



# Avante Garde Galleries and Cafes

## Suggested shops

### The Woods

The Woods is a creative space, conceived deep in the minds of Chelsey Johns, Sophia Flegg and Elsie Stuart. Part gallery, part vintage store, with a dash of handicrafts, The Woods aims to invigorate, restore and inspire Newcastle with an eclectic collection of things we like.

Chelsey Johns is a craftswoman, constantly keeping her hands busy making all different bits and pieces. She is also a vegan blogger and operates Like A Vegan, a vegan lifestyle blog full of tasty recipes and product reviews. Vegan treats haven't made it in-store yet, but check out Chelsey's blog for announcements.

Sophia Flegg is the artist of the group and has spent the past few years painting from her lounge room. She is looking forward to not only exhibiting her own works, but helping local artists find loving homes for their creations as well.

Elsie Stuart is an avid collector of vintage clothing and has previously run her own online store. Her hand picked pieces are just some of the items available for purchase at The Woods.

**Location:** 100a King Street, Newcastle

**Enquiries:** [wearethewoods@gmail.com](mailto:wearethewoods@gmail.com)



## **ARThive**

ARThive is a brand new artist run initiative based in Newcastle's Hunter Street Mall, consisting of a studio hub housing a number of local artists, and a gallery space for exhibitions, performances, installations, markets and workshops.

ARThive offers an inexpensive exhibition and project space that aims to support and develop emerging and undiscovered talent while also encouraging new and experimental practices from more established artists.

**Location:** Upstairs of Suite 2, 111 Hunter St. Newcastle 2300 (off Morgan St)

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## **Odditorium Vintage and Portrait Parlour**

Odditorium is a galleria, portrait parlour and retail store managed by Naomi Saunders. Naomi is a Novocastrian photographer, fashion stylist and avid collector of oddities and vintage wares, as well as being a mother of almost two.

Odditorium Vintage and Portrait Parlour has a focus on eras past. The galleria houses ever changing installations made up of items from Naomi's many collections and will also have local featured artists. The retail store has artwork, handmade and altered



fashions and textiles, vintage clothes, jewellery, odds and ends and bric a brac, made and found by local artisans for sale.

You can come and peruse our vintage finerys and dress yourself up for a picture taken in our portrait parlour amongst our retro decor.

**Location:** 14 Thorn Street, Newcastle

**Trading Hours:** Tuesday 12 – 4pm, Wednesday to Saturday  
10am – 4pm