Mayfield is one of Newcastle’s oldest suburbs. What was it like to live in Mayfield a hundred years ago? Who lived here then? What did people do for work and play? What remains of the earlier years of Mayfield’s existence?

This walking tour begins at the big yellow key on the corner of Hanbury St and Maitland Road. The walk will take about 2 hours and will help you to find the answers to these and many other questions. It is a gentle stroll through a suburb that has undergone waves of change over the past two centuries.

The place we call Mayfield was first inhabited by Aboriginal people, who lived on the river and its fertile floodplain. Following the arrival of Europeans, farmers, vignerons and orchardists settled in the early to mid-1800s. From the late 1800s a mix of wealthy business people, workers and merchants existed.

Using this brochure and keeping an eye out for traces of the past still visible in the landscape (such as differences in housing styles, remnant vegetation, road alignments, dates on buildings, street names and the like), you will start to uncover what it was like to live in Mayfield Life in the latter part of the 19th century up until the middle of the 20th century.

Our map will keep you from getting lost. Go on, play detective and enjoy rediscovering this fascinating suburb that we know today as Mayfield!