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# Proposed Alcohol Regulated Areas

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# Acknowledgment

City of Newcastle acknowledges that we operate on the grounds of the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land, and that they are the proud survivors of more than two hundred years of dispossession.

City of Newcastle reiterates its commitment to address disadvantages and attain justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this community.

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# Proposed Alcohol Regulated Areas

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City of Newcastle's (CN) current Alcohol Regulated Areas (ARA) are at their term end. Sections 642 and 632A of the Local Government Act 1993 provide NSW Local Government's with the power to establish an Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Area (APA) in locations where anti-social behaviour or crime has been linked to the public consumption of alcohol. AFZ can be declared in any public road or car park and include the adjoining footpaths and nature strips. Approved outdoor dining areas are exempt from AFZ restrictions. APA can be declared in any CN managed park, reserve and or beach. Once these zones and areas are established, the drinking of alcohol is prohibited at any or set times.

AFZ and APA are collectively known as ARA. The object of ARA's is as an early intervention measure to prevent the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. They aim to address alcohol related anti-social activity including disorderly behaviour in public places. ARA's also aid public perceptions of an area's community safety and in turn contribute to local economic viability. CN has approximately 170+ existing AFZ's and 37 existing APA's which are enforced by the NSW Police Local Area Command.




Empire Park Skatepark, Bar Beach


An independent review, prepared in consultation with NSW Police, proposes the following Alcohol Regulated Areas:

Re-establishment of CN's ARA network for a further four-year term (to 2025) including the following locations:	Improve clarity and consistency of ARA signage, and review signage locations. Ideally signs would include a map illustration of the zone and be installed at the entry to ARA precincts to reduce signage clutter.
All Beaches and Skateparks	Facilitate opportunities for picnicking by adopting timed restrictions prohibiting the public consumption of alcohol from 8pm through to 8am at the following identified key picnic spots throughout the city:
Newcastle City East, Newcastle City Central and Newcastle City West	<b>King Edward Park</b> , Newcastle
Hamilton South	<b>Hunter River Foreshore</b> , Wharf Road edge up to and including Nobby's and Horseshoe Beach.
Darby Street and Cooks Hill	<b>Bar Beach Hill</b> , Bar Beach
Beaumont Street, Hamilton	<b>Stockton</b> – Identified key streets and Hunter River Foreshore
Stockton	<b>Fort Scratchley</b> , Newcastle East
Mayfield	<b>Centennial Park</b> , Cooks Hill
Wallsend	<b>Nesca Park</b> , Bar Beach
Apply a precinct-based approach for the local government area (LGA) larger ARA's, with boundaries spanning several public streets or roads. For these areas, this would replace the current individual street/place-based allocation of zones and areas.	<b>Civic Park</b> , Newcastle
Ensure precinct perimeters are aligned to licensed premises and reflect alcohol related crime hotspots as identified by NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR).	<b>Foreshore Park</b> , Newcastle East
Map all CN beaches and skateparks as APA's.	<b>Pacific Park</b> , Newcastle East
Key public areas not included in the proposed ARA network are playgrounds, parks and sports fields unless specifically mapped as an ARA as a result of BOSCAR data.	<b>Islington Park</b> , Islington
	<b>Gregson Park</b> , Hamilton

Proposed Newcastle Regulated Area



 **Alcohol Prohibited Zone**  
24hrs 7 days per week  
unless signposted otherwise.

 **Alcohol Free Zone**  
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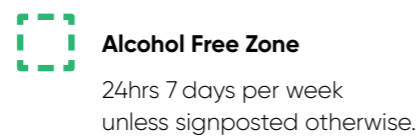
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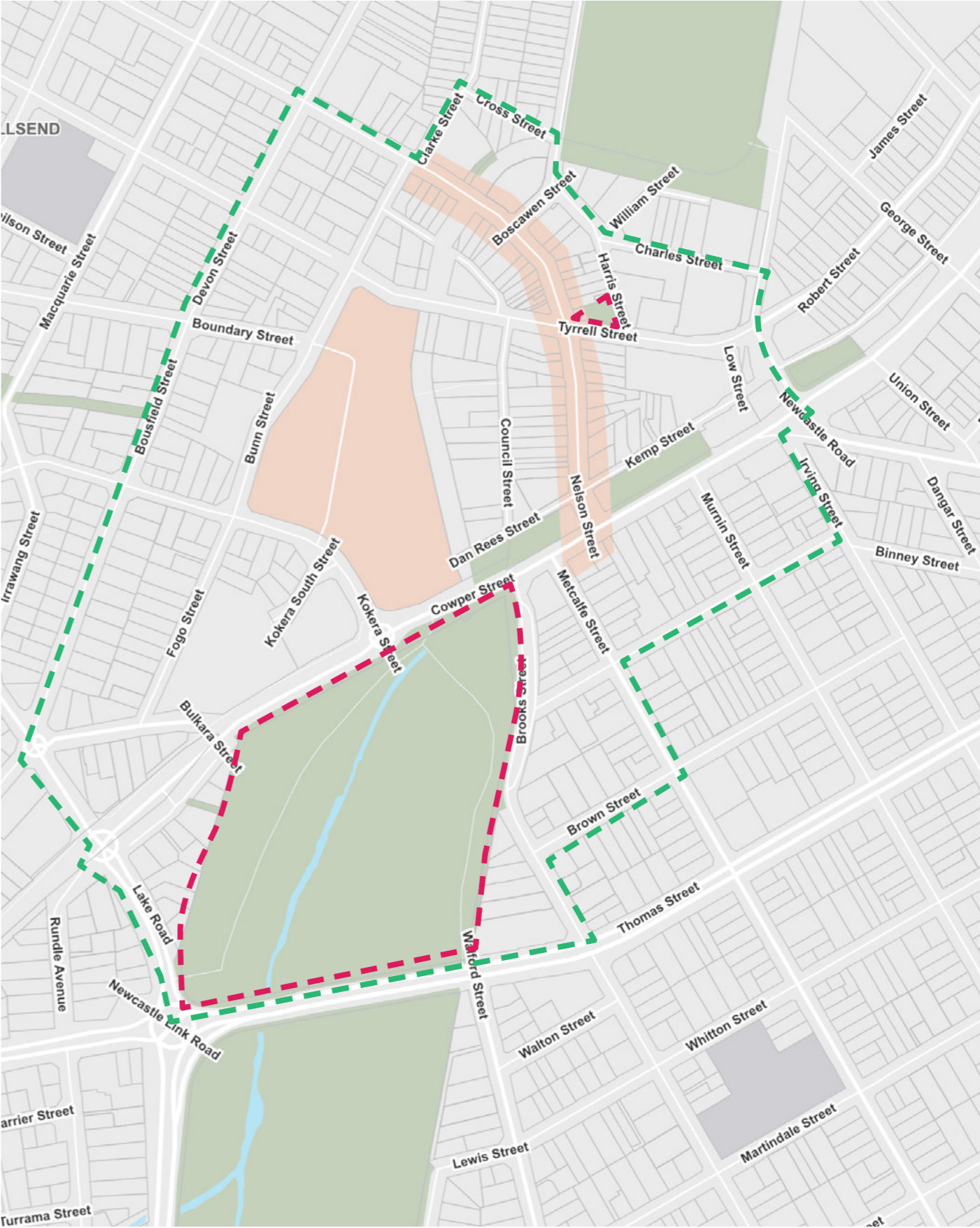
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