

DRINKING NEWCASTLE

A Booze and Stories Walking Tour

This pub crawl through the heart of Newcastle offers a street level view of the city's histories through its drinking culture. Where working men's pubs in past centuries thrived near pit heads, factories, steel mills and wharves there is a post-industrial, hipster urbanscape with traces of the past – if you know where to look!

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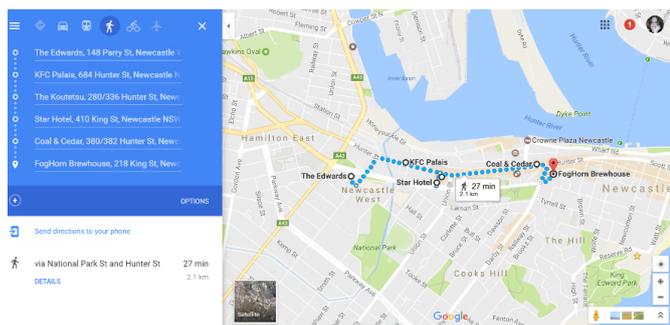
6.00–9.00pm Wednesday 5 July – actual distance covered is 2.5 km – wet weather plan TBA

Starting point: meet at The Edwards, 148 Parry Street, Newcastle West, directions below*

PAY AS YOU GO FOOD & DRINKS – BRING A TENNER TO SHARE PIZZA AT FOGHORN

PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY

1. **THE EDWARDS** – Newcastle's silverchair were Australia's most prominent nineties grunge export. Their debut album sold six million copies worldwide, catapulting three teenagers from the beach-side suburb of Merewether to stardom. Band members have since gone their separate ways with bass player Chris Joannu converting his parents' industrial-scale laundry into a retro steel and concrete bar and restaurant, complete with schmick laundromat and cleaning service on the side.
2. **KFC PALAIS** – Construction of this fast food franchise unearthed highly significant material culture of the Awabakal people who, with the Worimi, are Newcastle's traditional owners. Despite its rich archaeological potential, new building construction was completed at the site creating what is reputed to be the largest KFC in the southern hemisphere and an off street plaque is the only sign of its Indigenous heritage.
3. **STAR HOTEL** Newcastle's most violent civil unrest occurred in 1979 when a riot broke out on the last night of trading for the financially ailing Star Hotel. In the seventies the Star pulsed with crowds of "foreign seamen" at one end, "small-time thugs" at the other "while wedged in between was a gay venue famous for drag acts such as Stella the Fella" (Chad Watson, NH 9 Jan 2015). Newcastle band The Heroes were on stage when patrons attacked the property and then turned on police who attempted to restore order. The band's lead singer was among forty people charged after the clash. Across King Street from the Star is Wests City – the former Newcastle Workers Club rebuilt after the 1989 Earthquake.
4. **COAL & CEDAR** – The first wave of colonial invaders in Newcastle were convict labourers in the extractive industries of coal mining and cedar-getting watched over by their guards; often also convicts. Named for these natural resources, this award-winning new gen speakeasy has confederate décor and cocktail savvy bar staff.
5. **FOGHORN** – Newcastle's built environment hosts grand remnants of the city's brewing heyday: the private residence Jesmond House originally constructed by the Wood family on The Hill (and now owned by a former business partner of the region's most infamous 21st century coal baron) and Castlemaine & Wood Bros Brewery which today houses Quest Apartments at the western end of Hunter Street. In the era of craft beer – and located in part of the former Pacific Dreams Surfboard Factory on King Street - is microbrewery Foghorn; see yeasty miracles, on site.



* The Edwards is a twenty minute walk from City Hall, west along King Street. Turn left at National Park Street and then right into Parry Street. To catch a bus to The Edwards take any bus going up Hunter Street to Spotlight at the corner of National Park Street (ask the driver – Opal Card for payment) and double back to National Park Street.