

LIKING IT HOT
in Sydney's
NEWTOWN

Take a stroll along King Street and discover the eclectic array of clubs, shops and restaurants in the west Sydney precinct that everyone's talking about: vibrant Newtown.

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WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

THE WELCOMING nooks of Newtown Hotel are the perfect launch pad for a great pub crawl – or just stay where you are and party into the wee hours. You won't be alone.

New late-night alcohol laws mandate 1:30 am lock-outs in all pubs and clubs in the Sydney city centre. "That doesn't apply in Newtown, which means the party animals head out here instead," says bartender **Chris Miller**. The second-floor restaurant – The Animal – spit-roasts a whole lamb every night and serves other Greek-inspired dishes.

Newtown Hotel, 174 King Street
Wednesday is Gay Night

newtownhotel.com.au



24-HOUR PARTY PEOPLE

THE BASEMENT of Marlborough Hotel is a dark, quirky basement bar for the weird and whacky; open Wednesdays to Sundays from 11 pm to 6 am. There's karaoke on Wednesdays, and Thursday is gay night. New theme nights are added by a new curator every month, featuring live bands, DJs and colourful personalities.

Tokyo Sing Song, 145 King Street



THAI ME UP

THE COMPETITION is fierce, but Newtown's own Thai Pothong – voted Sydney's best Thai restaurant by Tripadvisor – has remained a long-standing favourite for over 20 years. Flambéed seafood is the house speciality, and other spicy delights like betel leaf prawns and chilli tofu will get your taste buds and sweat glands working overtime. "Impeccable" is the only word to describe the service.

Thai Pothong, 294 King Street

thaipothong.com.au



BAG ME BEAUTIFUL

LEO MONK'S flagship boutique on King Street keeps regulars coming back for more and more rainbow-coloured exclusive leather goods. This shop stands out brightly from the vintage feel of other boutiques in the district. A riot of colour greets you as walk through the door, as well as air thick with the scent of freshly tanned leather. Also order via their online shop.

Leo Monk, 417 King Street

leomonkhandbags.com



THE CLASSIC CLOSE SHAVE

FIFTIES STYLES have taken hold in Newtown, home to a host of funky vintage fashion boutiques. For the authentic '40s style barbershop experience, visit Hawleywood's, where you'll get a traditional hot towel, and the tightest, cleanest straight razor shave in Sydney. Pomade will keep you smelling great long after you leave this gentlemen-only haven.

Hawleywood's Barber Shop & Shaving Parlor
432 King Street

Open 10 am – 7 pm Mon-Sat

hawleywoods.com



CRÊPE EXPECTATIONS

IT'S THE ONLY crêperie in Newtown, but you won't crave another. Packed to the gills on weekends, you'll have to queue for a table outside. The hearty crepes come with tasty savoury fillings like mushroom, cream cheese and spinach, or Nutella and banana to satisfy your sweet tooth. "We've got all kinds of customers, and a lot of regulars. The nice thing about Newtown is it's not hip, just relaxed," says Manager **Nick Roth**.
Claire's Crepes, 457A King Street
Closed Mondays



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