

Honeysuckle

FACT SHEET



Artist impression of Worth Place Park West, Public Domain

Overview

Honeysuckle is an ongoing urban transformation success story. Over 50 hectares of former industrial, maritime land is now a centre for entertainment, tourism, employment, and recreation on the edge of Newcastle Harbour. Honeysuckle will also become the home of the University of Newcastle's new city campus.

Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation (HCCDC) has led Honeysuckle's renewal on behalf of the NSW Government since the program was initiated in the early 1990s. The area has so far seen more than \$1 billion in private investment and generated an estimated \$3 billion in economic activity.

HCCDC is the master developer for Honeysuckle and has managed the staged divestment of prime waterfront land to create more jobs and homes.

Over the next few years HCCDC will continue to deliver new public domain and infrastructure to ensure the former industrial land continues to thrive.

Honeysuckle has improved transport connections as a result of the Revitalising Newcastle program. The program delivered a new transport interchange at Wickham and has its very own Honeysuckle light rail stop, plus several new road and pedestrian crossings linking the city across the former heavy rail corridor.

Newcastle West is the city's emerging CBD and the new home of City of Newcastle offices. The Newcastle Local Environmental Plan (LEP) allows for building heights of up to 90 metres in the emerging city centre and 30-45 metres along the foreshore. Wickham, the suburb adjacent to the new CBD is seeing unprecedented commercial and residential development.



HONEYSUCKLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC DOMAIN UPGRADES



HCCDC is delivering comprehensive public domain and infrastructure upgrades to support Honeysuckle's transformation. Infrastructure being delivered includes:

- a \$26.6 million seawall program required to unlock land and enable public space; and
- Honeysuckle Drive realignment and public domain works worth \$24 million.

The Honeysuckle Foreshore Public Domain Plan sees the extension of Newcastle's waterfront promenade westward to the marina at Wickham.

It also includes planting more than 150 trees across two hectares of Honeysuckle, increasing green space and naturalising Cottage Creek.

CURRENT PROJECTS

There are four new Honeysuckle developments expected to be built by 2022, delivering around 347 new dwellings and 180 hotel rooms. Four private sector projects are generating \$250 million in construction activity, and provide more than 3500 construction jobs and 250 ongoing jobs. These include:

Lume

21 Honeysuckle Drive

- 154 apartments
- Ground floor commercial spaces
- HCCDC completing waterfront public domain in line with building completion

Huntington

35 Honeysuckle Drive

- 88 apartments, roof top landscaped space
- 1,533m² retail space
- HCCDC completing waterfront public domain in line with building completion

Little National Hotel

42 Honeysuckle Drive

- 181 hotel rooms
- Commercial tower and public car parking
- Expected completion 2021
- HCCDC commencing road realignment and Cottage Creek upgrade in early 2020

Lee 5 'Horizon'

45 Honeysuckle Drive

- 105 apartments
- Waterfront public domain
- Expected completion 2021
- HCCDC completing seawall works and expects to complete public domain in line with building completion

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ONGOING URBAN RENEWAL

There is roughly 5.5 hectares of land remaining in Honeysuckle for repurposing, 36 per cent of which will be transformed to high quality public space. The remaining Honeysuckle lands include:

- Two hectares of public domain including a foreshore promenade and three areas of open space;
- A 2.2 hectare harbourfront mixed use parcel with LEP controls allowing heights of 30 metres on the waterfront and 45 metres along Honeysuckle Drive;
- A 1.1 hectare parcel for commercial/mixed use development allowing heights up to 90 metres.



The Wharf

HCCDC recently completed works to repair the seawalls, reinstate the wharf and repair the Lee Wharf A building in preparation for a new use. Renamed 'The Wharf', the site offers a unique waterfront opportunity for this iconic building in the heart of Honeysuckle. Calls for proposal for this site close in February 2020.

University of Newcastle

The University of Newcastle is also significantly expanding its city centre presence with its Honeysuckle City Campus Development. The masterplan for this 10-year development sees seven new buildings including student accommodation over 6.2 hectares of Honeysuckle land. Plans for the first building, the School of Creative Industries and the Innovation Hub have been unveiled with work expected to commence late 2019.

AT A GLANCE



Estimated \$3+ billion in economic activity through Honeysuckle since the early 1990s



\$55 million investment to transform 5.5 hectares of remaining Honeysuckle land, 36% of which will be public space



Four private sector developments underway delivering 347 new dwellings, 181 hotel rooms, commercial space and \$200 million in construction activity