

The New Magdeburg Tavern

The Pike and Musket Society invite you to join us at the New Magdeburg Tavern. Established in 1987 for the previous Castle Mountain Convention, it has also been the focus of off-field revelry at later conferences such as Cataract, Glenfield and Sokil.

Due to site requirements, the Tavern will be run under the new NSW Liquor Licensing legislation. We'll keep our opinions to ourselves about the law, but the implications are: no children within the bar area; no drinking on the combat field, archery range, car park or sleeping areas; no takeaways- all drinks have to be decanted. No leaving unattended drinks anywhere. We have to close the bar when firearms are out and we'll also need to check photo ID for proof of age if you look under about 90, so make sure you bring it and have it handy when you are buying your round.

We managed to get the licensing division of the local area command to agree to a bistro model so we can sell liquor for consumption in the marquee with food. A small number of lunches will be available in the Tavern between 12 and 2pm each day from Friday to Sunday, please buy your day's tokens at the bar during the morning.

Drinks will be offered in historical standard measures shown below. Some containers will be available for sale but won't be really suitable for beers or ciders. Bring a vessel that will hold the measure of your favoured tippie.

Tavern Offerings

Beers

Beer is made by men, Wine by God.
Martin Luther, (1483-1546)

At the end of the 17th century, the weekly allowance for pupils of all ages at one English school was two bottles a day. Beer was a good deal safer and more palatable than the available drinking water which was often drawn from polluted rivers. We present a fine selection of beers and ales specially prepared for the conferention by an artisan brewer who normally supplies the more top shelf pubs around Sydney.

Ale

Clear and darkish straw in colour, with balanced hop and malt flavours It has a delicate palate and is a great introduction to those new to boutique beers.

Lager

An unfiltered lager just cloudy enough to let you know it's real. Clean and spicy, with a bright, bitter palate, a big lager finish and a plain profile from

front to back. Tastes like lagers used to. Weekend Australian magazine listed this in their top 20 Australian beers.

Pilsner

The Pilsner beer can be traced back to its namesake, the ancient city of Plzen which is located in the western half of the Czech Republic in what was once part of the of Bohemian Kingdom. Hops are very prevalent usually with a soft bitterness and / or a spicy floral flavour and aroma, one of the defining characteristics of the Saaz hop.

Stout

The Stout is a lighter style of Stout and would be enjoyed by an 'Old' drinker. Warm, flavoursome with a hint of oak.

Pint measures: \$4

Wine

Eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart.
Ecclesiastes 9:7

A range of wines are on offer that reflect the features of 17th century wine – the reds are cheap, fun and occasionally rough and noisy. The white is of a much higher class. There will be selected fine red wines under the bar if you need something to impress that special person you just met, you'll have to ask.

Soft Red

Der Beinoefner: an acceptable drop, both soft and red. It has aromas of eucalyptus and peppermint, and is elegant and soft with soft dusty tannins. Warm nose with a sweet aftertaste.

Shiraz

Schloß Erbrechen: light, earthy tones with enough timber to build a dunny from, and a bouquet like a Musketeer's armpit. So dry there's no mouth feel at all, a hint of iron filings leads to a full heavy metal finish lubricated with *spirits of nitre*. This one is the most accurate variety, called *Vin Hermitage* by Evelyn in 1662. At this price, you can't afford not to try it.

Sauvignon Blanc

A cool climate wine, straw green colour. Intense lychee, cut grass and nettle fruit aromas. These characters shine through on the palate and are balanced by a refreshing crisp acidity. A medium weight palate shows intensity of fruit with lingering tropical fruit flavours and grassiness. Wine Spectator gave this one 90/100.

1 / 4 pint measure, \$2.

The good red stuff is by the 1 1 / 4 pint bottle only and price is based on the quality of the wine and the strength of your lust.

Mead

I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

Song of Songs 5:1

Just the top shelf, we can't abide the nasty stuff and couldn't inflict it on you. There's supposed to be something trite about Vikings, knights and honeymoons here but we'll shamelessly rip something more useful from the meadery's website instead.

Sweet Mead

Sweet Honey Mead is created based on ancient recipes and it preserves all the qualities so sought after by our ancestors. The flavour will hit you and you will not want to stop at one sip.

Spiced Mead

A delicious mead made from honey and cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves in perfect harmony. Get back in time and spice up your life with a taste of your ancestors' favourite beverage.

1 / 4 pint measure, \$4.

Cider

Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I am sick of love.

Song of Songs 2:5

Gaymer's Original English Cider

Established in 1770, Gaymer Cider Company has made its cider based on traditional cider pressing methods for centuries. A moderately-carbonated, medium sweet cider. The aromas are apple juice and grain, with a mild cider vinegar scent in the back. Very clean and easy-drinking, without the pronounced dryness, sourness, sharp flavours or aromas of some of the others.

Pint measures \$4

Mercury Dry

A fine cider fruity flavour with a cleansing dry aftertaste, the ideal choice for those who find the Pub-style a little too sweet.

Pint measures \$4

Soft Drinks

Everybody needs a little life.

Amatil 1:2

Coke (Black Panadol), Diet Coke (Black Panadol Light)

A delightful sparkling blend of coca leaves and kola nuts made with pure water. Enjoyed by millions the world over the morning after the night before.

Lemonade (Kiddy Beers)

A deliciously fizzy, sugary lemony concoction, sure to delight the young and bemuse the old.

1 / 2 pint \$1, pint \$2

Juice

I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

Song of Songs 8:2

Orange Juice, Apple

100% fruit juices for the vitamin burst you're sure to need after all that carousing.

1 / 2 pint \$1

Bar Snacks

Fruit – a nice pear or juicy apples

\$1

Other snacks will be available over the weekend. Our great idea about the Reverend's Nuts has gone out the window and been run over by a passing night soil wagon. We are currently racking our inebriated and overworked brains for other ideas.

Opening times

Thursday 7pm-10pm

Friday 10am-midnight, closed at meal times

Saturday 10am-midnight, closed at meal times

Sunday theoretically between 10am and midnight, closed during morning service, the drill competition, our celebrations for winning (or commiserations). Sunday afternoon is relaxation time as we show off our rarely seen items of attire for the underwear and brewing discussion groups.

Monday 10am-until we close or run out

Things to do in the Tavern...

Play games

Enter the brewing and bardic competitions

Participate in the brewing and underwear discussion

Go to Church

Wine and dice and good times

Buy a souvenir New Magdeburg Tavern "Evils of Drink" tee shirt

Meet the Routiers!