus the impact of losing car parking spaces will likely be significantly worse than the scenarios provided. Since parking is paramount to tourism and also to supporting mobility of our aged and disabled residents, the loss of any parking is not acceptable.
2. The position of pedestrian crossings at busy intersections near schools hinders traffic flow, and also increases risk of a pedestrian accident by a vehicle. During peak times at these crossings the movement of traffic is frequently stopped mid intersection causing complete halt of all traffic flow. Further, a child crossing a zebra crossing will not always be visible due to a vehicle blocking the view of the crossing. Drivers are negotiating T

intersections, cars, buses and pedestrians all within meters of each other. Additionally, the crossings are so far up the road from the school gates that parents and children cross further down the road placing themselves at risk.

Removal of the established trees on the north side of Central Park & replacing them with immature shrubs & a sloping stone wall will not improve the entrance to the town.

Trees in the roundabouts is a potential traffic hazard especially in not properly maintained & at the moment this council is not good at maintenance of any kind.

Wingham needs more community parking not reducing it, I agree with the improvement to the McCullagh Lane parking area as long as it has adequate lighting & security.

As above. Round-a-bouts!!

I would strongly suggest that mature established native trees are not removed to enable a design idea.

I would suggest modify the design to fit the existing trees.

These trees are vitally important for shade, reducing heat and for wildlife.

Let's protect the trees we have.

And on another matter, stop allowing the raping of our forests. The Bulga Forest is being decimated up here on the Bulga Plateau.

I'm gobsmacked at the lack of care for animals, plants and the environment

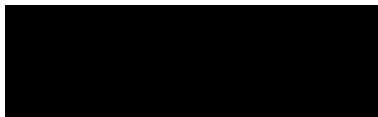
Work around the trees, modern and upgrades do not involve cutting trees down anymore, this is a really backwards approach. Keeping our trees is the new fashion!!! And the only way to a better world!

I believe that the owner of [REDACTED] is getting the council to pay for their shop upgrade.

## Appendix 5: Submissions

The following pages include all submissions received by mail, email or delivered by hand between Friday 16 April – Thursday 29 May 2021.

There were 20 submissions received during the exhibition period.



27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

MidCoast Council

## Have Your Say: Wingham CBD Upgrade – Masterplan

Greetings from Wherrol Flat,

It is my understanding that the current options selected in the 'Masterplan' do not reflect the community wishes and options selected by them at the Community Consultations conducted in Wingham. Following many discussions with community members over the past weeks, I believe there are several options that do not reflect choices made by the community representatives. Accordingly, this has resulted in community disappointment and frustration with the consultation process and some of the outcomes proposed in the masterplan, evidenced by the petition that will be presented to Council.

The following comments are in the context of the questions in the [Feedback Form](#). I would select the 3rd option in both cases:

[If you chose b or c above, tell us which community preferred options have not been included in the draft masterplan: Required](#)

1. The Farquhar Street roundabout that, as I understood the consultation and community's views, except for a vocal minority, wanted a pedestrian friendly solution that connected the main CBD block to the museum ie the 'offset T'. There were more 'Cons' than 'Pros' for the 'Peanut' option - and the 'Pros' were to do with traffic NOT amenity for pedestrians and the town/CBD/heritage as a priority. (ie 'car and large vehicle traffic movements retained' ) Through traffic of all vehicles should be directed along Primrose Street to Combined Street and vice versa.
2. The retention of the current trees and shrubs along Isabella Street adjacent to Central Park is essential to the 'look and feel' of Wingham and Central Park. It will be a travesty to replace it with the current option.
3. The proposed 'roof' of the shade structure of Mc Cullagh Car Park is a wasted opportunity for a council and community that has a policy document to encourage and activate renewable energy. The shade roof should be solar panels and connected to the EV charger. If there is a problem with funding I am willing to assist with grant applications to facilitate installation of PV on this roof.





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Comment on draft masterplan:

To assist us to get it right, please provide any other comments on the draft masterplan below:

1. Mc Cullagh Car Park. Many of the community were in favour of the Mc Cullagh carpark roof being solar panels to support the EV charger proposed in the plan. This solution has been installed in many other council areas and there are grants available to fund this - why are we opting for shadecloth again - so last century!
2. Isabella Street / Central Park Wall. I strongly oppose the removal of the current trees and shrubs to install seating, a disabled ramp and cladding bricks on the wall. The disabled ramp is unnecessary, in my view, as there is disabled access at 3 other locations: on the NE corner (50 metres from the proposed ramp); the SE corner near the PO and courthouse; and the SW corner near the museum and Australian Hotel. It is unlikely the seating will be used as it faces the lacklustre and boring other side of Isabella Street and will be unbearably hot in the summer. The trees have been mostly planted by the community in the past 25 years and should not be removed to make this side of Central Park look like countless other streetscapes in NSW. Rather than an expensive cladding of bespoke Lincoln bricks on the wall, a better solution would be a thickening up of taller bushier natives (Grevillea & Ccallistemon, etc) to hide the current wall, and provide shade onto the 'heatsink' that is the concrete wall - and will be if clad in brick. This proposal is a very bad option for Wingham and Central Park.
3. 'Peanut' roundabout at Farquhar/Bent Street. I am strongly opposed to the 'peanut' roundabout. The only benefits of this option are to vehicles. Vehicles not needing to access the PO, Museum, School, Courthouse should be directed away from the CBD as a matter of policy to encourage the CBD of Wingham to attract pedestrians - and to improve the safety of people at two schools that vehicles currently pass. Through traffic should be routed from the Bent/Canget/Primrose roundabout along Primrose Street to Combined Street and then over the Cedar Party Bridge. This is NOT a people friendly solution and impinges physically on the outdoor physical space of three heritage structures of 'Wingham-the heritage town' - that is: the Museum, the Australian Hotel and Central Park. It is unacceptable that the wide historical footpaths in front of these iconic places be diminished to cater for vehicles. This is a very bad solution for an 'upgrade' to the CBD - it is a retrograde solution at a time when most other communities are planning to make their CBD and adjacent streets, etc vehicle free. I strongly recommend the 'offset T' option be installed for the benefit of the community NOT vehicles.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

24 May 2021

## Feedback for the Wingham CBD Masterplan 2021

In response for feedback to the Masterplan for the CBD of Wingham we would like to make a formal submission on our comments on the plans.

We were involved with the (adopted) Wingham CBD Upgrade Masterplan in 2007. Firstly our greatest disappointment was that after this plan was formally adopted by Council, that most of the work and ideas were not implemented or constructed. Our understanding that the major inhibitor to this was a lack of funding.

It is fantastic that there is new interest in the upgrading of Wingham CBD and we hope this means there is actually funding to start to implement the plan in its entirety. As Wingham has suffered from this piecemeal approach of only small parts being completed and the whole is lessened by that. We remember when the roundabout at Isabella and Primrose Street was constructed with black spot funding. The majority of the funding was spent on the design and documentation of a scheme that didn't have enough funding, after the consultants were paid, to actually construct what was documented. Therefore Council workers redesigned this intersection, reducing the construction costs and Wingham was left with less than they should have got. We hope with all this work being undertaken, the same situation will not occur.

On the proposed plan we are very much in favour except for a couple of items, which we would like to give our professional feedback.

Footpath material - We have history with the concept of the footpath material from the 2007 concept plan and our comments are based on our experience in the process. The use of exposed aggregate is very concerning to us. Our objection is that 'special finished concrete' or as it is commonly known as pebblecrete, is not a sympathetic heritage material or of the local vernacular. It is not a material used within the inland MidCoast Council area. The 2007 concept plan proposed plain concrete to be used between brick banding. The brick was selected due to the history of the family which owns the local brickworks supply the original brick pavers located outside the old Conviva Building currently Garden Grub Cafe. The idea of using the banding with the concrete square infill was based on the CBD footpath of Gloucester. The use of concrete as the infill was also strategic as it is easier to match standard concrete when implementing the work in stages and also if works need to be done later and the footpath needs to be taken up. It was also a material selected for its affordability. The issue with aggregate is that it will be harder to match if the work is not completed as a whole or at a later date if sections of the footpath need to be taken up. We also have concerns on how the initial survey worded and that a description of what aggregate actually means or that the option for the brick banding and concrete, the currently approved material for the footpath was not presented as an option. We would think it would be prudent of Council to do a cost comparison of the aggregate vs concrete and that the community be part of the decision making based on practical reasoning and actual description of the materials.

Brick stepped wall to Central Park - We love the concept but our concerns are that it is a very expensive solution that will remove a lot of the mature landscaping implemented under the 2007 Wingham CBD scheme. The trees on the Isabella side of the park are now just reaching a maturity which adds to the streetscape of Wingham. Why is there a need to remove all of these trees and with a solution which would be very expensive? We are confident the designer could come up with a design which could retain trees and reduce the mass of steps along this edge. The current design doesn't appear to increase the access stairs' width to the park in Isabella Street, which is the current issue for access. The plans describe the footpath around the path as 'narrow' at 2 metres. The current council standard width for footpaths is 1.5m and 2m is quite generous. The justification of removing the landscape to widen the footpath is not logical. A major issue with Wingham is the heat in the summer, hence trying to introduce trees back into the CBD at the footpath level. Central Park is an important feature to the town and it deserves a more considered approach to the design and retention of existing important community funded features.

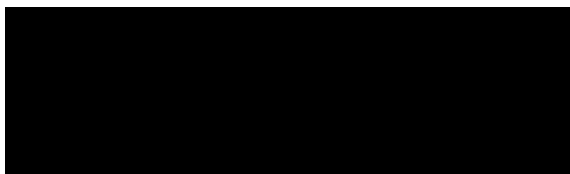
Rotary Clock at the intersection of Bent and Isabella Street - It is unclear if the clock funded by the Rotary Club is to be retained or incorporated into the new streetscape. It would be a shame that a community funded item cannot find a new home in this scheme.

Long Vehicle Spaces Wynter Street - We raised the logic of the long vehicle spaces in Wynter Street opposite the Post Office, as this is the place where the majority of Wingham residences park to go to the post office. This would cause major issues for the residence of Wingham. We would suggest a traffic survey be undertaken for the areas which are to be changed to long vehicle spaces, to assess the impact on the current parking arrangements. We are not opposed to the loss of car spaces and the introduction of long vehicle spaces, just this location would be problematic for the town.

Survey - We have an objection of how the online survey was composed, as it was biased towards particular solutions. The language was aggressive if you have any objection to the proposal and we felt it discouraged a differing opinion. We hope that Council review this and rectify for all future council surveys.

As residence of Wingham (for the past 17 years), we support the upgrading of the CBD. Our concerns are not about the overall scheme but just on a few elements which could have further development and explanation to the community.

Regards,



[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 May 2021 9:32 AM  
**To:** Have Your Say  
**Subject:** Wingham cbd upgrade

The people have spoken.

Don't remove the existing trees and you will get good feedback and better reputation in this community.

Pretty plain to see.

Warm Regards

[REDACTED]  
Long term MidCoast resident.

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**Subject:** Make an online submission Form Submission  
**Date:** Thursday, 27 May 2021 9:21:12 AM

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## Make an online submission Form Submission

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**Your email address**

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**Your best contact phone number**

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**Suburb**

Taree

**Postcode**

2430

**Please provide your submission here and/or upload your supporting documents below.**

1. Ensure that all major trees are preserved especially in the Central Park area
2. The brick wall is not the best design for the area at Central Park as it will be a major heat sink. So some other materials ought to be considered.



3. Smaller plants, grevilleas and other natives should be preserved at all costs to soften the environment
4. Use vegetation that is native to the area and not invasive or overly messy
5. All should be water usage sensitive

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#### **Submission details**

- [Our-Water-Our-Future-Summary.pdf](#)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 May 2021 7:26 PM  
**To:** Have Your Say  
**Subject:** Wingham CBD draft plan

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Hi.

I think the plans for Wingham are great and I'm really looking forward to seeing the progress.

I do, however, have one area of concern relating to the removal of the trees and shrubs - those that are just outside the Wingham / Central Park. It is so good to have shade and greenery and it makes a place look and feel so much more inviting. It also takes considerable time to grow the trees, so I simply cannot understand those that are already there.

I don't understand why these would be removed as part of a plan to beautify the town. The replacement design doesn't really work in with Wingham's heritage.

I realise these trees are outside the park itself but nevertheless they are already a lovely aspect to the street and much favourable to a stepped brick wall. It will look so stark without them and I would really hope you could keep them as part of Wingham's future.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** FW: Wingham Submission

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 May 2021 11:11 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Wingham Submission



**Submission - Wingham CBD Masterplan - LAND  
USE - Planning Proposals - 18/05/2021**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Mon, 17 May 2021 16:28:11 +1000  
**To:** "MidCoast Council" <council@MidCoast.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Wingham cbd master plan submission

Dear Staff,  
thanks for the opportunity to comment on the wingham CBD Masterplan.  
There are many good aspects to this plan. However, I have two modifications I would like to see-  
1. Do not remove the trees and shrubs which exist now around the Wingham park, especially along the Isabella road frontage. In summer Wingham can be a hot place to be and shop. There is no good reason to remove the plants. They were planted there some years ago on councils request . They add to the visual amenity and also contribute to cooling the area.  
2. The gardens should not be replaced by a brick stepped wall. The height of the last step would be prohibitive for older or disabled people. Several areas can be identified where there is a small amount of vegetation and steps or a ramp put in which would give good access.  
Finally, the beautiful mosaics , designed by Gwen Hall, around the steps on the corner, should not be demolished or have plans for their future replacement or relocation..Gwen is a wonderful local artist still resident in the Manning.  
Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 14 May 2021 1:49 PM  
**To:** Have Your Say  
**Subject:** Wingham CBD upgrade

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I agree that a facelift is required for Wingham , however to modernise the streetscape and destroy what little historic character is left and the destruction of trees / shade areas in Central park precinct I ludicrous . Enhance the history of a river tow , timber and dairying , have murals depicting these events and draw tourisas have other towns .

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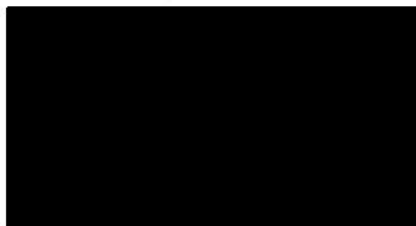
Dear Sir/Madam

**Wingham Beautification Project**

I attach submission.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully



6 May 2021



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## WINGHAM CBD MASTERPLAN – SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL

-1- **Back to basics.** The project should not be allowed to slide into an “all things to all men and women” approach. Rather, it should be recognised as a once-in-a-century opportunity to elevate heritage themes within our small but magnetic (for anyone who has ever lived here) place in Australian history.

-2- **Trees and tree grilles.** If grilles are to be placed around the bases of trees, they should be of cast iron.

-3- **Light poles.**

(a) Item 5.3 (Impact Assessment) on page 17 of the *Statement of Heritage Impact (12 April 2021)* states “the new light poles proposed will be multi-poles”. That wording seems to indicate that a decision has already been made on this key element of the project. Is that the case? Also, would such an arrangement be purchase or lease? Will periodic technology upgrades be needed?

(b) Multipole is a brand name. Its website [multipole.com.au](http://multipole.com.au) includes a brochure which shows (over four consecutive pages) how its products can be harnessed for surveillance purposes. Is the multi-pole referred to in the Impact Assessment one of this company's products?

(c) In any event, a selling point for all manufacturers of multifunctional poles is how they project the aura of “smart cities”. Wingham is not -- and does not want to be -- smart (in that sense of the word). Nor does it want to be a city – it is entirely comfortable with its scale and place in the world.

(d) What Wingham *does* want in its heritage zone is the opposite - a low tech approach: nothing interactive, no unsightly solar panels, nothing which beeps or issues tickets, nothing with present (or future) surveillance capabilities, no footpath vending machines and definitely no multifunction poles.

(e) The Impact Assessment states (again, page 17):

*“The new light poles proposed will be multi-poles which will allow the flexible provision of lighting, CCTV, Wifi, banners, signage and visual effects lighting. Constructed of aluminium they will be modern in appearance and be located at intervals along the pedestrian pavement. The new light poles will provide much needed lighting and other amenities to the Town Centre, their modern sleek design will be unobtrusive and will not detract from the heritage character of the Town Centre providing a distinctly new layer of intervention. They will enhance the heritage values of the area by providing much needed lighting and other amenities.”*

Nothing in that extract is persuasive. The final sentence “They will enhance the heritage values of the area by providing much needed lighting and other amenities” seems to be a most improbable prediction.

(f) MidCoast Council has approached this project in a professional manner. However care must be taken so as not to be lured by some of the selling points associated with multifunction poles. Wingham's CBD streets need none of those gimmicks which can only serve to detract from what should be the project's overarching consideration - consistent and aesthetically pleasing heritage themes.

(g) In summary, multifunction poles may be ideal for a large container terminal on a metropolitan waterfront, but simply don't work for a heritage country town.

-4- **New street furniture.** Although street furniture goes back to at least Roman times, the term "street furniture" is quite recent and was not generally applied to say, traditional red mailboxes, drinking fountains (rather functional on a hot day – perhaps one should be included in the project?), litter bins, bicycle racks and horse troughs. In some parts of the State there is a pattern of Councils leveraging advertising revenue from Council-owned structures on footpaths. This must not happen in Wingham.

-5- **Wayfinding signage.** Unless clear parameters are established for such signage (which, of course, is in addition to the considerable amount of existing "STOP", "school zone", "pedestrian crossing" etc signage), the quantity of signage could quickly balloon into a visual mess. The parameters might include size, distance between different signs and the like. At the least, a street plan should be prepared showing what signs will go where. Once prepared, the plan could be updated progressively.

-6- **Public art.** This is unlikely to be sympathetic to heritage themes. The statement (page 18) "that the overall Wingham Main Street Plan will incentivise public art" is misdirected and seems to be throwing too much into the pot (see comment in item 1).

-7- **Electric vehicle charging station.** The issue here is how it evolves ('mission creep') over time, so care need to be taken moving forward. It appears that a decision has already been made to have an EVC station. Is this the case?

-8- **Salmon-coloured paving at intersections.** I think that would look incongruous.

-9- **Visual pollution.** A number of the above matters could, if not handled properly, lead to visual pollution. Cumulatively, there is already a real risk of this happening. As Council progresses matters, it should regularly return to how the proposals collectively build visual pollution.

-10- **Several other "left field" ideas.**

(a) **New cedar tree plantings.** The local cedar ran out a very long time ago. Council might consider establishing a program for plantings of cedar trees around the town, perhaps starting at Chrissie Gollan Park (where the bridge crosses Cedar Party Creek). The Canberra National Arboretum is a magnificent demonstration on how this can be successfully managed. Over time, these tree stands could become a distinguishing point for Wingham (in the same way that Grafton enjoys the reputation of its popular Jacaranda Festival).

(b) **Milestones.** I remember from 50 or so years ago various milestones around the district. My recollection is that some were on the Wingham – Taree road (marked W with a 3 -- or whatever number -- beneath). They were shaped stones painted white with a black letter and number. They certainly featured on The Bucketts Way between Purfleet and Tinonee (possibly the last milestones in the district to disappear). I wonder whether those were retained at the time of their removal. In any event, to reinstate such milestones on the approach to Wingham (but, to keep this "welcome mat" particular to Wingham, not in the opposite direction) would be a wonderful countdown to arrival in the heritage town. The cost would be modest. Please consider.

6 May 2021

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 May 2021 6:06 AM  
**To:** Have Your Say  
**Subject:** Wingham CBD master plan

Wingham has maintained many Heritage buildings and is unique with the CBD surrounding the Central Park. Many tourists & tourist buses visit Wingham because of these Heritage aspects. The CBD Master Plan does not align with Wingham as a Heritage Town and needs to be reworked.

\*Has the Council's Heritage advisor, Lillian Cullen, been consulted about the current plan?

. Light poles need to be heritage not high tech multipoles.

.The established gardens, grevillias and watergums planted along the lower edges of the park in Isabella Street need to be retained. Nature needs to be woven throughout the town, thriving green spaces keep areas cool and attract birdlife. The plantings along the footpath area in Isabella street, protect the north facing park from the hot sun in summer, providing protected areas within the park for people to enjoy.

Instead of money spent on brick walls & fancy footpath paving, use some of the funding to replace a replica of the original grandstand, Farquhar St. end of the park.

.Bare brick walls will attract the heat and the 2 tiered effect will be a magnet for skate board & scooter riders. Besides, who wants to sit on a wall looking at the asphalt and traffic in the sun? It will also be an OHS risk as children in the playground area will be climbing or falling over it. (The playground area in the park needs fencing).

.The steps (opposite the old bank building) could be widened at the bottom with a fan shaped effect to open up the entrance to the park.

. The shape of proposed roundabout in front of the museum (Farquhar/Bent St;) is going to destroy more heritage aspects. The Museum is the only building in Wingham which has retained its awnings & posts & has prominent position when viewing from the Isabella Street end of Bent Street. Do roadworks engineers take into account the town Heritage aspects or are they tunnel visioned just on road improvement? With the changes, where will a tourist bus park & how will the access to the museum be impacted .. during the makeover & afterwards?

.There will be a loss of parking all around the CBD area and as most days, it is already difficult to find a park, how is this going to impact?

Please get it right Council, yes modernisation is good, but upgrades need to be sympathetic with the original town design and maintain Wingham as Heritage Town, complimented with plenty of gardens and green spaces.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 May 2021 12:52 PM  
**To:** Have Your Say  
**Subject:** Wingham CBD Masterplan

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Good afternoon,

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Regards,  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Cc:** Deputy Mayor Claire Pontin <cr.pontin@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Katheryn Smith <cr.smith@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Kathryn Bell <cr.bell@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Brad Christensen <cr.christensen@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Peter Epov <cr.epov@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Troy Fowler <cr.fowler@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Karen Hutchinson <cr.hutchinson@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Len Roberts <cr.roberts@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Have your say

The proposed developments to Wingham Park, Isabella St

I am completely opposed to the plans generated by council for the above mentioned areas.  
It's an insult to say that people don't know that there is a park there and that replacing the existing plants by a brick stepped wall, will be of any benefit.

Secondly the children planted those plants and there is a wide variety of wild life using said plants as their homes.

Council needs to seriously look at the conditions of our roads FIRST and FOREMOST.... not only in wingham but Taree as well.

Unless you are a GOAT, our roads are not user friendly.

Council can't even maintain the current roads and parks, and now wan to spend more rate payers money on something that is nowhere near as important or in need than our roads..

LEAVE THE PARK as it is.

FIX OUR ROADS FIRST

FRUSTRATED and ANNOYED  
Rate Payer

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 14 May 2021 8:51 AM  
**To:** Have Your Say  
**Subject:** Wingham beautification

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Hello. I would just like to comment on the proposed changes to the Northern side of the park. The removal of the trees which shelter the play area and the introduction of the brick seating is going to make that area extremely hot and especially uninviting in summer as no-one wants to sit on hot bricks in the glaring sun. The shrubs and plants that are currently planted there are a cooling effect and are an attraction to birds and insects. These plants were planted by the high school students approx 10 years ago as a way to make the area a much greener and inviting area rather than a bare concrete wall. Replacing them with brick steps is a retrograde step in my opinion.

I hope the planners of this aspect of the plan would reconsider their options for a softer and greener feel rather than a hard brick look.

Regards  
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**From:**

**Sent:**

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Thursday, 27 May 2021 10:24 AM

**To:**

Have Your Say

**Cc:**

Mayor David West; Deputy Mayor Claire Pontin; Cr Katheryn Smith; Cr Kathryn Bell; Cr Brad Christensen; Cr Peter Epov; Cr Troy Fowler; Cr Karen Hutchinson; Cr Len Roberts

**Subject:**

Wingham beautification

As i have stated on numerous other occasions I have significant problems with the final proposals for Wingham's beautification. Having attended the community consultation I am disappointed to note that the proposals put forward by this group have not been taken into consideration and that the original ideas submitted by the consultant have been substantially altered.

I am thoroughly opposed to the removal of vegetation in front of Central Park. This area is already a heat island and will become even more so if the proposal to install a brick wall is proceeded with. A simpler answer would be to widen the current steps in the centre of the wall making a more gentle slope and perhaps installing bench seating on either side, leaving the remainder of the vegetation in place. The current wall could be painted to create a softer effect. If this is concern about the children's playground constituting a hazard then perhaps this area could be fenced.

I am also thoroughly opposed to the decision to install a peanut shaped roundabout at the intersection of Bent and Farquhar Streets. I do not believe that this solution will result in a calming effect on traffic. Indeed it is, in my opinion, highly dangerous in that the curve of the turn into Bent Street in front of the museum is far too close to existing electricity poles and to the support structure of the museum verandah. Given that the museum is the major tourist attraction in Wingham it would seem to me that this area should be enhanced rather than converted into a throughway for traffic which will impinge on the environment of the museum with increased noise and dust.

I would urge Council to respect the wishes of the people of Wingham. At the consultation meetings there was strong support for the proposal put forward by the consultant for a dog leg intersection which would be far more people friendly and would have a far more calming effect on the traffic moving through the intersection.

The whole point of this project is that it should result in the beautification of Wingham which is a heritage town. The proposals put forward by council do not result in an improvement to the visual impact of the approach to Wingham and indeed seems to put the movement of traffic above the health and well being of its citizens.

I would urge Council to reconsider and take into account the desires of the inhabitants of Wingham for an environment that supports its heritage and provides amenities that will encourage a sense of community and engagement.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Have Your Say](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Wingham CBD masterplan  
**Date:** Monday, 24 May 2021 12:53:31 PM

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Good afternoon,

Please see below.

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 23 May 2021 3:32 PM  
**To:** Mayor David West <mayor@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Deputy Mayor Claire Pontin <cr.pontin@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Katheryn Smith <cr.smith@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Kathryn Bell <cr.bell@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Brad Christensen <cr.christensen@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Peter Epov <cr.epov@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Troy Fowler <cr.fowler@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; crhutchinson@midcoast.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Wingham CBD masterplan

Good afternoon Mr West and elected councillors

Can I congratulate you all on the Wingham CBD masterplan. It's a great revamp for the once mighty town of Wingham. Wingham was getting very shabby! And now we can see the plan being actioned with the two laneways being repaired and made usable for the first time in the twenty years I have lived in Wingham.

My email is concerning:

1. the removal of vegetation on two sides of Central park, ie. the grevilleas and Gardenias along the top half of Isabella St (opposite Lifeline) and from around in Bent St. Please don't replace these with a concrete and brick seating arrangement. Who is going to sit on the concrete and bricks and look at ? the traffic or ? the parked cars. Please leave the current vegetation in place. It had struggled but made it through the drought. An excellent survivor landscape planting. It softens the approach on coming into Wingham and frames the Central park. It's quite relaxing to look at. No one is going to sit on the concrete seating arrangement on a hot summer's day.

2. Please review the choice of tree to be planted in Isabella St. We don't want a tree that is going to shed fruit or nuts onto the street below. I have recently seen two elderly people fall on Isabella St due to the uneven nature of the road surface. It's a hazard already. Please don't replace the road surface just to add a new hazard into the mix with slippery fruit of nuts from the canopy above. And please choose a tree that is local to this area and one that will do well away from a regular water source.

Neither of the elderly people were hurt in the two falls. Just shaken up. However they could have easily broken a bone and spent weeks in hospital and rehab. I reported both falls to MCC. I trust that such issues are discussed at council meetings. Safety of residents is paramount.

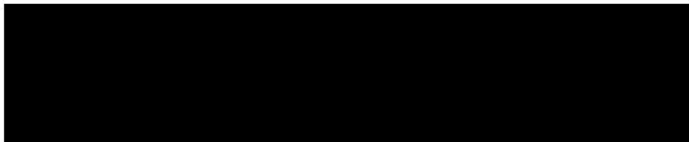
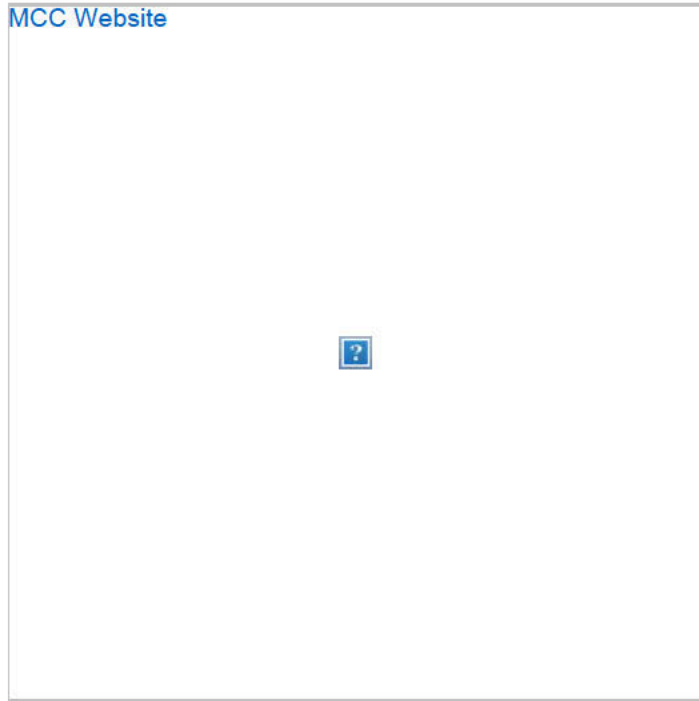
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Have Your Say](#)  
**Subject:** Beautification of Wingham.  
**Date:** Thursday, 27 May 2021 2:15:07 PM

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With respect, I don't like, or understand the idea of removing the shrubs in front of the wall at the park in Isabella Street. Who needs steps the entire length of the park? In the heat of summer, no-one will be able, or want to sit there and what?....watch the cars go by? For those using the exercise equipment, are they going to be happy being on such open display? It may be better having steps along the top of the wall facing into the park, in the shade of the trees, which could be used as seating while watching activities in the park.

Beautifying the town shouldn't mean totally changing the ambience of the town. We need to keep our country charm, not follow the modern streamlined concrete trends of today. If anything, some of our spaces could do with a lick of paint.

I do love the trees through the town, but think much thought needs to be given to the types of trees, as we don't need an influx of flying foxes looking for food, nor trees that require a lot of maintenance, or water. Also, as an aging population, we need to keep our parking spaces, especially in front of our doctor's, chemists, and dentists. I, for one, would find it hard to get from the chemist to my car if it was parked behind the newsagent's.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
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Suburb:

Wingham

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2429

The General Manager

Mid Coast Council

2 Biripi Way

Taree NSW 2430

Dear Sir

**Re: Wingham CBD Masterplan**

I have owned property at Wingham since 1984 and moved here to live in January 1985 and have had a business in the area since then. I have also had a high involvement in the community during that time being a member of the [REDACTED] many years having held many offices including President. I was also one of the original members of WAG starting in the 1980's.

During that time I have seen a number of proposals for Wingham including the original proposal to do up the main street in the early 1990's which ended up being rejected by the Wingham community much to my disappointment.

I support the Council's effort to beautify Wingham's main shopping area particularly as I am a part Landlord of [REDACTED] shops in the main street.

My one concern about the project is the loss of 41 carparks from Isabella Street and Bent Street. I know there is an intention to do substantial improvement to the large carpark at McCullagh Place but this has been done before with very little success in getting people to use the area. Parking in the main street just to pop into a shop for two minutes is often difficult to find so once 41 parking places are removed parking will become a premium. I know the Café owners will be supporting the move as they will gain extra footpath area for tables at the cost of carparks.

With regard to the shaded carparks in McCullagh Place, I am surprised Council hasn't learnt from their previous efforts in renovating the carpark. Large poles were erected with shade cloth providing shade for cars to park under. It only took a few weeks for the youth of Wingham to realise what great trampolines they would make and within a few days the poles were almost bent in half and the shade cloth ripped and made useless. A similar proposal is being suggested now and the same will happen again.

It appears to me the only real way to make people who work in the main street to park out the back is to introduce 2 hour parking limit in Isabella Street and Bent Street.

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Submission 25 May, 2021:

Wingham CBD Draft Masterplan

Wingham CBD Statement of Heritage Impact, Heritage Now:

I make this submission as a person who spent my childhood in Wingham, where my parents, [REDACTED] and my grandfather before them, [REDACTED] owned and ran the [REDACTED]. Although I now live in Sydney, Wingham is my home town, I have family in the Manning Valley, and I visit the town regularly.

I make the following comments in the hope that the Plan will restore, upgrade and preserve Wingham's unique heritage urban character for generations to come.

The heritage study is good to see. It acknowledges Wingham's key role as a Manning River settlement with timber and farming as driving forces. But details of the proposed CBD "beautification" do not reflect these heritage features adequately enough.

I agree with the Plan's following points:

1] Stepped brick and timber borders along Central Park, connecting the park with Isabella and Bent Streets.

Reason: The park is Wingham's unique feature. The park and the streets should have an unimpeded visual flow. Yet the park has become visually disconnected with the town centre by earlier plantings and concrete retaining walls.

In 1986, the Wingham Conservation Area Planning Study called for a park conservation strategy to replace these features with "graded and turfed slopes to street frontages".

The Statement of Heritage Impact now references this (p.15) by pointing out that views of historic buildings from the park are partially obscured by plantings.

The Statement calls for "improved interface with Central Park" (p.16). The Brush and the park are "important elements of the local streetscape that provide the town with its unique character". (p.15)

So I urge that the Plan should do everything to connect the Brush and Central Park more visually with the town centre. The Plan should avoid modern signage, street poles and other intrusions that clash with that.

2] Wayfinder signage: I agree with the proposal to use timber poles that reflect Wingham's timber-getting past.

3] Relocation of the log and aeroplane display in Central Park: The Plan cites the 1986 Wingham Conservation Area Planning Study calling for this (p. 11-12). The Plan itself

does not specifically endorse or disendorse the idea.

But the 1986 proposal is an excellent idea. It should become part of this Plan. Heroic as the log and aeroplane installations are, they have a visually cluttering impact, impeding Central Park's open, unique character.

I suggest the Wingham Showground as a more appropriate location for the log and the aeroplane. The showground has much open space and intact heritage buildings. The log and aeroplane would fit well there, with explanatory panels for visitors reflecting Wingham's historical role as an export route for timber, and its contributions to Australia's military legacy.

An alternative site for their relocation could be an upgraded park at the Manning River, adjacent to the Brush and Wingham Wharf.

This park, the Brush, the Wharf and the river frontage should be made more connected to the town centre by upgrading the Farquhar Street approach.

I do not agree with the Plan's following points:

1] New Multipole light poles.

Reason:

These are entirely inappropriate for Wingham. Their modern, aluminium, off-the-shelf structures can never be reconciled with what the heritage statement itself calls the "unique character" of Wingham's local streetscape. The Plan's whole street lighting aspect should be re-thought.

Street lights should be installed that reflect Wingham's original character – even if it means extra expense. The City of Sydney has done this with Sydney Harbour Bridge, replacing modern lighting right along the bridge with re-cast replicas of the Bridge's early light fittings. Wingham could do something similar.

The picture of the proposed Multipole lights on the "About Us" link shows how garish and inappropriate they'd be for Wingham: <https://multipole.com.au/about-us/>  
They'd end up looking instantly dated, leaving people asking how they could ever have been approved.

The News link on the site says that the Multipoles have been awarded the contract for the smartpoles along Parramatta Road: <https://multipole.com.au/news/> Wingham is not Parramatta Road.

Other tasks cited for the Multipoles, like CCTV and Wifi, could be taken care of discreetly in other town locations. It's hard to take seriously the last sentence in the box at the top of Table 3: that the Multipoles "will enhance the heritage values of the area by providing



much needed lighting and other amenities”.

2] Salmon-coloured bitumen at the main intersections: Isabella and Wynter Streets, Isabella and Bent Streets and Isabella and Farquhar Streets.

Reason:

For the sake of visual consistency, the bitumen in town centre streets should be all the same dark shade. Introducing pink intersections seems to serve no purpose, and would just make a heritage town centre look cheap. The salmon pink would quickly fade and look shabby. Keep it all one shade, please.

3] The Plan's proposal to “beautify” Wingham's main streets.

Reason:

My dispute is more with the language than its aim. The term “beautify” gives a misleading sense of what this Plan should be about. The term has a generic sense, suggesting the “cleaning up” and modernising of any urban setting.

Wingham is not any urban setting, but one with unique features and a character that reflect its history in Australia's rural settlement. Some of this has been carelessly lost over the years; some has simply been allowed to wither away. Sadly, the Wingham Hotel is one of the great heritage buildings that's been lost.

The overall aim of this Plan is commendable, but instead of to “beautify” its aim should be to enhance and restore Wingham's surviving features and character in a way that will last for at least another century.

I commend the Midcoast Council for initiating a plan to improve Wingham's central features. But I implore the Council to do so in a way that respects the heritage spirit of the Wingham Hotel and other early buildings that survive, all of which tell a story about this town's great history.

One final point: The Midcoast Council's statement Heritage Now inaccurately refers to the historian Max Solling, author of the outstanding history Town and Country: A History of the Manning Valley, as Mark Solling (footnote p.5, References p.23). This should be corrected.



25 May, 2021

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Hello  
Could we put a little bike track in the park for little kids to ride there bikes too [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 20 May 2021 7:24 PM  
**Subject:** Wingham CBD Masterplan.

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Dear Councillors and Officers,

I should be grateful if you would kindly take into account this, my submission on the beautification of Wingham. Wingham is very attractive, can be made more so, and this idea is very good in general. The village green with cricket pitch atmosphere is its best feature, and the fact that there are old and attractive buildings on the South and East sides enhance that feeling in this rather old, in White Australian terms, settlement. The fact that some of these structures are heritage listed is a very good thing.

It is therefore most important that whatever is done now enhances that vintage reputation and does not spoil it with inappropriate modern structures and 'embellishments'. Modern street lamps, for example, would be totally out of place, but should be in late Victorian up to Federation style to match the library, the post office, the Catholic Church, the Court House, Police Station, the Museum, and the Bank Guest House and the pretty old shops near to it.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed seating structure all along the north side of the green. It is modern, and therefore wrong in this location. The fact that the beautiful grevilleas and other shrubs now there will have to be grubbed up to be replaced with this unsightly modern monstrosity condemns its creation. How can you beautify Wingham by destroying one of its existing beautiful features, which attracts so many birds, butterflies, and other wildlife?

There is a strong health objection to the site of such seating. It would face North, so the sun will always shine on the seating. The sun travels East to West down Isabella Street. There is enough skin cancer in Australia already without encouraging its growth by tempting the unsuspecting to sit in blazing sunshine on that seating. Only a skin cancer clinic owner would vote for this aspect of the project.

Further, such seating enjoys no pleasant view. It sees an attractive disused bank, but otherwise an abandoned warehouse occupied by Lifeline, and a parade of single-storey shops of no artistic merit at all, reminiscent at present of a failing Wild West town.

More seating around the green is sorely needed, but should be on the East and South sides facing the heritage buildings so there is something attractive to look at. Such seating close to the pavement would enjoy the shade of the trees, would not cost half as much to install, and all the shrubs would remain intact. The seats should be those which are made out of recycled plastic as they do not deteriorate, but they should be at a convenient height so that shorter people can get their feet on the ground. It is uncomfortable for adults to have their legs swinging loose.

Wingham is where my wife and I do the bulk of our shopping, where we go to the library and post office, and where our doctor practices. Please do not allow it to be spoilt.



Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 May 2021 12:08 AM  
**To:** Have Your Say  
**Cc:** Mayor David West; Deputy Mayor Claire Pontin; Cr Katheryn Smith; Cr Kathryn Bell; Cr Troy Fowler; Cr Karen Hutchinson; Cr Len Roberts  
**Subject:** MidCoast - Community concept Plan

To: Have your say MidCoast Council  
CC: major **David West**, deputy mayor **Claire Pontin**, midcoast councillors **Katheryn Smith, Kathryn Bell, Troy Fowler, Karen Hutchinson, Len Roberts**

I would like to provide my input for Council's Community Engagement in their 'CBD masterplan'.

I've included my Endorsement for Community concept plan.

Community preferences expressed:

> Next to Central Park. The trees and shrubs in Question are around the Central Park (opposite Lifeline shop and Insabla St frontage) to remain.

> Heritage Induction Light Poles

The brick wall suggestion does not include community inclusion. The interface frontage to the Central Park to be of inclusion. Why is the community excluded from contributing, where this can continue with 2 x 3m sections / given to community / school / health projects a vantage point. Every month for 12 months this allocated space is updated. I look forward to the inclusive community, the garden trees and shrubs are inclusive, the brick stepped wall is separation.

Also, lighting is important. But there are contradictions in the paragraph. I do not support this vagueness. (Inline paragraph-The new light poles proposed will be multi-poles which will allow the flexible provision of lighting, CCTV, Wifi, banners, signage and visual effects lighting. Constructed of aluminium they will be modern in appearance and be located at intervals along the pedestrian pavement. The new light poles will provide much needed lighting and other amenities to the Town Centre, their modern sleek design will be unobtrusive and will not detract from the heritage character of the Town Centre providing a distinctly new layer of intervention. They will enhance the heritage values of the area by providing much needed lighting and other amenities. ) I would approve heritage values.

The correct inclusion to community does not include: CCTV, WiFi, Banners and visual effect lighting. > Provide proper signage, directions to the museum, library, and information centre.

Thank you

Regards, [REDACTED]

Annotation-

as presented on MC Council 19th April '21 'presenting to the community as a final check before we proceed to detailed design planning for various elements of the masterplan,' said Council's Manager - Projects and Engineering, Rhett Pattison.

... providing an opportunity for people to chat with our Engineers before providing formal feedback on the draft masterplan.

link:- [Wingham CBD draft masterplan on display](#)

Flood Recovery Hub

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we work and live,



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 May 2021 4:21 PM  
**To:** Mayor David West <mayor@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RETAIN THE WATER GUMS AND GREVILLEAS

We want the trees and shrubs to remain around the Wingham Park, especially the Isabella St frontage opposite the Lifeline shop. The brick stepped wall is ugly. We are not a suburb of Sydney, nor want our town to look or feel that way. We want to embrace our love of nature, birds, trees and the environment - and certainly not destroy those grevilleas - an established source of food and enjoyment for our resident native birds, or the water gums - which provide shade and protection for us. They are also aesthetically pleasing and irreplaceable, especially the barrier that the grevilleas provide between the road for mums and dads with kids. For all of these reasons, along with saving funds that could be better spent, the removal of these trees and shrubs should be left out of your plans for the 'beautification' of Wingham.

Please listen to the pleas of your residents!



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 May 2021 3:50 PM  
**To:** Have Your Say  
**Subject:** PLEASE RETAIN THE WATER GUMS AND GREVILLEAS

Please, please do not remove the existing, established grevilleas and water gums!

They provide not only shade, beauty and a source of food for such a diverse range of native birds (just spend a few minutes watching to confirm this) but they also provide a natural safety barrier from the road for mums and dads with kids.

Shame on you if you continue to ignore your residents pleas.

[REDACTED]

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## Appendix 6: Late submissions

The following pages include a further seven (7) submissions that were received after the exhibition period had ended. They are considered as part of the Outcomes Report, but were received too late to be included in data collection or analysis in this Report.





## General Contact Form Submission

When to use this form	
Your details	
Title	
Surname	
Firstname	
Which Council region are you located in?	Manning region
Your postal Address	
Contact telephone number(s)	
Email address	
How should we contact you if we need to?	Email
How can we help you today?	
What is your request about?	Development / Building
Does your request relate to a specific property? If so, please provide that address below:	Wingham Central Park
Please provide more information to help us:	<p>I have just spent my break between shifts sitting at the Wingham Town Green, first time i have ever done that. I have come to the conclusion that the MCC are following in Gladys the Destroyers (NSW Premier), who knocks down, digs up or discards anything historical or has anything to do with peace and relaxing space. I sat on the Isabella side of the park, and all those trees and shrubs they want to dig up and discard i found serve a huge purpose. They attract birds of many varieties they provide shade and a windblock, but as i sat there watching the children playing i realised they serve as a barrier to keep the kids in thier parents line of vision. One set of steps in means 1 exit to Isabella st. Those trees, shrubs and bushes are a natural safety fence. So MCC you go ahead and remove them and replace them with disgusting seed dropping Lilli Pil li and then explain the parents of the first kid hit by a car why you had to remove the natural barrier. While you are at it take away the plane and they giant log, they dont serve a purpose they are an eyesore, well im sure in your eyes they are but</p>

	<p>then again MCC is the real eyesore who really dont serve a purpose nor do they serve the community. No matter what people want or put forward it is your way or no way. Leave wingham green alone</p>
<p>What would you like us to do ?</p>	<p>For once listen to the people, Why must you seek to fix things that arent broken? What are you going to do to support the elderly that will inevitably slip on the seeds dropped by your Weeping Lilli Pillis and fracture hips legs and other joints? What will you do to support the family of the child that chokes on the Lilli Pilli Seeds? What will you do to support the family of the child that makes it onto Isabella street and gets hit by a car? The trees you put in the middle of the road, What are you going to do when the roots from said trees buckle the road surface, even you cannot predict which way a tree root will grow? You seem unwilling or perhaps incapable of maintaining the roads now so in 10 years time when ( thank god) none of you will be in office some other council has to rip out the trees and repair the road all because of your bad cho ices.</p> <p>Please explain why tourists would want to come to see a beautiful town, where every road that leads to it are in total disrepair? Explain to me and everyone else why you are hellbent on destroying perfectly good trees and shrubs that serve a huge purpose and replace them with a few seed dropping ugly trees? Explain why you can do this but Wingham brush still remains a disaster area and appears to be of little importance to MCC. Explain to the people who had people interred at The Bight Cemetery, and the people of the Manning area why beautifying an already beautiful park is more important that repairing the graves which YOU destroyed. Please follow this link <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/185071242443831/permalink/806699010281048/?comment_id=806828380268111&amp;notif_id=1622086067610365&amp;notif_t=group_comment&amp;ref=notif">https://www.facebook.com/groups/185071242443831/permalink/806699010281048/?comment_id=806828380268111&amp;notif_id=1622086067610365&amp;notif_t=group_comment&amp;ref=notif</a> and see exactly what people are saying about Wingham Central Park. Please make public the level of support and oppos ition to this project, i mean the real numbers not the ones you make up to get your way.</p>
<p>Upload a picture(s) or document(s) that may help us if you wish:</p>	
<p>Privacy</p>	

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**From:** Mayor David West  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 May 2021 1:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Have Your Say  
**Subject:** RE: Beautification of Wingham

Dear [REDACTED],

On behalf of Mayor West and Deputy Mayor Pontin, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence received on 31 May 2021; the content of which has been read and noted.

Your email has been referred to the relevant team to be included as a formal submission.

Thank you for your email and providing feedback on the Wingham CBD Masterplan.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 May 2021 11:49 AM  
**To:** Mayor David West <mayor@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>; Deputy Mayor Claire Pontin <cr.pontin@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Beautification of Wingham

Dear Mr West and Ms Pontin,

My husband and I first moved to the Wingham area in 1981 and have raised three children here. We thought it would be a good idea to write a letter to express our views about changes to Wingham.

We currently live in a heritage listed federation house, situated in the heart of the town, which we have been lovingly preserving and restoring for 30 years. We love our town and find that visitors to Wingham are enchanted by the fact Wingham still has the unique character of a small country town. As you know much of the charm of Wingham is simply because of the historic buildings, the town park and of course, the amazing Wingham Brush.

People comment on the fact that the town has not been 'modernised' to a great extent. We lament that many old buildings and shops were pulled down or changed in the past, but are grateful for the ones which remain.

On walks around town, we enjoy the beauty of the trees and flowering plants which grow along the edge of the town park. They have taken years to get to this stage and flower profusely in spite of being in a hot spot facing north. We were dismayed to hear that the local Council were planning to take these out and replace them with a brick wall. Years ago we participated in a community project, helping to make the tile mural either side of the steps.

We would like any changes made to be in keeping with the character of our heritage town. We have found that many other people feel this way. This means, keep the trees and plants intact wherever possible, use heritage style lights and seating and retain the heritage clock in the main street.

We want any new trees planted to be ones which will be kept for the future. We have heard that lilipillies were suggested. They are lovely trees, but they do drop a lot of fruit and it seems that it would be better to plant a different variety of native tree, which would suit the situation, near footpaths etc.

We agree with the suggestion to use solar panels to light the new car park. This makes sense, from an environmental point of view, and will save money in the long run.

We look forward to the Council repairing the flood damage in Wingham Brush.

We enjoy the unique character of Wingham and wish to see it maintained. Any changes made should preserve the charm and simple beauty of our heritage country town.

Yours sincerely,  
[Redacted Signature]

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**Mayor David West**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 29 May 2021 5:57 PM  
**To:** Have Your Say  
**Subject:** Wingham CBD Masterplan

Hi,

I'm generally in favour of the plan, but I think retaining some of the flower beds along the Isabella St edge of Central Park would be a good idea. The unbroken strip of brick seating is fairly stark, and might be needed once a year during a street festival, but there's quite a bit of fondness for the shrubs.

Cheers

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 28 May 2021 12:33 PM  
**To:** Have Your Say  
**Subject:** Wingham " Beautification "

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

I disagree with the proposed "Beautification " of the Wingham CBD . To remove established trees and shrubbery from Central Park which is bird habitat and shade for the area to replant more trees is a total waste of money and resources . A reduction of parking in the main street will only have the effect of diverting locals elsewhere... Taree , and a loss of income to the existing outlets . Our majority of shops now are food related / coffee shops , we need more general merchandise availability .

Our township ,indeed the Manning Valley ( Not the Barrington Coast ) has a history of Timber and Dairying which should be promoted and enhanced, not modernised as depicted in the proposal with architecture from the kindergarten bunker design class graduate.

My suggestion:: Retain what little historic buildings we have left and incorporate a program of placing facades of the buildings we've lost or from that period .. Verandah posts and bullnose roofing to shop frontages , etc. Buildings which are derelict in appearance be tidied up , encourage murals depicting the timber ,dairy Wingham Brush , river transport history and its characters as have other regional towns drawing tourists and a financial benefit not only to Wingham but the whole region. Without POSITIVE improvements we'll be just another dead small town with a fancy council chambers and nothing else . I await your reply to this correspondence.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Mid Coast Council  
Biripi Way  
Taree 2430

MidCoast Council

31 MAY 2021

RECEIVED RECORDS

Dear [REDACTED]

I would appreciate if the attached letter can be brought to the notice of the General Manager.

I think it is in the general manager's interest to be aware that there is increasing community unrest over Council's community engagement and management of the Wingham CBD Masterplan.

Thanking you

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23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Mr Adrian Panuccio  
General Manager  
Mid Coast Council  
Biripi Way  
Taree 2430

Dear Sir

**Re: Community Response to Wingham CBD Masterplan**

Mid Coast Council has set the date of the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 as closure of acceptance of public submissions on the Wingham CBD Masterplan.

**It is recommended that the General Manager order the extension of the submission closure date by two weeks to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

This would allow late submissions to be received and considered by council in light of recent community disapproval of a number of clearly negative proposals in the masterplan that council seems determined to impose on the Wingham community. It is assumed that the general manager would now be aware of this late community concern to the masterplan.

In fairness and respect to the Wingham community, the general manager should now order this submission extension, and for it to be made known through the council's community website and local media.

An extension of two weeks will have no impact to council's masterplan program of works. Council should be willing to provide a further short period to consider late community concerns. It should be important to council that it carries out this very important Wingham CBD development in line with majority community approval, and with close liaison with the community as to final council decisions on the development to avoid another Bight cemetery community backlash for lack of sincere council community engagement.

It does not give one confidence that the council and its masterplan implementation staff are giving full consideration to public opinion, when your council street community engagement staff state that the council has 'waited long enough, has the money and wants to get it spent'. End of the community engagement. Or your forceful and very impressive communications officer / council advocate, [REDACTED] bragging 'I must tell you I have been 16 years with council and we have received great positive community response to the masterplan. The community is fully behind the masterplan'. Just wonderful.

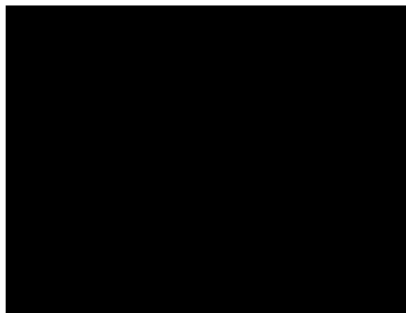
Wonderful? Great community response?

140 people attended the councils pop up shop, 212 responses to the online survey and two written submissions received? Wingham has a population of around 5,500 community members and many more people in outlying areas that used the Wingham CBD.

It is noted that the council's community engagement pop up shop in Wingham was only open for short periods on selected days - hence only 140 public interactions. Had the council had their popups on Saturday morning and longer weekday times to allow the large working segments of the community the opportunity to visit, discuss and familiarise themselves with the development (as was suggested to and rejected by the project manager), then council would have had a much broader and more accurate community input and opinion of the masterplan.

It is noted (in the rush to spend the finance) that Council believes it has carried out all required community consultation and has received all community feedback on the Wingham Masterplan. On with the development! Well perhaps not quite?

If the community has now become more aware and opposed to negative aspects of the project, then council should give further consideration to these concerns and submissions before any further progress on the project. It would be a significant mistake and arrogant disrespect to the community for council to now do otherwise.



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 May 2021 1:35 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** DL Councillors  
**Subject:** RE: masterplan!?!? by dorks

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Your email has been referred to the relevant team to be included as a formal submission.

Thank you for your email and providing feedback on the Wingham CBD Masterplan.

Kind regards,  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 29 May 2021 8:01 PM  
**To:** Mayor David West <mayor@midcoast.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Re: masterplan!?!? by dorks

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 29, 2021 9:57 AM  
**To:** [cr.pontin@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.pontin@midcoast.nsw.gov.au) <[cr.pontin@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.pontin@midcoast.nsw.gov.au)>; [cr.smith@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.smith@midcoast.nsw.gov.au) <[cr.smith@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.smith@midcoast.nsw.gov.au)>; [cr.bell@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.bell@midcoast.nsw.gov.au) <[cr.bell@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.bell@midcoast.nsw.gov.au)>; [cr.christensen@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.christensen@midcoast.nsw.gov.au) <[cr.christensen@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.christensen@midcoast.nsw.gov.au)>; [cr.epov@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.epov@midcoast.nsw.gov.au)

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<[cr.roberts@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.roberts@midcoast.nsw.gov.au)>

**Subject:** masterplan!?!?! by dorks

I had some time to spare between car repairs caused by potholes to write a short warning and complaint. This is regarding the council and what it calls a "masterplan" for Wingham, a plan to replace a garden with a brick wall or something...! maybe someone can explain what is "masterful" about that? or what the person was smoking who thought up this crackpot idea? Yeah right.

At it again are you? it wasn't enough that you destroyed our Bight cemetery, smashed and vandalized our families gravestones and cut down beautiful healthy trees planted by our ancestors? and not even an attempt at correcting these disgusting actions.

Leave it to the thugs and their goons in government right? to destroy anything beautiful that remains and desecrate our sacred historical sites. The actions and language of this council can only be interpreted as being pugnacious and inciteful.

In case it has gone over your head what I'm saying and why I'm using this type of language, I and everyone in this town resents this "plan"

How do the people behind this sort of crap show themselves in public without shame?

Should this sort of crap continue, one day rate payments will be withheld until the behavior of this F\*\*\*ing council is CORRECTED.

Unbelievable



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 May 2021 7:15 AM  
**To:** Have Your Say  
**Subject:** My town

Wingham is good as is  
NO CHANGES

[REDACTED]  
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