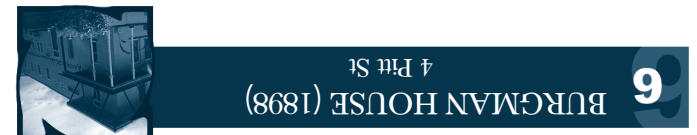


opened in 1917. services are in process take a look inside. The school next door was constructed strikingly in rich red-tinted Maitland face bricks. If no Isn't this a distinctive building? The church was opened in 1940 and is



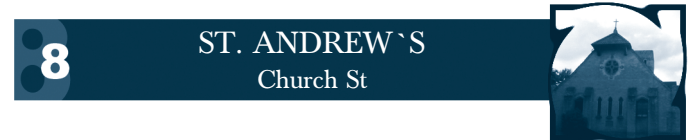
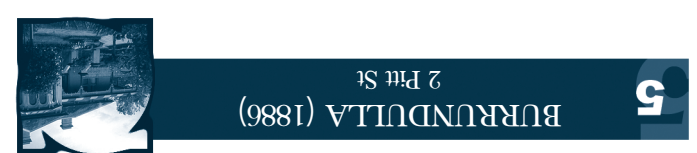
Continuing along Pitt St. you reach Church St. Use the crossing and you can explore these two beautiful churches. The Church has been central to Mayfield cultural life.

house has more recently been renovated as student accommodation. accommodation for the disabled until it was closed again in 1996. The hostel in Maryville. The hostel closed in 1977 and then became hostel was named after the Burgmanns, who started the first apprentices House was opened as a hostel for apprentices and students. The In 1960, Burgmann magistrate and his barrister son, later moved here. a prominent all the way to the Pacific Ocean. The Parnell family, a prominent balcony overlooking the rural landscape of late 19th century Newcastle Morison who owned a foundry in Carrington. Imagine standing on the Now bearing the name 'St Nicholas', this house was built for D. N.



Wells. Waterworks, near Maitland. No doubt, poorer people still had to use connected to the water. The water main was piped down from Walka been like to walk to a well to obtain water instead of simply turning on a tap. In 1887, Mayfield was one of the first suburbs in Newcastle to be Palm trees were often planted next to wells. Imagine what it would have The small park across the road may have been the location of a well. brick shed at the rear of the property known as Lush's Ice-cream.

them cool. From the 1930s-1960s an ice-cream factory operated out of a the would bring it to the house and put the pails down the well to keep Ash Island in the Hunter River. Transporting the milk by punt and cart, Lintott family. Lintott was the local milkman and had a dairy on nearby built many of the state's rail carriages. In 1918 it was owned by the which became Gonmans, the major Newcastle engineering firm that This house was built for John Ritchie, the manager of Hudson Bros Ltd.



An old church and pioneer cemetery, built in 1861, once occupied this site. Many of the original settlers of Mayfield and the surrounding districts were interred in the old cemetery here at St Andrew's, including the Creberts, Lintotts, Tourles, Corlettes and Kuhns. The last burial was in the 1930s. The cemetery was removed in the 1950s and it is said that the headstones were used to line paths at Blackbutt Reserve. Walk behind the church and into the car park where you can see a sandstone memorial with a plaque commemorating the cemetery.

If you wish you may enter the church, built in 1924, to have a look at its interior, including the altar from the original church. Take the laneway on the northern side of St. Andrews and walk through to Durham St.



The Catholic Church in Mayfield has been involved in the education of the deaf since 1888. The church saw a pressing need for religious education for children cut off from ordinary channels of knowledge and culture.

The Dominican Nuns worked with the children who came from all over Australia and New Zealand to go the school. This was the first Deaf School set up by the Catholic Church in the Southern Hemisphere. Next door is San Clemente High School.



In 1919 the Dominican sisters bought this property, then called "Redcliff", which was built in 1894 for Frank Witherspoon. In 1922 and 1947 extensive renovations were made in a distinctive Spanish design to accommodate day girls and borders. San Clemente was the first Catholic School in the Maitland Diocese to introduce lay teachers in 1976 and is now co-educational.

You now reach Crebert Street, looking to the western ridge we can clearly see the top of the Redemptorist Monastery. This site is part of the *Mayfield: The Toorak of Newcastle?* walk. You should check that walk out too. Turning right into Crebert St you pass a large building which was the YMCA War Memorial Hostel opened in 1960.



beautifully restored home.

Across the road you can see 'Fairhaven'. Built in 1900, the garden looks beautiful in the spring when the azaleas are blooming. Continuing up

by BHP to make munitions. iron lacework from this house and many others was removed and used when BHP began establishing the steelworks. During World War II the gracious houses in the Mayfield area from the 1880s through to 1913, prominent businessmen and others who had wealth and who built Isn't this house, built in the 1900's, beautiful? Mayfield was the home of



We'll continue walking along Maitland Road, passing the Ironworker's Building, where once a theatre stood, down to Victoria Street, where Continue walking up past the Salvation Army Citadel towards the home well cross at the traffic lights and turn left to enter the residential area. Building, where once a theatre stood, down to Victoria Street, where Continue walking up past the Salvation Army Citadel towards the home

'strip-shopping' in an era of enclosed mega-shopping malls. resilient business community keen to continue the tradition of by walking door to door. Bread, meat, clothes, milk, ice and goods from men or boys who would deliver them by horse and cart, or forming a Main Street. Prior to the 1930s people would buy most of their (on) meant that more services began locating along Maitland Road, arrival of BHP in 1913 (and the other steel fabricating firms a little later The rapid growth in population in the 1920s and 30s following the 1920s and later.

Whilst the area which became known as Mayfield began to be settled in the mid 1850s, and started attracting wealthy families by the 1880s, the main street commercial district didn't begin to consolidate until the



Mayfield at that time was, however, semi-rural, with ridge lines allowing wonderful views over the Hunter River flood plain, and towards Newcastle and the coast. A mosaic of forest, vineyards, orchards and cleared areas attracted wealthy families to live here. These people built country-style mansions and villas on the higher areas, and we'll see some of these a little later in the walk.

We hope that you have enjoyed this walk, and that you have learned a little more about the history of Mayfield. Many hours went into the production of this brochure, and difficult decisions had to be made about what to include and what to leave out. As such, the walk can only ever be a partial history of this fascinating suburb.

We have tried to weave together stories that show that there are many layers to the history of Mayfield, but many of these layers are invisible, having few if any 'traces in the landscape'. Little evidence remains of the Goori people (a local name for Indigenous people) who lived here for many thousands of years, and who were displaced in the early 1800s.

Women's history is also often difficult to 'see' in the landscape. So, while we have aimed to give you a good sense of some of the major aspects of Mayfield's past, please remember that there are many other stories that have been left out.



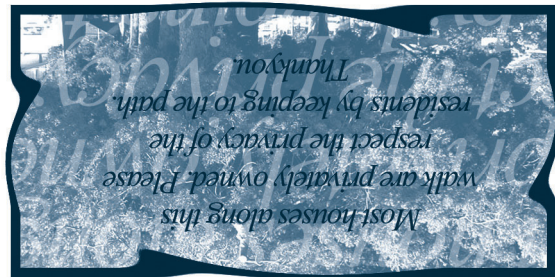
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If we have whetted your appetite for making your own explorations, please visit the Mayfield Web Site:

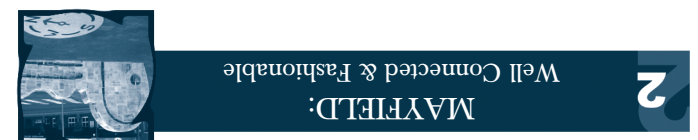
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Dust and grit from a coalmine also made things unpleasant. in the early 1900s, as there was no permanent water and no sewerage. we know today as The Hill, was not a particularly pleasant place to live arrival of private automobiles. Newcastle's city centre, and even before the Mayfield was well connected to the city of Newcastle, even before the The tram, train, horse drawn buses and also the Hunter River meant that

onwards. housing for the factory workers was established from the 1920s other things, fruit and lollies. On the southern side of Maitland Road, owned a 'shop' (a tin shed) earlier than this from which they sold, among were finished - 1923. The Hunter family who built this property had next to the pharmacy across the road, you can see the year when they commercial centre. If you look above the street level of the buildings Let's begin by walking eastwards down Maitland Road through the



about in this brochure can be found inscribed on the key. Bray and installed in 2001. Many of the people and places we will talk Spend a few minutes getting to know the sculpture created by Dallas

and swamp. towards Waratah Station, you would have seen nothing but ti-tree scrub left Mayfield in September 1948. Looking straight down Hanbury Street Mayfield. That trip, would you believe, took 30 minutes. The last tram Let's begin by turning the clock back to 1901. You've just alighted from



Mayfield

LIVING the LIFE



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 that have created and then recreated the suburb in response to economic, social and cultural forces.

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, vigneron 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 the 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!

