

## **SAMPLE QUESTIONS**

### General questions to start the interview

- When and where were you born?
- Tell me about your parents or your family background
- Where was your family originally from?
- What did your parents do for a living?

### About Family

- Do you have siblings and other family members?

### About Community

- Describe where you grew up? Neighbourhood etc. What activities did you do as a child?
- Who were some prominent people in your community- who made an impact on you?

### Friends and Interests

- Do you recall your friends at school? What were they like?
- What interests/hobbies/sport did you have?

### Young Adult Years

- What was family life like in your teenage years?

### Education

- What school did you attend, and can you tell me about your school life?
- Tell me about your favourite teacher
- What were your subjects? (liked/disliked)
- When you finished school did you work/study? Where?

### Adult years

- Did you do further study? What career did you have?

(Questions could relate to occupation- technical questions, workplace culture, social aspects)

### Overview

- How do you think the suburb you grew up has changed?
- How do you think your career/profession has changed since you first started in particular industry?
- What significant changes have you seen in social life of the Hunter/Newcastle?