

City of Newcastle is supporting Phase 2 of the State Government's Night Time Economy 12 month trial to relax some of Newcastle's liquor licence conditions.

The trial will include the relaxation of lockout conditions, liquor trading hours and the removal of restrictions which affect the type of drinks that may be served throughout the evening.

What is the Phase 2 Newcastle Liquor Licence Conditions Trial?

The NSW Government is [introducing](#) a Phase 2 Trial for some licensed premises in Newcastle. The trial is about changing some of the controls on how certain venues can sell alcohol and when they can sell it. The notable changes will be the ability for patrons to enter a venue until closing time. All participating venues will be able to serve cocktails, shooters and neat spirits beyond the current restricted time, which for most venues is 10pm.

Which venues are participating?

Venues within the Newcastle East, Newcastle West, Civic, Honeysuckle, Hamilton, and Darby Street precincts with the relevant licence conditions were eligible for the trial. A total of 22 venues have signed up for the State-led trial.

The premises have been approved by both Liquor and Gaming NSW and NSW Police to participate in the trial. Trial venues include:

1. Argyle House
2. Cambridge Hotel
3. Clarendon Hotel
4. Newcastle Hotel
5. Crown & Anchor Hotel
6. King Street Hotel
7. The Beaumont Exchange Hotel
8. Family Hotel Newcastle
9. Grand Hotel
10. Great Northern Hotel
11. The Greenroof Hamilton
12. Hamilton Station Hotel
13. Kent Hotel
14. Northern Star Hotel

15. The Lucky Hotel Newcastle
16. Customs House Hotel
17. Sydney Junction Hotel
18. Queens Wharf Brewery Hotel
19. MJ Finnegans
20. Bar Petite
21. The Rogue Scholar
22. The Station Newcastle

When does the trial start and how long does the trial go for?

The trial runs for 12 months from 9 July 2021.

What else will change?

In order to support the community and local businesses through the Phase 2 Trial, City of Newcastle has reviewed its Newcastle After Dark Strategy, along with the survey conducted in 2020, to identify priority projects to implement.

City of Newcastle is supporting the trial with additional initiatives to ensure the safe and effective operation of the trial. Projects include:

- Pick Up / Drop Off Zones (PUDOs): Designated pick up/drop off points for private vehicle and rideshare services within 50 metres of trial venues from 12am until 4am on days of venue operation.
- Safe Streets Program: A revised program in partnership with not-for-profit organisations to ensure proactive harm minimisation and support for nightlife participants.
- Walk Smart Network: A revised map for pedestrian mobility routes and integration into the City App designed to ensure that community can move around the city safely and effectively.
- Night-time Activations: Interactive infrastructure and performance activations in key public spaces within the Walk Smart Network to provide active surveillance.

How will the the pick up drop off zones be identified?

The pick up drop off zones will be implemented by City of Newcastle in locations that are within 50 metres of participating venues and have minimal impact on the broader community.

When will the PUDOs operate?

The pick up drop off zones will be marked with signage and will operate between 12am and 4am to allow private vehicles or ride share services a safe place to briefly stop and drop off or pick up passengers.



How can people have their say on Newcastle night life?

Posters will be displayed in participating venues with a QR code linking to the venue's Newcastle After Dark Survey.

How will the trial remain safe during COVID-19?

All participating venues will be required to conform to Public Health Orders and have COVID Safe planning in place.

How is the trial being evaluated?

This NSW State Government led trial will be evaluated by Liquor and Gaming NSW.

Regular meetings consider data related to venue employment, changes in patronage and business turnover, changes in alcohol-related violence, other relevant offences, emergency department presentations, liquor law breaches and positive and negative impacts on local residents.

These meetings are overseen by the Committee for Night Time Jobs and Employment chaired by the Hon Mark Latham MLC.

Membership includes the State Member for Newcastle, City of Newcastle, Newcastle Police, Hunter New England Health, Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority, Liquor and Gaming NSW, Australian Hotels Association, Newcastle Tourism Industry Group, and local community and industry representatives.

How do I find out more information about the Phase 2 Trial?

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