Newcastle as a city has come a long way since its rough and tumbling first beginnings. It has moved from a town to become a real thriving centre of national importance. With great possibilities for the nation of Australia economically. Somebody that has lived from the early part of this century until now would have seen the enormous changes that have taken place.

As Australia approaches the centenary birthday celebrations to mark the nationhood of Australia. It will be seen that industry has played a greater part in the development of this nation and Newcastle has been amongst the earliest towns to have an industrial base. This also has caused great economic development within the region of the Hunter.

Housing, small businesses have run along with the growth of the town. A large population increase is taking place this century until Newcastle is one of the major tourist attractions in Australia. In the earlier part of this century Newcastle had a transport system that comprised of steam cars, electric cars, and early cars. Today such a transport system has become totally revolutionized with the coming age of modern technology and all the old ways of shuttling people are long gone. The former train system that there was has now been replaced by electric trains.

The ferry system in Newcastle though it still operated in a small way is not as large as it was previously. It used
to operate on a series of alternating shifts, and this included many evening cruises to Tamago in 1916. This is one of the many areas in Newcastle that has lost its human touch with the rise of a more modern culture and technological society.

The local entertainment scene throughout Newcastle today has lost much of its former prestige which once existed in years gone by. The modern operation of marines has become artificially inclined so theatre goes have nothing more to view than a consistent stream of movies. In past decades there was a particular style of dressing when going out to the local cinema. Today sadly all this has changed. No more does a man escort a woman to the viewing of a film with a white coat. Instead it is sometimes in jeans and tee shirt.

Newcastle's early formation in the very first part of this century depended heavily on a small group of companies for its survival. It is also as the town progressed continued down a similar path relying much on BHP. This is one factor that has stayed the same.

In relation to the harbour in Newcastle this has risen from obscurity to becoming a major port in Australia. In the first decade of this twentieth century many sailing ships sometimes as many as thirty could be seen in the harbour. Today this is all gone to make way for the modern cargo liners that come from far away ports overseas.
Musical comedy which was once a big feature in Newcastle has dwindled into insignificance until there are very few that are featured weekly in the Hunter region.

There are not many people remaining in Newcastle or its adjacent area that would remember the celebration of Australia's first one hundred and twenty years of white settlement. The part Newcastle played in the celebration was to sail a clipper ship into Newcastle Harbour. On the front of the ship was a mermaid lying in a big shell. This was used as a feature of display.

The early days of Newcastle had rough roads and very few buildings. The design of the street lamps resembled those of the city of London in the nineteenth century. People in many homes in the district would gather around pianos and spend an annual long evening that way. The pattern that was set for going home afterwards was mainly by walking as there were street lamps and many women would walk to each other's home. There was not the fear of attack or crime around as much as there is today.

The Newcastle retail outlook has gone through many significant changes. Modern shopping centres have sprung up all over the Hunter Valley. It was once a small retail district in the heart of the city. However, with the recent increase in population it has moved out into the ever-growing suburbs.
As a town expands over years many new changes become visible to the coming future generations and are remembered. The older generation of the bygone days. One such feature remembered by older people is the current lack of personal feeling when being introduced. This seems to have rapidly vanished. The surname in Newcastle was always used when being introduced but now it is almost forgotten. Life henceforth is going at a greater pace than it was or has been in the past.

In relation to the way of speaking, speech has changed and attitudes towards it in Newcastle. Today strong have replaced the high cultured tongue of past decades. In days gone by odd has not been used and good speaking was commonplace. However, today to many it is regarded as being old fashioned. Older people frequently comment on the lack of manners shown by this generation. Today children will run into a home grab a piece of bread or butter and run out to play without so much as a thank you.

The industry of food has always concerned many in Newcastle. According to the elderly community in Newcastle, food prices of today are way out of context to what they were. Jam and meat which have always been food items locally are bought with different attitudes today. Butchers in the past would spend much time in preparation of meats for purchase. Today many in Newcastle not to eat what is sold in regard to its health value.
The many beautiful beaches in Newcastle have always been a topic for discussion among elderly people of the district. One person in particular recalls the time when five coal pits would be working at one time near Merewether Beach. Today they have all gone. The panorama has changed the same minutes from the centre of Newcastle.

What changes there will be in the future in Newcastle and its surroundings one can only hope to speculate on. One thing is for sure, it is a town that goes through constant change.

In 1912 there was an old lady who commented on a bus stop to another that industry would be the death of this town and the cause of many problems. Though industry has done much for the town's growth, it seems to keep a familiar routine of striking and irregular employment prospects.

Many people in Newcastle still living in Newcastle have lived through many changes in the town. Some people have lived here from the time the steelworks were on strike. The times were very hard then because there was no social security payments as there are today. Some people told the method they selling clothes they made themselves. It certainly was not an easy time.

Many. Each change in the history of the town came gradually to the present day. From the era of the penny to the present Australia dollar we have today. However
we have heard from many older citizens that it was not any easier along the way.

Another comparison with former times is that people have lost individualism and respect. A lot of people in Newcastle have not learnt the dignified ways of the past. People in general all want to look the same.

The lifestyles in Newcastle have been changing always to keep up with the new decades. Men used to always been seen in waistcoats and hats and the women would wear frocks on Sundays. As citizens look toward the year 2000 in Newcastle it will become a truly different place to its origin.

The parents of today in Newcastle in general have a lot to be occupied with nowadays in the form of pleasure, such as poker machines, gambling, alcohol and horse racing. The influences from them will influence the children of today in Newcastle to be different from their forefathers of early this century by the participation in these things.

In conclusion Newcastle it can be said has changed dramatically to what it had been. Today we have some people still living from the previous century and some new born babies of the eighties decade being just born. I'm sure that that this Nation or Newcastle will continue to progress because of the mixture. Surely the younger generation can look forward to what will be and the
Older generation can reflect on what has been
Newcastle has come from the horse drawn
while age to the age of electrified rail
For Sydney. By the way of living there
was not much expansion of Newcastle
beyond Adamstown. Not the once tiny
town is far reaching and much to
offer the newcomer. When people first
arrived here there were no proper roads
or guttering it truly a mixture of
both generations and different laws.

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hard on the essay. You
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of organisation and
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I enjoyed hearing Mr. Rose
on this. It is obvious that
she enjoyed meeting you.


The first few years of this century have seen great changes in relation to Newcastle in comparison with today. Newcastle has come from the hole and buggy days to being an industrial town of much importance. Steam trains, early cars, and electric cars were an early part of Newcastle history. Now that they have gone it gives a person some idea of just how far the town has come.

Newcastle has moved ahead in leaps and bounds. Expansion has taken many forms. Industries have played a major part in the greater structure and economic develop of the town. The year 1998 marked the first hundred and twenty years of Australia's growth. To celebrate, Newcastle used a big sailing ship with a mermaid on the front as part of the celebrations. In 1986 the year of Australia's centenary the ship will be handed anyone who can remember the first one.

Newcastle has seen tremendous growth economically. Many shopping centres have arisen along with the growth in many areas of housing. This has also come about as a result of the increase in population. One interesting fact of Newcastle is its unchanging panorama. Newcastle leach, Nobbys leach and Merewether are still within five miles of the city.

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The entertainment scene has changed quite considerably over the past one hundred years. In Newcastle in years gone by there was plenty of music in the homes of Newcastrians. There was plenty of live theatre and this has gone till there is very little left. Many people in Newcastle now dress for the picture show in whatever they like. In the early days a man would take a woman to the local cinema with a white glove on his hand and in a suit.

Newcastle has come a long way since its rough and tumble beginning. Life in Newcastle over the past one hundred years has changed so much that it is now the biggest city in the state. Newcastle. Many things have changed in regards to all aspects of life so that it is truly different town in respect to its beginning.

BHP, Commonwealth Steel and Dyda are some of the early manufacturers continue to exert influence over the town as they have done in the past. The future economic development and changes in the city rest on these few industries which affect peoples lives historically and influence the well being of the town.

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