

GLOW NEWS

A GREAT LIFESTYLE IN WICKHAM FOR OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



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*See you
around
town!*

PLANTS NEED LIGHT!

BY PLANT EXCHANGE WICKHAM

Here's your summer plant tip!

Variegated plants (those with leaves that have white edges or white flecks) often need more light than regular green leafed plants of the same variety. Keep them closer to a window so that they can get all the light that they need.

PS. Find us on Facebook, search Plant Exchange Wickham & come along to our next event!

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT?

BY GLOW GROUP

Your Food Collective is an online farmers market where you can buy produce direct from local farmers and producers.

It was created by two cousins who were constantly disappointed with the tasteless, limp produce dished up at major supermarkets.

Producers that work with Your Food Collective typically come from within 200km of your front door and your food is picked to order.

At Your Food Collective producers also get paid fairly for what they do, up to 4 times more than in the major supermarkets.

"It really is about creating a sustainable future one bite at a time andit tastes delicious!" said founder Lauren "And it's not just fruit and vegetables – we have everything fresh you'll need, including meat, dairy and bread! Yum! It doesn't get easier than that!"

We home deliver to Wickham or you can come and pick up your order at our Tighes Hill Hub.

Yum!! www.yourfoodcollective.com

See final page for more info.



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THE LIGHT RAIL: THE CBD ON OUR DOOR STEPS!

BY THE EDITOR

The light rail is just a few streets away for most of us here in Wickham but how often do you use it?

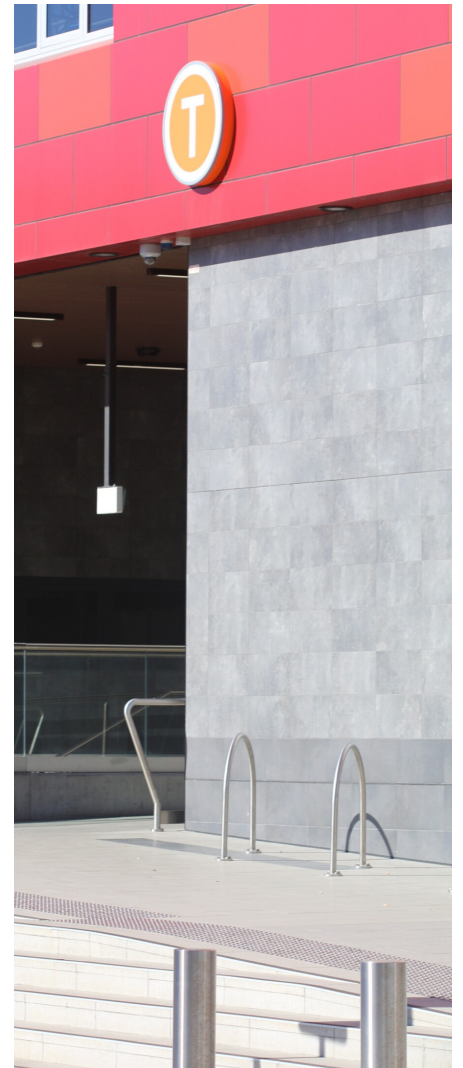
I myself make use of the light rail on a weekly basis, both for work and for leisure.

Only last weekend I found myself in the CBD after catching the light rail down to the home grown markets at The Station, I sat and enjoyed my doughnut thinking "what an amazing resource to have so close to my front door step".

My challenge to you is to use the light rail this weekend. Take your children to Newcastle foreshore for a picnic or spend some time for yourself relaxing on the beach, all without any need to pack the car!

We are, in my opinion, the luckiest suburb in Newcastle. The quiet convenience of a small suburb with that little town feel, with the CBD just a few streets walk and 7 min light rail trip away.

*Its our great lifestyle
in Wickham.*



UP COMING GLOW EVENTS:

Under The Stars

When: November 14th, 5-9pm
Where: Masa Madre Pizza
Cost: Free- buy your own pizza.

Light Up Wickham Gala Night

When: December 12th, 5-9pm
Where: Corner Charles & Station Streets in Wickham
Cost: Free

Trivia Fundraiser

When: November 24th, 4-7pm
Where: The Wickham Park Hotel
Cost: \$15 per person or \$75 for a group of 6 or more.
SMS 0424 813 331 to book.

LIFE WE NOW LIVE IN WICKHAM

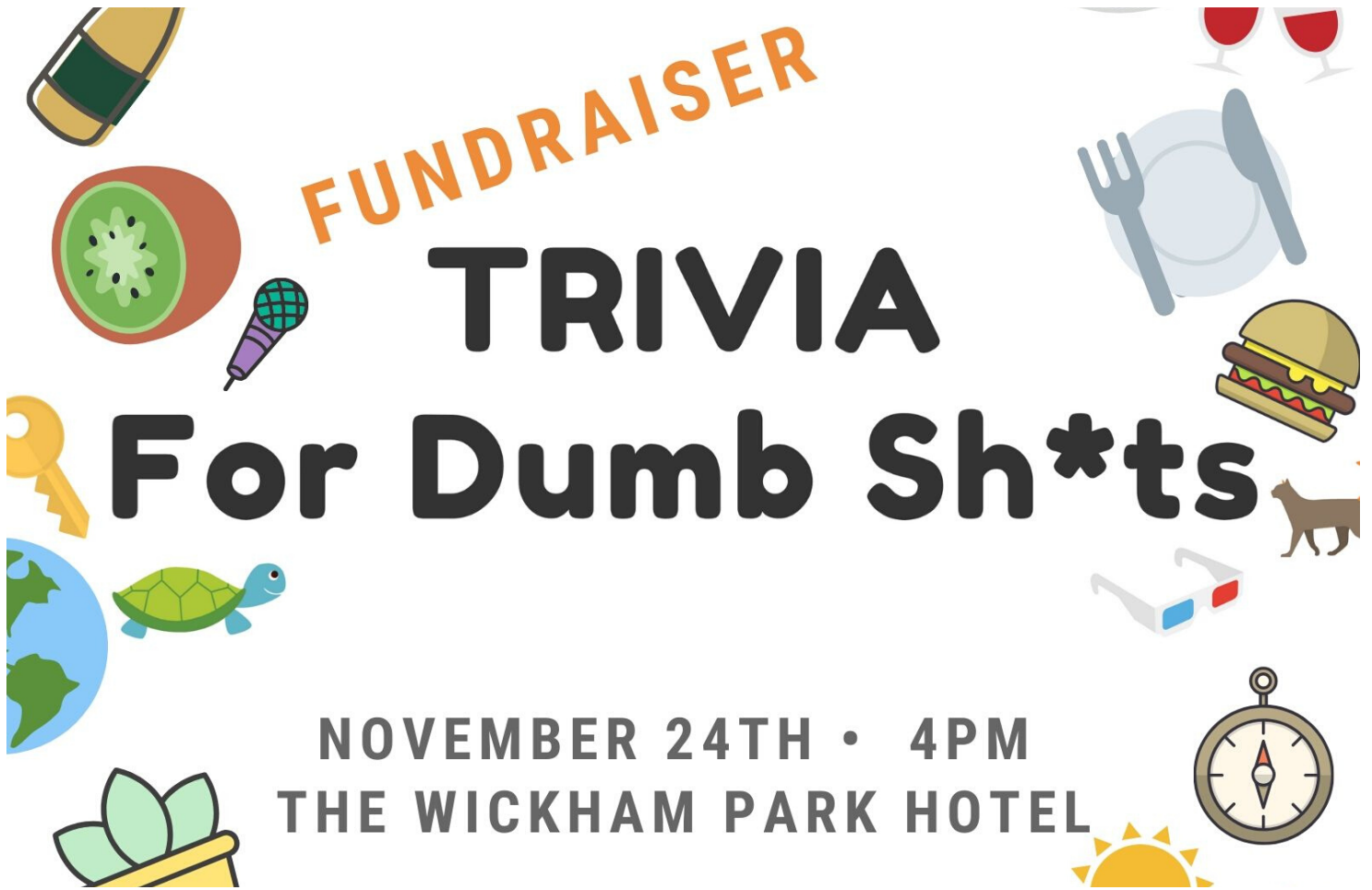
DORIS & PJ DOOLEY

20 years ago, we would never have dreamt living in Wickham. Fast forward 2019, and it's the absolute best decision we have made. Wickham has its own personality, it is contemporary and very much community based focusing on the future of our surrounding area.

For us, life is so effortless in Wickham. We have the Interchange, buses and walking/cycle paths to move us around. We have even taken the giant step and sold our car! We have accessibility to shopping, eating, drinking, walking, cycling, sailing, art galleries, music venues, beaches, harbours etc.

How great is the sound of the ships' horns reminding us that Newcastle is a working harbour which is such a big part of Newcastle history?

As highlighted before, there are so many benefits for choosing to live in Wickham. One of our first adventures was to visit the Inner City Wine Makers Cellar door, literally right at our backdoor. Not only great wines but it showed us that this is the start of the future. It was an initiation into the direction the West End is moving. And the transformation continues, it is so exciting. And along comes GLOW, Great Life of Wickham. GLOW's resilience to keep our beautiful streets, clean and green is never ending. We have met so many new friends and enjoyed some many community functions with this diverse group of locals. I recently read in the paper, "Wickham living is up and coming". What a great quote.



FUNDRAISER

TRIVIA

For Dumb Sh*t's

NOVEMBER 24TH • 4PM
THE WICKHAM PARK HOTEL

DID YOU KNOW?

HISTORY:

Did you know that this building is former Wickham council chambers?

It was erected in 1889 but is now used as the Wickham Pre-School.

Pictured to the right hand side.

WE NEED YOU!

Would you like to volunteer writing articles for GLOW News?

Get in contact with us on 0424 813 331 or info@glow.org.au

- we would love to have you!



HOW IT ALL BEGAN.. GLOW

BY THE EDITOR

This organisation started 25 years ago and was the vision of great women who were supported by families and friends. These women were Lyn Kilby and Joyce Foster.

Lyn and Joyce welcomed each other to the area and that's where this friendship began. One of the first things that they became involved in was helping hearing impaired and vision impaired gentlemen who lived in Dixon Street. There were no footpaths so to speak, just overgrown tracks at the side of the road. Paul and Trevor. One with his guide dog had to walk down the middle of the road to Hannell Street. Lyn approached the Newcastle City Council with the profile of the children's age, the aged and disabled. ...needless to say that within weeks there were footpaths down Dixon Street.

So that was the start of one of the greatest resident /business networks in Newcastle. Joyce and Lyn and long term resident Lucia Wilcox. They had to deal with some very dubious characters. These included drug dealers, brothels and the list goes on. How did they do this, with sheer - determination.

So let's just backtrack a bit and I'll tell you how Joyce moved into the area. Joyce a single mother of 5 children and the Home Loan interest rocketed to 18%, this unfortunately meant that she couldn't meet her repayments and had to make the heartbreaking decision to sell. One of the only areas she could afford to live in was Wickham and so she moved to Dixon Street, which was known by Police as AVO Street. Joyce wanted to make a life for herself with all of her children now left home. Her daughter was a local Police Officer so she came to visit her mother in the Patrol car and they stood at the front gate and spoke for about 30 minutes which told the locals that she had connections.



Joyce and Lyn awarded the "City of Newcastle Service Award" from Lord Mayor John Tate in August 2002 which was totally unexpected and embarrassing. Our quiet achievers and they don't think that they deserve to be recognised for this commitment to Wickham. Spend a couple of hours with Joyce and believe me you won't regret it.

Now to the amazing Lyn Kilby, in her stilettos. This is still happening today with Lyn a constant. Visitor to NGOs, City Council and businesses. Lyn has enlisted the knowledgeable and dedicated experience of people like John Phelan Tracey Edwards, Fraser, Sally, Helen, PJ, Doris, Rob, Jennette, Robyn, Jill, Gemma, Rob, Janine, Brian, Greg, Kirsten, Chris each know how to present detailed plans and submissions to improve our local neighbourhood.

In recent years Lyn has added to the work of this cohort and the funny thing is you don't even know it, until you're removing graffiti on a Saturday morning rather than relaxing or having a sleep in. Oh, and I mustn't forget the backbone, Gavin her husband is the logistic man! To list everything that has been achieved over the past 25+ years would be impossible, however, here are a few big wins that need to be mentioned:

- Assistance for domestic violence victims
- Housing for the homeless
- Cleaning up the streets to ensure that it's safe for children to play
- Relocation of certain businesses to better suited areas
- Laman Street Trees
- Throsby Villages Alliance
- Throsby Basin Business Chamber, one of the co-founders Lyn
- Meet and greet events for all throughout the year
- Big art, with strong support from Janine Adele
- Moving out the DA of the filthy Waste transfer Station with Lucia Wilcox
- Harmony Evening - With Croatian Sports Club and Newcastle Badminton Club. And of course the big win in recent years: Wickham War 1 Memorial: This was damaged in the earthquake and consequently it was stored by the Newcastle City Council. After negotiating, over four years, installation was carried out at the Newcastle Interchange. And a friend of GLOW, Bronwyn Law researched every son, of Wickham and now an App relates to the Memorial and is enabling people to link-in and read about Wickham Diggers and their relatives.

GLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP:

SHAPING THE GROWTH OF WICKHAM FOR THE POPULATION WITHIN

GLOW today..... is respected across communities. When you move to Wickham you are welcomed into a lifestyle. With the changes and the developments that are occurring in this area it's crucial people who are willing to ensure that the suburb is liveable and revitalised for the Hunter is carried out properly. This has been the vision of these strong and passionate people. This article is a very small excerpt of what has happened over the years, however, it may give you a glimpse of what has been achieved and what needs to be continued. GLOW is still working, however, many enjoying fun and laughter along the way.

Thank you for voluntary participation and your vision.

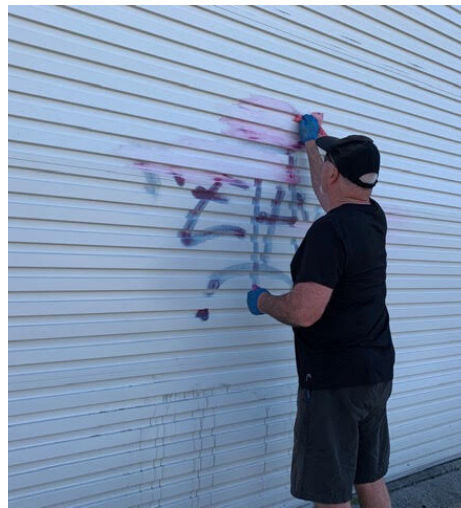
NEIGHBOURHOOD SPIRIT

BY THE EDITOR

On Saturday the 26th of October a group of Wickham residents got together to assist with cleaning up the 'tagging' which has damaged the murals in and around Furlong lane.

Well done Wickham residents, we appreciate your efforts!

See images to the right of this page.



GLOW CHRISTMAS

BY THE EDITOR

INVITATION 12th DECEMBER CAFE & KEYS LIGHT UP DINNER : GIFTS WITH MORE.

Great Lifestyle Of Wickham is working to give all an evening. YOUR invite is for all in the Community, to come along and join in the fun. There'll be a BBQ, lucky door prizes, activities for the kids and of course a visit from Santa.

Events like this are an opportunity for neighbourhood and friends of WICKHAM to come together and celebrate the best of, about living in the area.

Thirdi has generously offered their West End Showroom / CAFE & Keys

Mens Shed - Newcastle Men's Shed are cooking See you there.

Thursday 12 December
6:30pm – 9.00pm

VENUE - West End Showroom-
CNR CHARLES & STATION

LIGHT UP WICKHAM PRIZES for Wickham
Lights drawn on this night.

LIGHT UP WICKHAM

COMPETITION TIME!

Wickham is changing as a community, with increased population, businesses struggling to survive and lack of street activation.

G.L.O.W. are organising 'Light up Wickham' not only showcase this little suburb with lighting of windows and foyers.

GLOW INVITES all to do the same. Asking all residents, business and cafe to put their lights up and on show. Start Date will be on the 1st of December 2019 until Jan 2020

IDEAS: Lights could be lanterns, fairy light/Christmas lights, LED lights in a 3D object or any crazy design ideas you come up with. In your place.YES!

CREATIVE TOUCH: Lights could be applied to buildings, balconies, trees, gardens, restaurants, front doors or in any other place or ideas you see fit.

Streets being short and narrow across Wickham will be of interest and lovely.

& of course, the high-rise apartments near the interchange which currently make quite a statement to the entry of the Wickham precinct will be fabulous if bright with your lights. On 12th December there will be a Gala night at Coffee and Keys and the organisers thought it would be great if some of the theme from the streets could be incorporated in the café for the event. (we'll try to do this)

This is a great way to connect with some of the locals of Newcastle, and your interest in giving Wickham streets and building 's light, energy and life.

Please join in and 'LIGHT UP WICKHAM' with your lights.If you wish to be considered for a prize– send your location to - info@glow.org.au





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DON'T FORGET - WATER RESTRICTIONS

GENERAL INFO

Water restrictions were introduced in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie for the first time in 25 years. Level one water restrictions have been in effect across the entire Lower Hunter since September 16th 2019.

Since water restrictions residential water use has decreased by 12%, just about doubling the 5-7% saving from the Sydney region.

THE GREAT LIFESTYLE OF WICKHAM

What does level one restrictions mean?

- Outdoor watering is permitted before 10am or after 4pm with a trigger nozzle hose
- All hand held hoses must have a trigger nozzle
- No hosing of hard surfaces such as concrete, paths and driveways
- All vehicles should be washed with a bucket, trigger nozzle hose or pressure cleaner
- No sprinklers are to be used



Just search 'GLOW'