

# Sign 2 Newcastle East Heritage Walk



## Heritage Information

Newcastle City Council is committed to the promotion and conservation of the City's cultural heritage through its Heritage Policy. Information may be obtained from Council's Heritage Officer on 4974 2000.

## Tourism Information

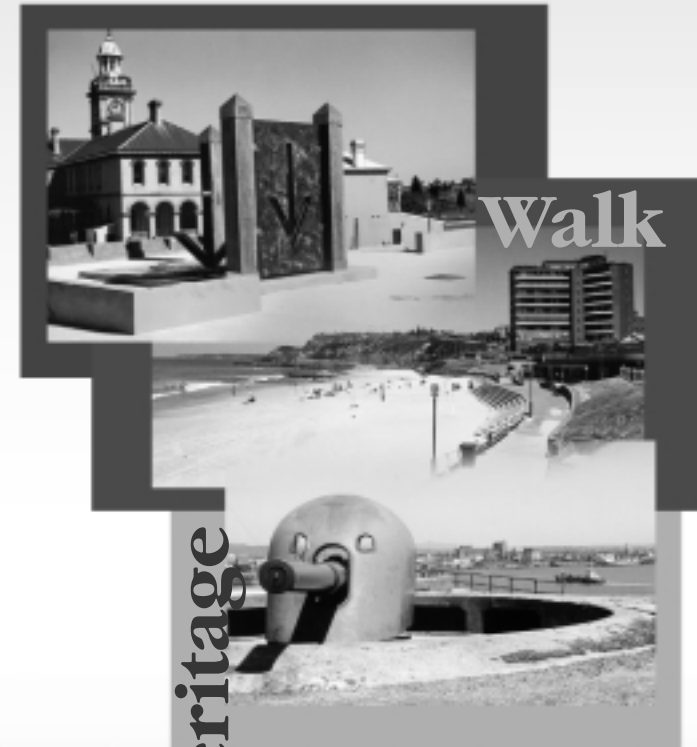


For more information on other attractions of historic Newcastle please contact NEWCASTLE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE.

NEWCASTLE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE is located at 363 Hunter Street, Newcastle. The office is open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 3:30pm on weekends and public holidays. The office is closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday only. For further information please phone 4974 2999.

## Mobility Access Information

Newcastle is becoming a user friendly city. Newcastle City Council has made many improvements to public areas and is encouraging the private sector to make access easier. Council has a commitment to providing its community with a high quality of life that is sustainable and accessible to all its citizens. A comprehensive Mobility Map of Newcastle CBD is available from NEWCASTLE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE.



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A self-guided tour of Newcastle's birthplace



You are invited to follow the steps of Newcastle's 200 year journey that traces the great changes that have occurred since European settlement during this time.

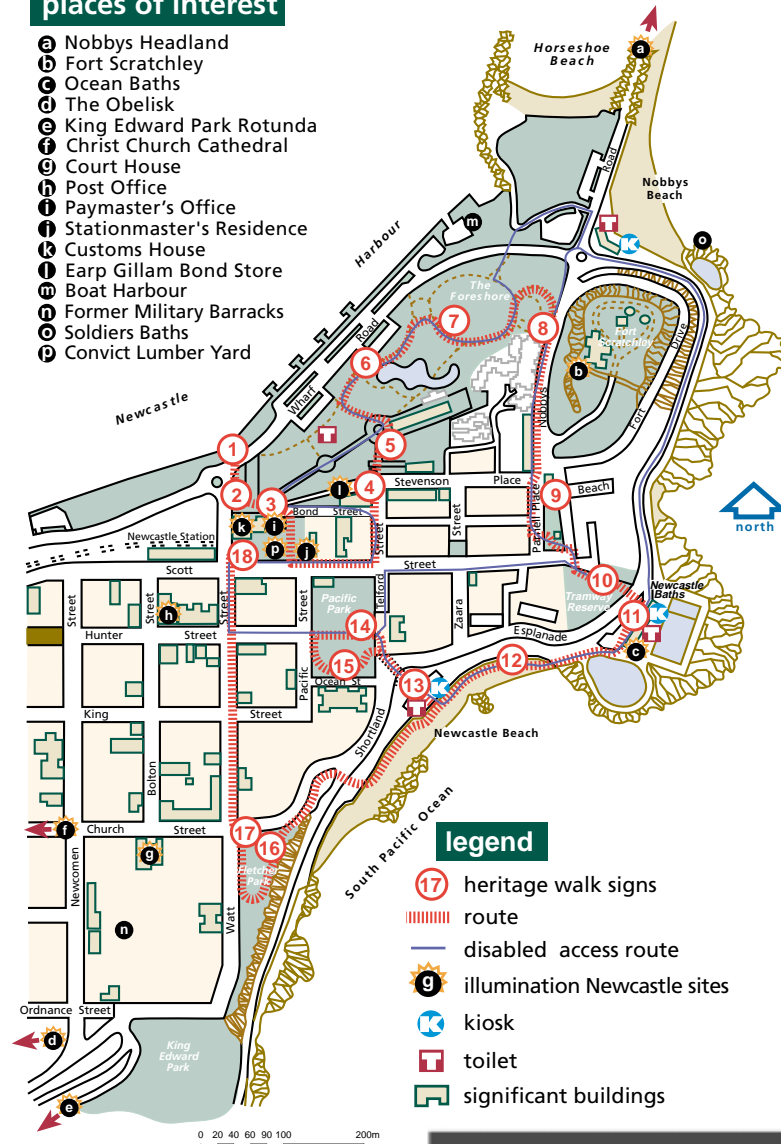
The Newcastle East Heritage Walk will take you on that journey as it takes you past many points of interest and spectacular coastal views that will enrich your understanding of Newcastle East's remarkable history. The Heritage Walk follows a path about 3 kilometres in length and will take between 1 1/2 to 2 hours to comfortably walk. A number of points of interest have been brilliantly lit for evening viewing under the *illumination Newcastle Program*. These are indicated on the accompanying map.

The Hunter River, the ancient estuary, originally a valued resource for the local indigenous Awabakal people, is now a world-renowned port. The European settlement that remade the shoreline founded and developed a notable city of industry and commerce. Former landscapes can be glimpsed in old photographs captured in the signs along the Walk, while present landscapes highlight the interest and beauty of the city today.

Newcastle East is the birthplace of the city and Hunter Region. Originally a meeting and fishing place for Aboriginal people, the scene began to change in 1804 to one of settlement and profound modification of the land and estuary. The intensive utilisation of Newcastle East since that time for industry, transport, services and community living has left layers of history apparent in every view. Today, Newcastle East is leading the way in the revitalisation of the city.

### places of interest

- a Nobbys Headland
- b Fort Scratchley
- c Ocean Baths
- d The Obelisk
- e King Edward Park Rotunda
- f Christ Church Cathedral
- g Court House
- h Post Office
- i Paymaster's Office
- j Stationmaster's Residence
- k Customs House
- l Earp Gillam Bond Store
- m Boat Harbour
- n Former Military Barracks
- o Soldiers Baths
- p Convict Lumber Yard



The Newcastle East Heritage Walk leads from the site of the Watt Street wharf ①, along Watt Street ②, turning past the front of Customs House ③ into the Convict Lumber Yard, left into Scott Street then on into Newcastle East residential and warehouse precinct ④. At Stevenson Place, the Jean Perrett stairs lead to the former rail marshalling yards ⑤ and old commercial wharf area ⑥. The pre-European indigenous inhabitants, the Awabakal people's custodianship of the estuarine foreshore is acknowledged ⑦ as the Walk passes the site of the former Power Station, and on to Nobbys Road ⑧. Macquarie Pier can be explored from here and the ocean promenade can be followed around Fort Scratchley to the Newcastle Ocean Baths.

The Walk continues along Nobbys Road south towards Parnell Place ⑨ and the old gaol site ⑩. Several of Newcastle East's streets can be visited from here before continuing down to Newcastle Ocean Baths ⑪. A promenade leads around to Newcastle Beach ⑫, then at the surf pavilion the walk crosses the former Shortland Park ⑬ and via the subway, reaches Pacific Park ⑭ and the Royal Newcastle Hospital ⑮. Returning to the beach, the Shortland Esplanade is followed to Fletcher Park ⑯. After noting the historic precinct of upper Watt Street ⑰, the Walk descends down Watt Street, along which are numerous plaques marking the sites of several historic convict-era buildings. The Walk then reaches its final destination opposite Newcastle Train Station ⑱ completing the circuit.

Public toilets and refreshments are available at the Nobbys Beach Surf Pavilion, Newcastle Ocean Baths and Newcastle Beach Pavilion during swimming months, and refreshments are also available in cafes near Pacific Street area all year.

