

Australian Theme	NSW Theme	Local Theme	Notes	Examples
1 Tracing the natural evolution of Australia,	Environment - naturally evolved	xx	There are two aspects to this theme: (1) Features occurring naturally in the physical environment which have significance independent of human intervention (2) Features occurring naturally in the physical environment which have shaped or influenced human life and cultures.	A geological formation, fossil site, ecological community, island, soil site, river flats, estuary, mountain range, reef, lake, woodland, seagrass bed, wetland, desert, alps, plain, valley, headland, evidence of flooding, earthquake, bushfire and other natural occurrences.
2 Peopling Australia	Aboriginal cultures and interactions with other cultures	Aboriginal Contact	Activities associated with maintaining, developing, experiencing and remembering Aboriginal cultural identities and practises, past and present; with demonstrating distinctive ways of life; and with interactions demonstrating race relations.	Place name, camp site, midden, fish trap, trade route, massacre site, shipwreck contact site, missions and institutions, whaling station, pastoral workers camp, timber mill settlement, removed children's home, town reserve, protest site, places relating to self-determination, keeping place, resistance & protest sites, places of segregation, places of indentured labour, places of reconciliation
2 Peopling Australia	Convict	Penal Colony	Activities relating to incarceration, transport, reform, accommodation and working during the convict period in NSW (1788-1850) – does not include activities associated with the conviction of persons in NSW that are unrelated to the imperial 'convict system': use the theme of Law & Order for such activities	Prison, convict shipwreck, convict system document, ticket-of-leave and probationary living quarters, guards uniform, landscapes-of-control, lumber yard, quarry, gallows site, convict-built structure, convict ship arrival site, convict barracks, convict hospital, estate based on convict labour, place of secondary punishment.

2 Peopling Australia	Ethnic influences	xx	Activities associated with common cultural traditions and peoples of shared descent, and with exchanges between such traditions and peoples.	Blessing-of-the-fleet site, ethnic community hall, Chinese store, place or object that exhibits an identifiable ethnic background, marriage register, Coat of Arms, olive grove, date palm plantation, citizenship ceremony site, POW camp, register of ship crews, folk festival site, ethnic quarter in a town.
2 Peopling Australia	Migration	Migration	Activities and processes associated with the resettling of people from one place to another (international, interstate, intrastate) and the impacts of such movements	Migrant hostel, customs hall, border crossing, immigration papers, bus depot, emigrant shipwreck, Aboriginal mission, quarantine station, works based on migrant labour, detention centre.
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Agriculture	Early farming	Activities relating to the cultivation and rearing of plant and animal species, usually for commercial purposes, can include aquaculture	Hay barn, wheat harvester, silo, dairy, rural landscape, plantation, vineyard, farmstead, shelterbelt, silage pit, fencing, plough markings, shed, fish farm, orchard, market garden, piggery, common, irrigation ditch, Aboriginal seasonal picking camp.
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Commerce	The CBD	Activities relating to buying, selling and exchanging goods and services	Bank, shop, inn, stock exchange, market place, mall, coin collection, consumer wares, bond store, customs house, trade routes, mint, Aboriginal trading places, Aboriginal ration/blanket distribution points, Aboriginal tourism ventures

3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Communication	Communication	Activities relating to the creation and conveyance of information	Post office, telephone exchange, printery, radio studio, newspaper office, telegraph equipment, network of telegraph poles, mail boat shipwreck, track, airstrip, lighthouse, stamp collection.
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Environment - cultural landscape	Local themes	Activities associated with the interactions between humans, human societies and the shaping of their physical surroundings	A landscape type, bushfire fighting equipment, soil conservation structures, national park, nature reserve, market garden, land clearing tools, evidence of Aboriginal land management, avenue of trees, surf beach, fishing spot, plantation, place important in arguments for nature or cultural heritage conservation.
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Events	Local themes	Activities and processes that mark the consequences of natural and cultural occurrences	Monument, photographs, flood marks, memorial, ceremonial costume, honour board, blazed tree, obelisk, camp site, boundary, legislation, place of pilgrimage, places of protest, demonstration, congregation, celebration.
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Exploration	Local themes	Activities associated with making places previously unknown to a cultural group known to them.	Explorers route, marked tree, camp site, explorer's journal, artefacts collected on an expedition, captain's log, surveyor's notebook, mountain pass, water source, Aboriginal trade route, landing site, map.

3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Fishing	Local themes	Activities associated with gathering, producing, distributing, and consuming resources from aquatic environments useful to humans.	Fishing boat, whaling station, marine reserve, fisher camp, seafood factory, fish shop, oyster lease, artificial reef, fishing boat wreck, mooring, dock, marina, wharf, fish farm, fish trap
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Forestry	Local themes	Activities associated with identifying and managing land covered in trees for commercial timber purposes.	Forested area, forest reserve, timber plantation, forestry equipment, saw mill, mill settlement, arboretum, charcoal kiln, coppiced trees, forest regrowth, timber tracks, whim.
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Health	Local themes	Activities associated with preparing and providing medical assistance and/or promoting or maintaining the well being of humans	Hospital, sanatorium, asylum, surgical equipment, ambulance, nurses quarters, medical school, baby clinic, hospital therapy garden, landscaped grounds, herbalist shop, pharmacy, medical consulting rooms.
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Industry	Local themes	Activities associated with the manufacture, production and distribution of goods	Factory, workshop, depot, industrial machinery, timber mill, quarry, private railway or wharf, shipbuilding yard, slipway, blacksmithy, cannery, foundry, kiln, smelter, tannery, brewery, factory office, company records.
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Mining	Local themes	Activities associated with the identification, extraction, processing and distribution of mineral ores, precious stones and other such inorganic substances.	Mine, quarry, race, mining field or landscape, processing plant, manager's office, mineral specimen, mining equipment, mining license, ore laden shipwreck, collier, mine shaft, sluice gate, mineral deposit, slag heap, assay office, water race.

3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Pastoralism	Local themes	Activities associated with the breeding, raising, processing and distribution of livestock for human use	Pastoral station, shearing shed, slaughter yard, stud book, photos of prize-winning stock, homestead, pastoral landscape, common, fencing, grassland, well, water trough, freezer boat shipwreck, wool store.
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Science	Local themes	Activities associated with systematic observations, experiments and processes for the explanation of observable phenomena	Laboratory, experimental equipment, text book, observatory, botanical garden, arboretum, research station, university research reserve, weather station, soil conservation area, fossil site, archaeological research site.
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Technology	Local themes	Activities and processes associated with the knowledge or use of mechanical arts and applied sciences	Computer, telegraph equipment, electric domestic appliances, underwater concrete footings, museum collection, office equipment, Aboriginal places evidencing changes in tool types.
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Transport	Local themes	Activities associated with the moving of people and goods from one place to another, and systems for the provision of such movements	Railway station, highway, lane, train, ferry, wharf, tickets, carriage, dray, stock route, canal, bridge, footpath, aerodrome, barge, harbour, lighthouse, shipwreck, canal, radar station, toll gate, horse yard, coach stop.
4 Building settlements, towns and cities	Towns, suburbs and villages	Local themes	Activities associated with creating, planning and managing urban functions, landscapes and lifestyles in towns, suburbs and villages	Town plan, streetscape, village reserve, concentrations of urban functions, civic centre, subdivision pattern, abandoned town site, urban square, fire hydrant, market place, abandoned wharf, relocated civic centre, boundary feature, municipal Coat of Arms

4 Building settlements, towns and cities	Land tenure	Local themes	Activities and processes for identifying forms of ownership and occupancy of land and water, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal	Fence, survey mark, subdivision pattern, land title document, boundary hedge, , stone wall, shelterbelt, cliff, river, seawall, rock engravings, shelters & habitation sites, cairn, survey mark, trig station, colonial/state border markers.
4 Building settlements, towns and cities	Utilities	Local themes	Activities associated with the provision of services, especially on a communal basis	Water pipeline, sewage tunnel, gas retort, powerhouse, County Council office, garbage dump, windmill, radio tower, bridge, culvert, weir, well, cess pit, reservoir, dam, places demonstrating absence of utilities at Aboriginal fringe camps
4 Building settlements, towns and cities	Accommodation	Local themes	Activities associated with the provision of accommodation, and particular types of accommodation – does not include architectural styles – use the theme of Creative Endeavour for such activities.	Terrace, apartment, semi-detached house, holiday house, hostel, bungalow, mansion, shack, house boat, caravan, cave, humpy, migrant hostel, homestead, cottage, house site (archaeological).
5 Working	Labour	Local themes	Activities associated with work practises and organised and unorganised labour	Trade union office, bundy clock, time-and-motion study (document), union banner, union membership card, strike site, staff change rooms, servants quarters, shearing shed, green ban site, brothel, kitchen, nurses station, hotel with an occupational patronage.
6 Educating	Education	Local themes	Activities associated with teaching and learning by children and adults, formally and informally.	School, kindergarten, university campus, mechanics institute, playground, hall of residence, text book, teachers college, sail training boat wreck, sportsfield, seminary, field studies centre, library, physical evidence of academic achievement (e.g. a medal or certificate).

7 Governing	Defence	Local themes	Activities associated with defending places from hostile takeover and occupation	Battle ground, fortification, RAAF base, barracks, uniforms, military maps and documents, war memorials, shipwreck lost to mines, scuttled naval vessel, POW camp, bomb practice ground, parade ground, massacre site, air raid shelter, drill hall,
7 Governing	Government and administration	Local themes	Activities associated with the governance of local areas, regions, the State and the nation, and the administration of public programs – includes both principled and corrupt activities.	Municipal chamber, County Council offices, departmental office, legislative document, symbols of the Crown, State and municipal flags, official heraldry, ballot box, mayoral regalia, places acquired/disposed of by the state, customs boat, pilot boat, site of key event (eg federation, royal visit), protest site, physical evidence of corrupt practises.
7 Governing	Law and order	Local themes	Activities associated with maintaining, promoting and implementing criminal and civil law and legal processes	Courthouse, police station, lock-up, protest site, law chambers, handcuffs, legal document, gaol complex, water police boat, police vehicle, jail, prison complex (archaeological), detention centre, judicial symbols
7 Governing	Welfare	Local themes	Activities and process associated with the provision of social services by the state or philanthropic organisations	Orphanage, retirement home, public housing, special school, trades training institution, employment agency,
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Domestic life	Local themes	Activities associated with creating, maintaining, living in and working around houses and institutions.	Domestic artefact scatter, kitchen furnishings, bed, clothing, garden tools, shed, arrangement of interior rooms, kitchen garden, pet grave, chicken coop, home office, road camp, barrack, asylum.

8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Creative endeavour	Local themes	Activities associated with the production and performance of literary, artistic, architectural and other imaginative, interpretive or inventive works; and/or associated with the production and expression of cultural phenomena; and/or environments that have inspired such creative activities.	Opera house, theatre costume, film studio, writer's studio, parade tableau, manuscripts, sound recording, cinema, exemplar of an architectural style, work of art, craftwork, and/or public garden, bandstand, concert hall, rock art site, rotunda, library, public hall; and/or a, particular place to which there has been a particular creative, stylistic or design response.
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Leisure	Local themes	Activities associated with recreation and relaxation	Resort, ski lodge, chalet, cruise ship, passenger rail carriage, swimming pool, dance hall, hotel, caravan park, tourist brochures, park, beach, clubhouse, lookout, common, bush walking track, Aboriginal Christmas camp site, fishing spot, picnic place, swimming hole.
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Religion	Local themes	Activities associated with particular systems of faith and worship	Church, monastery, convent, rectory, presbytery, manse, parsonage, hall, chapter house, graveyard, monument, church organ, synagogue, temple, mosque, madrasa, carved tree, burial ground
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Social institutions	Local themes	Activities and organisational arrangements for the provision of social activities	CWA Room, Masonic hall, School of Arts, Mechanic's Institute, museum, art gallery, RSL Club, public hall, historical society collection, public library, community centre, Aboriginal mission hall or school room.

8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Sport	Local themes	Activities associated with organised recreational and health promotional activities	Oval, race course, swimming pool, bowling club, bowling green, trophies, calendar of fixtures, cricket set, yacht pens, tennis court, rugby field, speedway, sporting equipment, bocce court.
9 Marking the phases of life	Birth and Death	Local themes	Activities associated with the initial stages of human life and the bearing of children, and with the final stages of human life and disposal of the dead.	Birth control clinic, maternity hospital, nursery, baby clinic, baptism register, circumcision equipment, and Hospice, nursing home, funeral parlour, grave furnishings, cremation site, cemetery, burial register, disaster site, memorial plantings, shipwreck with loss of life,
9 Marking the phases of life	Persons	Local themes	Activities of, and associations with, identifiable individuals, families and communal groups	A monument to an individual, a family home, a dynastic estate, private chapel, a birthplace, a place of residence, a gendered site, statue, Coat of Arms, commemorative place name, place dedicated to memory of a person (e.g. hospital wing).

Following is a summary of the historic themes that have been identified in Newcastle.

<i>Group Theme</i>	<i>State Theme</i>	<i>Local Theme</i>	<i>Principle Subjects</i>
Pattern of Settlement	Exploration	Exploration	Maritime Exploration Pursuit of Resources
	Aboriginal Contact	Aboriginal Contact	Early Liaisons Missions Reconciliation
	Convicts	Penal Colony	The First Penal Settlements Secondary Punishment Allocated Labour
	Migration	Migration	Coal Mining Origins British Dominance until

			1960s
	Land Tenure	Land Tenure	Aboriginal Tribal Boundaries Land Grants for Development Dangar's Town Plan AA Company Land Sales Garden Suburbs
	Townships	Townships	Government Towns 1823-1853 Mining Villages Transport Corridors AA Company Land Sales Garden Suburbs Inner City Revival
	Transportation	Shipping	Development of the Port Shipwrecks River Boats
		Railways and Trams	Early Private Railways The Great Northern Railway Tramways
		Road Transport	Lack of Early Road Links Later Road Transport Inter-City Connections
		Air Transport	Air Transport
		Transport Corridors	Mining Villages
Economic Development	Pastoralism	Early Farming	Cattle Grazing
	Agriculture	Early Farming	Mixed Farming Market Gardens & Orchards
	Mining	Coal Mining Quarrying	Coal Mining Stone Quarrying Clay Pits
	Fishing	Fishing	Estuary Fishing Oyster Farming Dee Sea Fishing Fish Marketing
	Industry	Early Manufacturing & Processing	Lime, Salt and Timber Early Engineering Brickworks and Potteries Soap and Candles Early Boatbuilding
		Shipbuilding	State Dockyards Copper and Tin
		Metal Smelting	Steel

			Flour Milling
		Food & Beverage	Food Processing
		Processing	Brewery
	Commerce	The CBD	Establishment of Town Centre Shipping Trade Western Growth of CBD
		Suburban Centres	Origins as Isolated Villages Growth Along Transport Routes
		Wholesaling	Markets
		Inner City Revival	Changing Role of the City
	Technology	Industrial Technology	Railways Shipping Smelting and Steelmaking
	Science	Applied Science	Industrial Development of X-Rays
Role of Government	Government	Colonial Government	Administrative Centre
		Local Government	Merging of 12 Early Councils Regional Administration Centre
	Law & Order	Penal Colony	The First Penal Settlements Secondary Punishment
		Industrial Disputes	Riots and Marches
	Defence	Defence	Coastal Defences Signing on for the War Supplies and Services Memorials Post War Convalescence
	Communication	Communications	Newspapers Telegraph and Telephone Postal Services Radio Television Publishing
	Utilities	Utilities	Gas Production Water Distribution Sewerage Electricity Hydraulic Power
Social Development	Housing	Housing	Gentleman's Residences Workers Cottages Garden Suburbs Inner City Revival
	Social Institutions	Social Institutions	Friendly Societies Trade Unions

			Co-operatives Service Clubs
	Ethnic Influences	Ethnic Influences	Coal Mining Origins British Dominance until 1960s
	Environment	Environmental Awareness	Industrial Pollution Pollution Controls Flora and Fauna Conservation
	Cultural Sites	Cultural Sites	Aboriginal Ceremonial Sites Parks and Reserves Early hotels Halls and Institutes Trade Union Halls
	Leisure	Leisure	Parks and Reserves Water Sports Theatre and Cinema
	Sport	Sport	Early Boating Horse racing Cricket Clubs Surf Clubs Lawn Bowls Soccer, Rugby and League Boxing
	Health	Health	Convict Health Medical Benefits Societies Industrial Accidents Public Hospitals Private Hospitals Post War Convalescence
	Welfare	Welfare	Benevolent Societies Fund Raising Unemployment Institutes & Missions Community Health
	Religion	Religion	Early Land Grants Coal Miners Origins Diversity of Denominations Health and Welfare Community Health
	Education	Education	Early Schools State Schools Private Schools Technical Education Universities & Colleges
	Death	The Life Cycle	Aboriginals Convicts Industrial Accidents Shipwrecks

			Church or Private Graveyards Public Cemeteries Crematorium
Associations and Influences	Persons	Prominent Individuals	Prominent Individuals
		People	Social Classes Racial Groups Womens' Roles
	Events	Natural Disasters	Earthquakes Floods Fires
		Workplace Accidents	Industrial Accidents Shipwrecks
		Commemorative Events	Memorials

1.4 Pattern of Settlement

1.4.1 Exploration

The first Europeans into the Hunter region, apart from escaping convicts of whom the best known was famous Bryant party in 1791, were mariners. Port Stephens was visited twice in 1795, Lt. John Shortland officially discovered the Hunter River and its coal two years later and then Sydney merchants began to send small ships to the area for coal and timber. In 1801 Governor King despatched Colonel William Paterson to make an official survey of the lower Hunter Valley and his favourable reports led to the first settlement on the site of Newcastle. This did not last but Newcastle was established in 1804 as a convict settlement, a role it played until 1822.

Exploration by land of the interior of the Lower Hunter Valley was carried out by parties from Newcastle seeking timber, hunting game and pursuing convicts.

Because of the rugged sandstone country to the north of Sydney explorers were slower to reach the Hunter region by land. John Howe in 1818 and again in the following year, when he was accompanied by Benjamin Singleton, was probably the first to reach the plains of the Hunter near Jerrys Plains. This was a circuitous route from Windsor via the Colo River but it enabled him to bring the Cattle into the Hunter. A more direct route via the Wollombi to Wiseman's Ferry on the Hawkesbury was pioneered by Major JT Morisset in 1823 and then improved by John Blaxland in the same year.

Physical Evidence

Exploration is a transitory process and leaves few physical signs of the passage of the explorers. Shortland's map and the journals and maps of the Paterson expedition remain, but many of the place names they chose have been discarded.

1.4.2 Aboriginal Contact

From 1801 when the first settlement was made at the mouth of the Hunter River, the Aboriginals of the area were exposed to white settlers with disastrous results for the tribes.