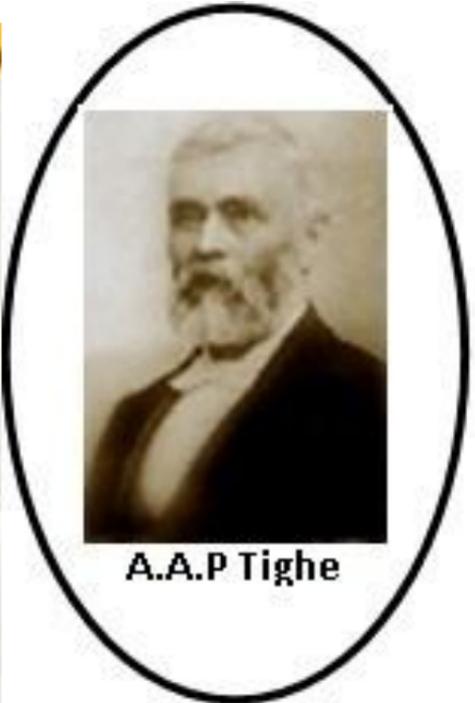
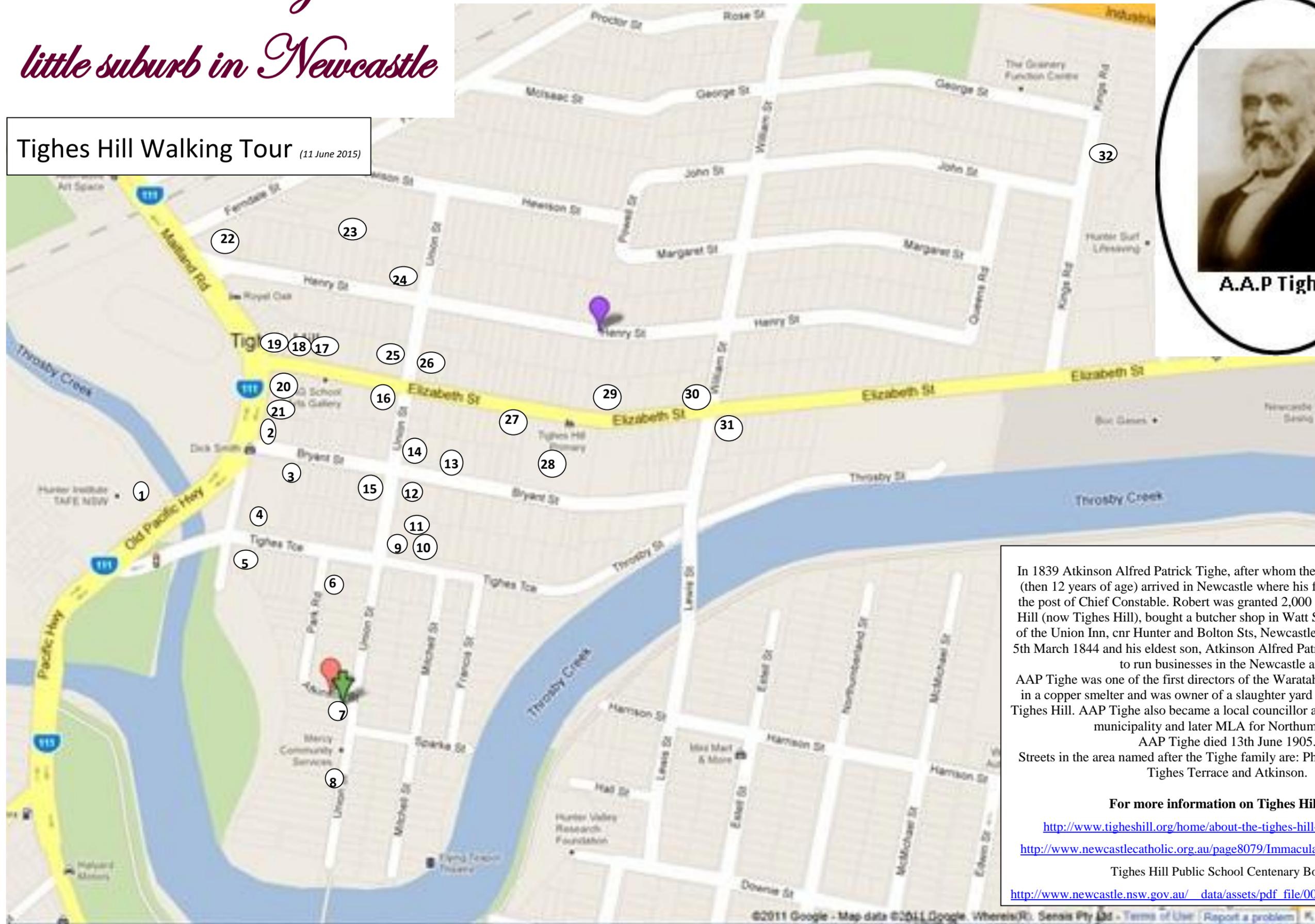


# Welcome to the greatest little suburb in Newcastle

Tighes Hill Walking Tour (11 June 2015)



A.A.P Tighe

In 1839 Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe, after whom the suburb is now named, (then 12 years of age) arrived in Newcastle where his father, Robert, took up the post of Chief Constable. Robert was granted 2,000 acres of land at Bingle Hill (now Tighes Hill), bought a butcher shop in Watt St and became licensee of the Union Inn, cnr Hunter and Bolton Sts, Newcastle. Robert Tighe died on 5th March 1844 and his eldest son, Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe also went on to run businesses in the Newcastle area.

AAP Tighe was one of the first directors of the Waratah Coal Co., was partner in a copper smelter and was owner of a slaughter yard in area now known as Tighes Hill. AAP Tighe also became a local councillor and Mayor of Newcastle municipality and later MLA for Northumberland.

AAP Tighe died 13th June 1905.

Streets in the area named after the Tighe family are: Phoebe, Elizabeth, John, Tighes Terrace and Atkinson.

**For more information on Tighes Hill see:**

<http://www.tigheshill.org/home/about-the-tighes-hill-community-group>

<http://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/page8079/Immaculate-Heart-of-Mary.aspx>

Tighes Hill Public School Centenary Booklet

[http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/34245/Volume\\_4.pdf](http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0018/34245/Volume_4.pdf)

- 1 **Tighes Hill TAFE** developed in the 1930s. In 1951 the Newcastle University College (which later became the University of Newcastle) was established on this site.
- 2 There was a **bicycle shop** on the corner of Bryant St and Maitland Rd in the 1950s. For many years up until 2011 Dick Smith electronics store was on the site. This is now Birdie's Cafe.
- 3 **The Salvation Army Corps** was located at 1 Bryant St from 1902 until the 1970s.
- 4 Up until the 1950s there was a **cinema** on the corner of Tighes Tce and Maitland Road. The cinema can be seen in the below photo taken from the Union St church belltower during its construction in 1955.
- 5 In the 1950s an **Italian Delicatessen** was on the site of where today there is a bottle shop. It can be seen in the photo below.



- 6 The **Catholic priest's house** was at 13 Park Rd. from 1922-1955. This house was a gift from Mr Tighe (son of the A. A. P. Tighe, the person after whom Tighes Hill is named). For the previous two years the priest boarded with a family in the Bingle Hill area (above the cliff on Elizabeth St).
- 7 **Former Sisters of Mercy Convent** 38 Union St (cnr Atkinson and Union Sts) was opened 1928. In 1977 the Society of St Vincent de Paul bought the building and began housing tertiary students from outside the Newcastle area.



- 8 **Mercy Services** 32 Union St has used this building for offices and a day centre since 1976. From 1955 until 1975 this building served as a site for various Catholic schools and at one time was also used by the Spastic Centre.

- 9 **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church** built on the cnr of Union St and Tighes Tce in 1955. The building has some beautiful stained glass windows and an historic mural (see below). More info available at: <http://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/page8079/Immaculate-Heart-of-Mary.aspx>

- 10 The **Catholic priest's house** was at 22 Tighes Tce from 1955 until 1998. This building used as offices by Catholic Care Youth Accommodation Support Service from 2001-2009. Since 2010 it has been the office of Mercy Services: McAuley Programs.

- 11 **Tighes Terrace Community Garden** was recently established on the land behind 22 Tighes Tce for local residents to grow community and vegetables. <http://tighesterracegarden.blogspot.com>

- 12 **Catholic Croatian Centre**, cnr Union & Bryant Sts functions as a chapel and community centre. This building served as St Patrick's Catholic Primary School from 1914 until 1971.

- 13 **Former Methodist Church**, 24 Bryant St. A Uniting Church from the late 1970s. The first Methodist church was built in 1871 from timber. From 2014 this has been the site of Kinda Kapers Long Day Care Centre.

- 14 The **Catholic Church of Immaculate Conception** was a timber building at 22a Bryant St (cnr Union St) from 1900 until 1955. There is now an "A" framed house on the site



- 15 **Two shops** were on the corner of Bryant and Union St (on the site where WHO Printing was based for many years). One was a general store operated by R.A. Gurr. The shop next door was run by Tylers.

- 16 **School of Arts**, 15 Elizabeth St, was built 1899-1900 as a place for the education of the working class (photo below). It has since been an art gallery with cafe and clothing shop. There was also a tennis court on Union St behind the school of Arts building.



- 17 **Blue Dolphin Restaurant** operated from 8 Elizabeth St.

- 18 **Post Office**. The first Tighes Hill post office was established in 1872. From 1937 until it closed in 1997 the post office operated from 4 Elizabeth St



- 19 **Campbell's Chemist** was on the corner of Maitland Rd and Elizabeth streets on the ground floor of what is now student accommodation. Other shops that were at some stage in this block were: Long's Newsagency, Pam's Curls hairdresser, a fish shop, a grocery store, Hanson's fruit and vegetable shop, Youngberry's shop, a baby shop, and Barlow's Shoe, Haberdashery and Boot Repair store. Barlow's was owned by Eric Barlow and managed by his daughter Mona Barlow and his two sons Eric and Ken were the bootmakers/repairers. The shop sold all haberdashery items, wool, shoes both ladies and men's, and ladies underwear. They also repaired shoes and had the contract to supply Work boots to Lysaghts'. Some of the machinery for sewing the uppers of the work boots was in the rear of the shop and the workshop for repairs etc. was housed in the building above the driveway.

- 20 **Cross Keys Hotel**, was on the cnr Maitland Rd & Elizabeth St. Advitech were based on the site for a number of years as was the Hunter Aboriginal Children's Service.



- 21 **Rosedale Hall** on Maitland Rd. In 1895 the Sisters of Mercy ran a primary school here during the week and on Sundays the hall was used for Mass until 1900. Then the hall was then used for dances and community functions.

- 22 **Tighes Hill Fire Station** (brigade picture below from 24/101896) was housed on the land adjoining by Maitland Rd and Henry St, demolished in 1996 (approx) it was replaced by a row of townhouses.



- 23 **Ferndale Colliery** (no evidence remaining) mined the valuable seam of coal beneath Tighes Hill from 1877 until flooding led to its closure in 1886.



- 24 **Rock of Hope Hotel**, at 28 Henry St (cnr of Union St) operated until 1888. The property also extended behind 24 & 26 Henry St where originally there were stables belonging to the hotel with there entrance being from Union Street. The hotel was said to be the author Banjo Patterson's preferred pub in Newcastle. In the 1940s the building was owned and lived in by Mrs Maud Kenny (and her husband) and the front section facing the corner of Henry and Union Streets was a Corner Shop leased and managed by Mr & Mrs Croese. Mrs Kenny also owned the two miner's huts at 24 & 26 Henry Street.



- 25 **Tighes Hill Social Club building**, cnr Union & Elizabeth Sts, has had various tenants since the Club's closure

- 26 **Three shops**, occupied the ground floor of the terraces at 24 Elizabeth St (Cnr Union St). There was a butcher, Daniel's store and a bootmaker.

- 27 **Belfast Trading Company** operated from 31 Elizabeth St (next to the Public School) from 1955 until 1960.

- 28 **Tighes Public School**, 33 Elizabeth Street. The first school building was erected in 1878.

- 29 A **Police Station** with lock-up was once in the building at 66 Elizabeth Street which is now a house.

- 30 **70 Elizabeth St** was built in 1912 by Thomas Armstrong, Mayor of Wickham and Member of Parliament

- 31 **Three shops** were once on the land that is now a park on the corner of William and Elizabeth Sts. There was a hairdresser, a general store and a butcher.

- 32 **Tighes Hill Community Garden**. The original Tighes Hill Community Garden.

<http://tigheshillgarden.blogspot.com/>

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