



1. What are the three words that describe Dickson to you?

The community used the following words to describe Dickson. The numbers in brackets refer to the number of people identifying a particular attribute. Some participants used the +/- signs to denote their attitude to a particular attribute.

Food

- Aromas
- Food (2)
- Food (+)
- Entertainment – Food/Drink
- Good Food
- Rest Vego (+)
- Restaurant
- Laksa

Multicultural/cosmopolitan

- Chinatown
- Asian influence (+)
- Cosmopolitan (demographics; cafes, restaurants, commercial; multi-use; vibrant)
- Multicultural (2)
- Amenity – a lot of services, cultural character (2)
- Alive – day and night
- Good street art
- Mixture of uses
- Urbane, vital, convenient
- Lively – community based
- Vibrant (3)
- Hectic

Traffic and parking

- Cars (dominant)
- Congestion (-)
- Parking (2)
- Parking (-)
- Public transport disconnect
- Traffic/congested
- Lack of parking

Diverse

- Diverse (4) + of people and activities
- Diversity of services (health/ supermarket/ financial/ vehicle access rta/ trade)
- Variety (+)
- Has everything

Character/scale

- Contained
- Convenient shambles
- Disjointed feel (lack of planning and continuity; community, local, employment, transient; lighting)
- Down market (+/-)
- Functional/utilitarian/useful
- Human-scale
- Intimacy/familiarity (+)
- Non-corporate (+)
- Open
- Open/atmospheric
- Pedestrian scale
- Facing inwards
- Low density
- Low key
- Colourless, spooky
- Local (+)
- Independent traders (+)
- Grey

Landscape

- Leafy-evergreen
- Trees and Open Space

Safety

- Poorly lit
- Risk of personal safety - lack of lighting
- Vulnerable – not safe

Connectivity

- Lack of connectivity
- Lack of connectivity – inward and outward
- Lack of integration of uses
- Walking distance
- Walking friendly
- Poor navigation

Maintenance

- Dirty
- Graffiti
- Commercial Waste
- Lack of maintenance
- Shabby

Ageing

- Old
- Old and decaying
- Revitalisations
- Tired (3) + tired (façade, e.g. Dickson Chambers) + tired but central+ tired, dated, inconvenient

Focal Point

- Central – meeting (North Canberra)
- Hub
- Meeting place
- No central focus
- No street presence in old section

Specific uses

- ACTPLA
- Motor Registry
- Woolies

Convenience

- Access (3)
- Convenience to range of facilities (3)
- Handy (2)

Activities

- Employment
- Residential
- Shopping
- Shops, restaurants, car parks

Community

- Community (4)
- Friendly

Other

- Entertaining
- History
- Refreshable
- Slowing up and down
- Underutilised
- Weirdo's