

A BRIEF HISTORY

In 1862, 223 Newtown households petitioned Governor John Young to form a municipality. On 12 December 1862 Newtown Municipality was proclaimed by Government Gazette, covering 480 acres in three wards: Enmore, Kingston and O'Connell. By the 1870s, Newtown was one of the most densely populated municipalities in NSW and a decade later was one of the main retail centres outside the city.

King Street is Newtown's spine. The first track through Newtown followed roughly the same alignment as today's King Street. This 'bullock route' probably followed an Aboriginal path across the ridges to the Cooks River. Originally known as the Bulanaming Road and later as the Cooks River or Newtown Road, it was officially named King Street in 1877. Its retail strip developed from the 1880s and soon it became one of Sydney's busiest suburban commercial centres.

The name 'New Town' was in use by the early 1830s. At what is now Newtown Bridge, a creek provided pure drinking water to early settlers. A toll on the corner of King and Forbes Street raised funds for road improvement, joined by another at Newtown Bridge. It is said Liberty Street was named for the diverting track used to avoid the tolls.

Originally dominated by large gentlemen estates and fashionable homes, suburban subdivision in the 1870s meant that Newtown became a mixed suburb of middle class, tradesmen and the working class people. The suburb's large estate origins are echoed in many of the street names.

Newtown's development was driven by cheap and efficient transport. Sydney's first railway line

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in 1855 stopped at Newtown. In 1892 additional lines were added and the station relocated from the flour mill at the end of Station Street to its present location. Steam, horse-powered and then electrified trams ran to south-western suburbs for over 75 years until 1957. Newtown Bridge became a transport hub and also Newtown's civic and cultural heart.

Waves of migrants from England, Scotland, Ireland, Southern Europe, the Middle East and Asia were attracted to cheap housing and local factory work in the 1920s. Other defining characteristics include a strong retail and industrial base, and a proliferation of entertainment, sporting and recreational venues.

Today Newtown continues to be one of the most diverse, interesting and popular business and residential areas in Sydney. King Street remains a vibrant commercial strip, thronging with people 'on business and on pleasure bent', just like the 1880s.

You are invited to enjoy a walking tour of selected images from the City of Sydney and Marrickville Council archives displayed in 50 stores in King Street, Enmore Road and Australia Street. Learn more about the Newtown precinct today at newtownprecinct.com.au

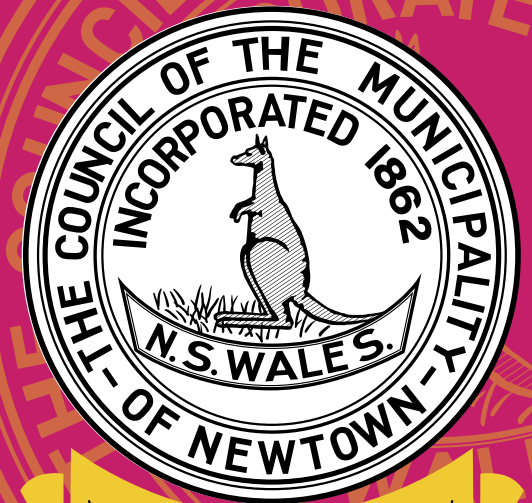
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11 NOVEMBER TO
15 DECEMBER 2012

- 1 HOLY SHEET!**
241 King St
King St trams 1913,
near the corner of
Church St
- 2 EMMANUEL
CALLIGEROS
OPTOMETRISTS**
167 King St
King & Elizabeth Sts,
1910
- 3 BANK OF
QUEENSLAND**
94 King St
Missenden Rd, 1920
- 4 FLYING PENGUIN**
359 King St
Newtown Railway
Station Platform, 1914
- 5 CAMPBELLBARNETT**
417a King St
Relaying the Tram Line
at Newtown Bridge,
1927
- 6 DENDY CINEMA**
261-263 King St
Oxford Hotel (now
Zanzibar), Eliza & King
Sts, 1890
- 7 ALL BUTTONS GREAT
AND SMALL**
419a King St
King St & Enmore Rd,
1910
- 8 DR. EARTH NEWTOWN**
287-289 King St
Newtown
King St looking NE,
1972
- 9 MILK BAR**
261 King St
Relaying the Tram Line
at Newtown Bridge,
1927
- 10 LOGICAL LEGAL
SOLICITORS**
66 Enmore Rd
Salisbury St (now
Salisbury Road),
looking E, 1909
- 11 KERRIE LOWE GALLERY**
49-51 King St
Fowlers Pottery
Parramatta Rd
between Australia &
Denison Sts, 1911
- 12 MORTGAGE CHOICE**
546 King St
162-164 Australia St,
1953
- 13 KING ST CYCLERY**
404 King St
Wilson St, looking
SW from cnr Forbes
St, 1954
- 14 ARABELLA LEBANESE
CUISINE**
489-491 King St
475 King St, 1962
- 15 LOU JACK'S**
420 King St
475 King St, 1962
- 16 SHORTIES**
535 King St
Angel St, looking NE,
1956
- 17 PRINCIPAL LAWYERS**
189 Enmore Rd
King St near cnr of
Eliza St, possibly 1950s
- 18 REPRESSED RECORDS**
413 King St
King St, looking S to
brickworks chimneys
from Whitehorse St
- 19 TELSTRA NEWTOWN**
229 King St
Trantums Jewellery
shop, 211 King St, 1921
- 20 CARAMBA**
428 King St
King St, looking N near
Missenden Rd, 1972
- 21 DRAGSTAR**
537 King St
Newtown Bridge,
1906, view from
Eliza St
- 22 GLOW GIRL**
208 Australia St
Looking N up Australia
St from cnr of Fowler
St, c1930s
- 23 ETALAGE**
431 King St
Looking S down
Station St to cnr of
Camden St, c1950s
- 24 TOWERS ANTIQUES &
COLLECTABLES**
539 King St
Denison St, Newtown,
1930s
- 25 BELLE PROPERTIES**
4/63-71 Enmore
Looking E along
Enmore Rd from cnr
Simmons St, c1940s
- 26 WATERHORSE**
125 Enmore Rd
Cnr Enmore Rd and
Simmons St, near
Enmore Theatre, c1940s
- 27 RUBYOS**
18-20 King St
P. Gleeson Grocers and
Provision store, cnr
Queen & King Sts
- 28 BETTER READ THAN
DEAD**
265 King St
Newtown Post Office,
1892
- 29 GREAT AUNTY THREE**
115 Enmore Rd
Newtown Town Hall,
1865 with Council
Clerk and Aldermen
- 30 AFGHAN INTERIORS**
451 King St
Newtown Town Hall 1912
- 31 RECLAIM**
356 King St
St Georges Hall, 1910
- 32 7 STAR SUPERMARKET**
408 King St
Andrews' Old Cottage
cnr of Church &
Prospect Sts
- 33 LBT KIDS**
541 King St
Commercial Bank of
Australasia, cnr King &
Australia Sts
- 34 WISEBERRY ENMORE**
187 Enmore Rd
The Junction,
Newtown
- 35 KING ST DELI**
353 King St
Newtown Markets,
328-342 King St
- 36 SCISSORHANDS**
418 King St
S.W. & C. Pattison's
store, 409 King St
- 37 RUBYOS**
18-20 King St
The Old Toll Bar, near
cnr of Forbes St
- 38 BANK HOTEL**
324 King St
Bank Hotel, 324 King St
- 39 GALLERY SERPENTINE**
114 Enmore Rd
Camperdown
Memorial Rest Park,
c1950s, easterly view
- 40 DRUNK ON THE MOON**
247 Australia St
Funeral procession
outside Court House,
222 Australia St,
c.late 19th century
- 41 HI-FI TRADER**
142 King St
King St, Newtown,
c1950, near cnr
Missenden Rd
- 42 LEO MONK
HANDBAGS**
417 King St
Newtown Bridge, 1910
- 43 FLOWER ROOM**
282 King St
King St, view of
Uniting Church, 1920
- 44 ONE HONEY
BOUTIQUE**
551 E King St
Sunshine Bread
Company, 4 Sarah St,
c1940S
- 45 OCTOPUS DESIGNS**
260 King St
Earlwood Tram, c1957,
cnr King St & Enmore Rd
- 46 LJ HOOKER
NEWTOWN**
144 King St
O'Connell St, 1960
- 47 GOULD'S BOOK
ARCADE**
32 King St
58-60 King St, 1960,
looking S
- 48 NEWTOWN HOTEL**
174 King St
St Stephens
Churchyard, 1960,
looking to Lennox St
- 49 SARAH-JANE**
418 King St
L'Avenue, now Warren
Ball Ave near Fitzroy St
- 50 ART ON KING**
199-201 King St
'Leichhardt Lodge'
Brown St, 1862
- 51 CLASSIC HI FI**
550 King St
110 Union St, 1957,
looking SE, at corner
of Munni St

