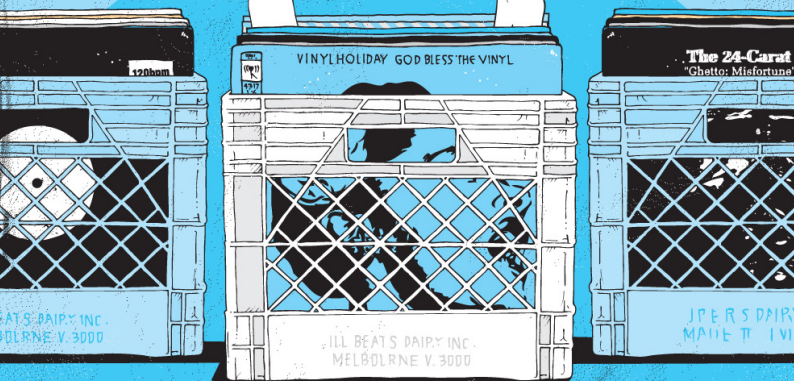


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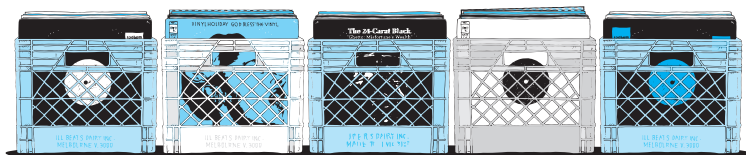
VINYL LOVERS'

TOUR GUIDE **3**



**ALL
CITY**

CBD | EAST SYD. | NORTH SYD. | NEWTOWN | INNER WEST | WESTERN SYD.



➔ **DIGGERS LEGEND:**  SECONDHAND VINYL LP/EP/45  NEW VINYL / CDs / DVDs  BOOKS / MUSIC RELATED & MORE

Touring record stores is a great way to see a city. This guide is put together with that in mind and uses the CBD as a starting point. You'll also find some useful transport tips under all the regional subheadings. For those shops further afield, overnighters may be in order, but hey, the promise of a crate at the end of the rainbow might just be enough to tip the scales in favour of an adventure!

SYDNEY CBD

We start in the middle of Sydney's CBD at Town Hall. Right behind the Queen Victoria Building you'll find Red Eye Records. From here you have two options. Head North to Birdland, Mojo Record Bar & Marlowe's Way, the last two of which can also serve you a refreshing beverage. This will place you in the vicinity of Darling Harbour and Circular Quay, from where you can take ferries to all sorts of great places around greater Sydney, including Parramatta.

From Town Hall you can also saunter south to Utopia and Lawson's Records where you will find yourself in the bustling and thriving China, Korea, Japan and Thai Towns. Here you can feast mightily, buy worldly groceries, fashion, tech, you name it.

EAST SYDNEY

East Sydney is Sydney's Left Bank: independent, creative contemporary and less than a kilometre from the CBD. Whether you cut across the Domain behind the State Library to start at the Woolloomooloo stairs, or sneak under the train arches from Haymarket through to Surry Hills, East Sydney is a 4km long ridge of indie retail, food, drink, night spots and boutique hotels.

The most obvious way to enter the East is Oxford Street - itself a 4km long retail strip up to Paddington, and which gets you halfway to Bondi. Here, turn right down Crown Street for The Record Store, TITLE Store and Suzie Q's in Surry Hills, or left along Darlinghurst road (just after Taylor Square) to get you to Radio Free Alice. Cut one block east to Victoria Street which is a foodie's dream and then head north to Grand Days just near the Coke sign in Kings Cross.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Sydney's North is loosely divided by Middle Harbour into the North Shore and the Northern Beaches. Sitting handily in the lower North Shore is TITLE Store Crows Nest, nestled among a mile of food and drink. The Northern Beaches are a little

trickier to get to seeing as how there is no train line and so a bus you'll have to take. This is not bad for a day trip, buses are frequent; then again you could always book a stay up that way, as the Northern Beaches are one of Sydney's beautiful natural wonders and between Audiomania, Sandy's and Pacific Records they have the coast covered.

NEWTOWN

Only a couple of train stops from the Sydney CBD and just beyond the University of Sydney is Newtown, the gateway to Sydney's Bohemian heart: the Inner West. Newtown's main drag, King Street, has a fantastic cluster of record shops around the station – you can walk in almost any direction and find yourself a vinyl retailer! The area is replete with antique, fashion and eccentric retail shops along with many, many food options.

Revolve Records, while technically in Erskinville, it's so close to Newtown that it made sense to include it here. It's literally just around the corner from Egg Records which is just a stone's throw from the station. Also just north-ish of the station you'll find Hum Records, all cosy with the Dendy Cinema. Heading south you've got Repressed Records, Classic Hi Fi and 567 King, leading you to the quirkier end of Newtown.

INNER WEST

While not as central as the Newtown cluster, the Inner West shops are all well worth a visit. The Record Crate is nestled in the heart of Glebe (just a few bus stops from Railway Square) where you can sip on an organic coffee or grab necessities from the

neighbouring mall. Glebe is another good jump-off point for Newtown and this takes you down past Gould's Books.

From Glebe you can also head up Parramatta Rd where the grittiness of the city will become apparent. Look out for graffiti, because it's actively encouraged by local councils in this area. Here you'll find the Vintage Record, followed by Blank Records to the punk Black Wire. Sounds Espresso and Shop-36 are further out from here, but well worth a day trip as both Marrickville and Alexandria are very interesting suburbs halfway through a warehouse to residential/retail metamorphosis.

WESTERN SUBURBS & BLUE MOUNTAINS

Parramatta is often called Sydney's second CBD. You can catch a ferry or train up there from Circular Quay. The place has a lot to offer in terms of culture, food, drink and shopping. The crew at Beatdisc can provide you with hot tips on how to spend a day locally. While Richmond Records and The Velvet Fog in Katoomba are the furthest stores on the map, it's great to know that whether you're staying up in the Blue Mountains, or using the Windsor area as a base, you can have a quality dig out that way too.

THANKS

This guide is a collaborative creation by all the indie record stores listed. Full props must also be given to Melbourne's Northside Records and Blisterfinger for getting this community ball rolling.

Find us online: www.digginsydney.com

SYDNEY CBD

George Street is Sydney's North-South spine, orient yourself to this and everything else should make sense!

Access **Sydney Ferries**, from **Circular Quay**, which is on the **City Circle train line**.

1 UTOPIA RECORDS



Lower Ground Flr, Cnr Kent & Bathurst St (Under Adina Hotel on Bathurst)
(02) 9571 6662 | contact@utopia.com.au | www.utopia.com.au
Mon-Wed: 10am-6pm | Thur: 10am-8pm | Fri-Sat: 10am-6pm | Sun: 12pm-4pm.
Est. 1978 – Family owned independent record store specialising in Metal, Rock, Punk plus Rare & Collectable pressings as well as \$1 Bargain Bins.
Over 5,000 New & Used vinyl in stock. New stock arriving several times a week. Free shipping on website orders over \$35. We pay top dollar for your Vinyl & CD collections large and small.



2 RED EYE RECORDS



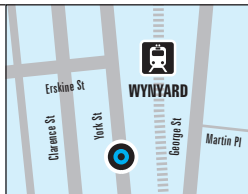
143 York Street, Sydney
(02) 9267 7440 | mail@redeye.com.au | www.redeye.com.au
Mon-Wed: 9am-6pm | Thur: 9am-9pm | Fri-Sat: 9am-6pm | Sun: 10pm-5pm.
Australia's largest independent record store, established 1981, and now centrally located near Sydney Town Hall, opposite the QVB. Massive range of new and used vinyl, CDs, DVDs etc, and special order department second to none. Old-school shop ambience with friendly, helpful staff.



3 MOJO RECORD BAR



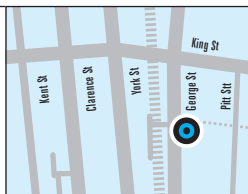
Basement Level, 73 York Street, Sydney
(02) 9262 4999 | info@mojorecordbar.com
www.mojorecordbar.com
Mon-Wed: 12pm-6pm | Thurs-Fri: 12pm-10pm | Sat: 11am-6pm.
Mojo Record Bar – a record store out front and a bar out back. We sell rock, blues, jazz, soul, funk, country, psychedelia and more. People can grab a drink from the bar and bring it into the store to flick through the racks or just hang out.



4 BIRDLAND RECORDS



#3, Level 4, 428 George Street (Dymocks Building)
(02) 9231 1188 | birdland@birdland.com.au | birdland.com.au
Birdland Records opened in 1991. We stock a vast range of jazz, blues, soul and world titles on CD, SACD and Vinyl LP, from labels like Blue Note, Tzadik, ECM, ACT, Winter&Winter etc. Weekly Imports from the US, Japan, and Europe. We stock new audiophile Vinyl LPs from Analogue Productions, Music Matters, Mobile Fidelity etc. We've released a number of jazz albums, 2 of which won ARIAs for the best Jazz album. Not bad for a little record store.



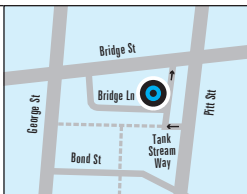
5 MARLOWE'S WAY

Corner of Bridge Lane & Tank Stream Way
cratescafe@gmail.com | 0432 487 598

facebook.com/marlowesway

Mon-Wed: 7am-4pm | Thur-Fri: 7am-9pm | closed weekends

This vinyl only CBD cafe bar has a neat but impressive selection of new LPs and local 45s, spanning jazz, hip hop, funk, afrobeat, dub and beyond. Stock updates regularly. Friday nights hear local and guest selectors do their thing for the after-work crowd.



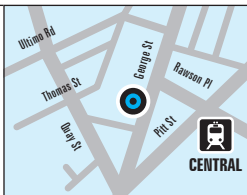
6 TOP 10 SOUND & MOVIE

Shop 1, 741 George Street, Haymarket
(02) 9281 7198

top10_sm@yahoo.com.au

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-6.00pm | Sat 9.30am-5.00pm

We specialise in (audiophile) vinyl, SACDs, CDs, classical to rock music, hi-fi accessories, also carry DVD & blu ray movies & concerts.



7 LAWSON'S RECORDS

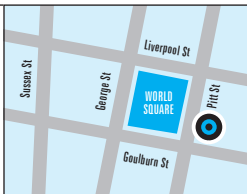
380 Pitt Street, Sydney

(02) 9267 3434 | lawsons@ozonline.com.au

www.lawsonsrecords.com.au

Mon-Fri: 10am-5.30pm | Thurs: 10am-6.30pm | Sat: 9am-3pm.

Lawson's Records have been around since 1968. The current owner, Jerry Pasqual, has owned it since 1980. Lawson's stock very reasonably priced LPs, back catalogue CDs, popular & cult DVDs and some film and music books.



EAST SYDNEY

Heading due West from Town Hall Station along Park Street, then William Street will get you to the Coke Sign on the East Sydney ridge. A 10-minute walk to a weeks worth of fun.

8 GRAND DAYS

220 William Street, Kings Cross

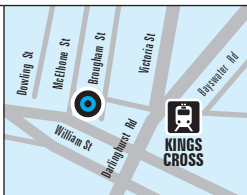
(02) 9326 9810 | hellogranddays@gmail.com

www.granddays.com.au

Mon-Fri: 11am-7pm | Sat-Sun: 10am-5pm.

Grand days deals in second-hand books, vinyl and collectible curios.

Our blue room is dedicated to all things music and our vinyl selection ranges from eclectic to classic to collectible. Thousands of records in stock from \$2 bargains to rare gems.



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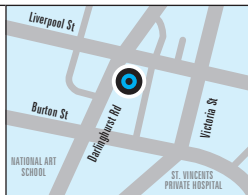
Other ways into East Sydney are: across the **Domain** (past the **Art Gallery NSW**) to **Woolloomooloo steps**, up **Oxford St** from **Hyde Park South**, under the train viaducts from **Haymarket** to **Surry Hills** or from Central Station South into **Strawberry Hills**.

9 RADIO FREE ALICE

134A Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst
(02) 8094 8520 | radiofreealice@gmail.com
www.radiofreealice.com

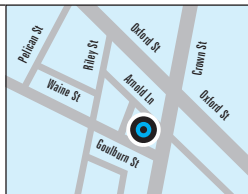
Mon-Tue: 11am-7pm | Wed-Thurs 11am-9pm | Fri: 10am-7pm
Sat-Sun 11am-6pm.

Radio Free Alice. Specialist in vinyl releases across all genres.
We also stock imported CDs, DVDs and books.



10 THE RECORD STORE

255b Crown Street, Darlinghurst (entry on Goulburn St.)
(02) 9380 8223 | shop@therecordstore.com.au | recordstore.com.au
Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat: 11am-6pm | Wed: 10am-7pm | Thurs: 11am-9pm
Sun 12pm-5pm. Since 2003 the Record Store has been your go-to Sydney joint for global 12inch culture. LP wise we carry Rock, Indie, Funk, Soul, Jazz, Blues, Reggae & Electronica. We stock turntables, needles, headphones & accessories and have a huge range of 2nd hand records in addition to services such as de-warping and recording old vinyl. 10% off wax with this guide.

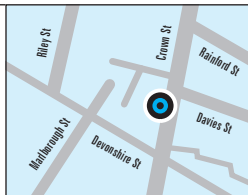


11 TITLE Surry Hills

499-501 Crown Street, Surry Hills
(02) 9698 8501
surryhills@titlestore.com.au
www.titlestore.com.au

Daily: 10am-6pm.

TITLE is Australia's largest independent retailer of quality music, books and film, with an extensive catalogue of Vinyl new releases and re-issues.



12 SUZIE Q COFFEE + RECORDS

1/18 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills
(02) 9332 2739 | info@suzieqcoffee.com.au
www.suzieqcoffee.com.au

Mon-Fri: 7am-4pm | Sat-Sun: 8am-4pm.

Friendly service and a meticulous attention to detail extends to every facet of the business, from a menu homaging classical jazz, rock and techno songs to the hand-picked collection of rare records, Suzie Q is a hub for like-minded people to meet, relax and gorge on quality produce.



NORTHERN SUBURBS

Crows Nest: There's a bus stand behind the **QVB** on York St. (next to Town Hall) Routes 252, 254, 286, 290.

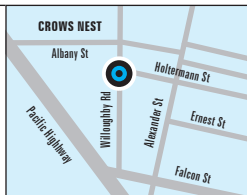
Northern Beaches: Buses leave regularly from the park at Wynyard Station or hire a car and tour the beaches.

13 TITLE Crows Nest

92 Willoughby Road, Crows Nest
(02) 9437 4997 | crowsnest@titlestore.com.au
www.titlestore.com.au

Daily: 10am-6pm.

TITLE is Australia's largest independent retailer of quality Music, books and film, with an extensive catalogue of vinyl new releases and re-issues.

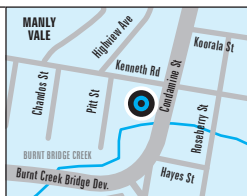


14 AUDIOMANIA

Factory 7, 259 Condamine Street, Manly Vale
0409 901 005 | audiomania@iinet.net.au
www.audiomania.com.au

Thurs: 1pm-5pm | Sat: 11am-5pm.

We stock vinyl – rock/jazz/blues/reggae/punk; sell vintage hi-fi equipment – turntables/amps/speakers; do ALL hi-fi & audio repairs at reasonable rates. We also sell turntable styli (needles), belts, record sleeves; and vinyl display frames.

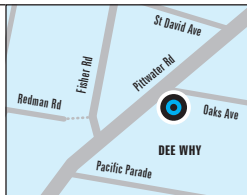


15 SANDY'S MUSIC

870 Pittwater Road, Dee Why
(02) 9982 7553 | sandysmusic@hotmail.com
www.facebook.com/sandysmusic

Mon-Fri: 9:30am-5:30pm | Sat: 9am-4pm.

For the past 41 years, Sandy's Music has sold recorded music as in independent record store. We cover all genres of music on both vinyl and CD and have new stock arriving daily.



16 PACIFIC RECORDS

Shop 3/1761 Pittwater Road, Mona Vale
(02) 8411 2331 | pacificrecords@optusnet.com.au
www.pacificrecords.com.au

Tue-Fri: 12pm-5.00pm | Sat: 10am-5pm

We sell new and second hand records. Frequent overseas trips ensure quality stock. Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Punk, Metal and more. We also sell T shirts, posters, turntables and other hi-fi equipment.



INNER WEST

Parramatta Road Buses from Railway Square (next to Central Station) Stand D, 413, 436, 439, 440, 461, 480, 483, M10. **Marrickville** has a train station as does **Alexandria** "Green Square" and are also serviced by various buses.

17 THE RECORD CRATE

34 Glebe Point Road, Glebe
(02) 9660 1075

nev@recordcrate.com.au

www.recordcrate.com.au

Tues: 12am-10pm | Wed-Sat: 12am-12pm | Sun: 12am-10pm.

Beer, Burgers & Bands, putting some Rock n Roll into the heart of Glebe.



18 THE VINTAGE RECORD

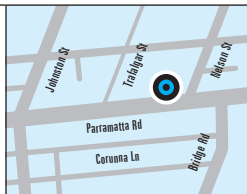
31A Parramatta Road, Annandale

(02) 9550 4667 | shop@thevintagerecord.com

www.thevintagerecord.com

Mon-Fri: 11am-6pm (ish) | Sat-Sun: 11am-5pm.

Specialising in quality vinyl across all genres, regular import orders and overseas buying trips means the stock is constantly updated. It's never boring in a record shop... Especially ours!



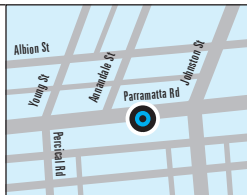
19 BLANK RECORDS

Shop 2 / 192 Parramatta Road, Stanmore

(02) 9572 7141 | blankrecordsofsydney@gmail.com

www.blankemporium.com

Trading in quality vinyl. Many flavours, all sizes. Rock, Punk, Jazz, Funk, Soul, Reggae, Disco, Soundtracks, Prog, Psych, Hip Hop, Rap, Exotica and all points inbetween. Mail order world wide. Great prices paid for great records. No collection too big to purchase. Check webpage for current trading hours.



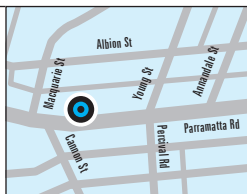
20 BLACK WIRE RECORDS

219 Parramatta Road, Annandale

(02) 9560 2280 | shop@blackwirerecords.com

Wed-Sat: 12pm-7pm | Sun: 12pm-5pm.

Black Wire Records is an artist & volunteer run, not-for-profit record shop, record label and all-ages performance space. That is all. Except when we do other things...



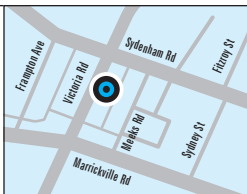
21 SOUNDS ESPRESSO

268 Victoria Road, Marrickville

(02) 9572 6959 | soundsespresso@hotmail.com

Mon-Wed: 8am-6pm | Thurs-Fri: 9am-9pm | Sat-Sun: 9am-9pm.

Sounds Espresso is a retro-style music café located in Marrickville. We serve up a great brew and juicy beats and pieces. Come for a dig, some cake or just to put your feet up with a cup of lovingly-brewed coffee.



22 SHOP-36 RECORDS

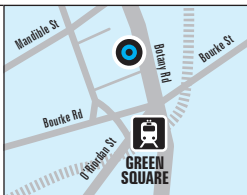
Stall 36, 296-298 Botany Road, Alexandria

0401 093 664 | haron@optusnet.com.au

www.webuyrecords.com.au

7 days a week. 10am-5pm.

A new business venture from a long-time dealer. 12 crates of only hand-picked LPs, covering rock, soul, jazz & funk. Conveniently situated near Green Square train station. Peaceful, hassle-free surrounding to dig the crates, then pay at counter with cash or credit card.



NEWTOWN

Parking in Newtown is notoriously hard to find...

so bus or train are your best bets.

Train: Platform 19 from Central or Platform 1 from Town Hall.

Bus: Railway Square, Stand C, 422, 423, 426, 428, M30.

23 FIVE SIX SEVEN

567 King Street, Newtown

(02) 9517 3324 | 567king@gmail.com

www.567king.com

Mon-Wed: 11am-6pm | Thurs: 11am-7pm | Fri: 11am-6pm | Sat: 10am-5pm | Sun: 12pm-4pm. 567 King are the Sydney Hip Hop Specialists. We sell a wide range of local and international Hip Hop on vinyl and CD, plus a selection of funk, breaks, soul and reggae on wax. We also have an extensive range of graffiti art supplies, books, clothing and more!



24 CLASSIC HI-FI

550 King Street, Newtown

(02) 9029 2552 | info@classic-hifi.net

www.classic-hifi.net

Tue-Sun: 11am-6pm.

Over 1000 LPs in stock – we specialise in hard-to-find original release albums often imported from overseas. But! Our main offering is what's needed to play vinyl on – turntables, amplifiers, speakers, about 150 at any one time, all from the 70s & 80s, fully serviced, all with our warranty.



25 REPRESSED RECORDS

413 King Street, Newtown

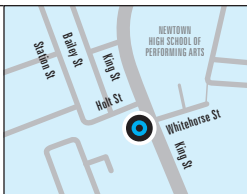
(02) 9557 6237 | info@repressedrecords.com

www.repressedrecords.com

Mon-Wed: 11am-7pm | Thurs: 10am-7.30pm | Fri-Sat: 10am-7pm

Sun: 11am-6pm.

Repressed Records: specialist in Australian independent vinyl releases, plus import new releases and re-issues you probably won't find elsewhere. We also stock secondhand vinyl, T-shirts, CDs, books and more.



26 RESIST RECORDS

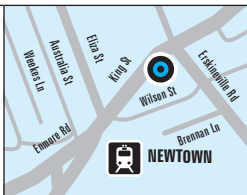
Basement 294 King Street, Newtown

(02) 9557 8771 | info@resistrecords.com

www.resistrecords.com

Mon-Sat: 10am to 6pm | Thurs: 10am-7pm | Sun: 11am-5pm.

Founded in 1996, Resist is a Newtown based emporium dealing in all things punk and hardcore music related, stocking everything from local bands to internationals – big and small.



27 EGG RECORDS

3 Wilson Street, Newtown

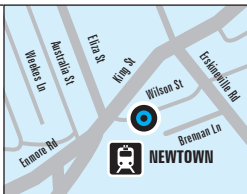
(02) 9550 6056 | info@eggrecords.com

www.eggrecords.com

Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat: 10am-6pm | Thurs: 10am-7pm | Sun: 11am-5pm.

Egg Records is the place to find an extensive range of new and used LPs, 7", CDs, DVDs, T-SHIRTS and MEMORABILIA of every type of genre.

New stock weekly.



28 REVOLVE RECORDS & RELICS

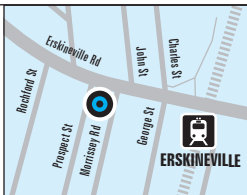
Shop 3, 65 Erskineville Road, Erskineville

(02) 9519 9978 | info@revolverecords.com.au

www.revolverecords.com.au

Mon-Tue: 11am-7pm | Wed-Sun: 10am-7pm. Revolve Records, previously Discovery Records operating since 1991, deals in most styles of music.

We have a large range of LPs, EPs and 45s. With over 30,000 records you'll find something from our extensive \$2 bins, collectable records and everything in between. New arrivals weekly. Turnover prices!



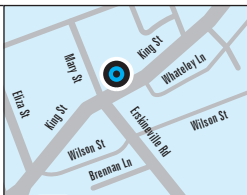
29 HUM ON KING

271 King Street, Newtown

(02) 9550 3553 | humonking@hum.com.au | www.hum.com.au

Sun-Wed: 9.30am-9.30pm | Thurs 9.30am-10pm | Fri-Sat: 9.30am-11pm.

Hum on King is the premier music store of the Inner West. We stocks an eclectic range of new release LPs & CDs with a comprehensive back catalogue across all genres. We also stock a wide range of DVDs of TV Series, World Cinema, Film Noir, Anime, Documentaries & Art-house and have a special order service second to none.



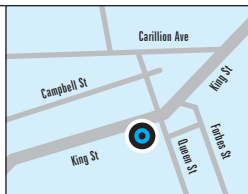
30 GOULD'S BOOK ARCADE

32 King Street, Newtown

(02) 9519 8947 | enquiries@gouldsbooks.com.au

www.gouldsbooks.com.au

Gould's Book Arcade is primarily an out-of-print books specialist but one that always had a few crates of vinyl kicking around. Specialists in: Australian history, Politics, Military, Poetry, Plays, Fiction, Movies, Science, Philosophy, all areas of human interest and endeavour and of course, second hand.



WESTERN SUBURBS & BLUE MOUNTAINS

31 BEATDISC RECORDS

Shop 11 Queensland Arcade, 181 Church Street, Parramatta

(02) 9891 9330 | info@beatdisc.com.au

www.beatdisc.com.au

Mon-Wed, Fri: 10am-5.30pm | Thur: 10am-8pm | Sat: 10am-4.30pm |

Sun: 11am-4pm. Established in 1995, Beatdisc stocks new and used vinyl, CDs and music memorabilia with a dedicated focus on vinyl (imports, local and second-hand). New stock arriving and processed daily. Customer orders, mail order and the occasional instore performance.



32 RICHMOND RECORDS

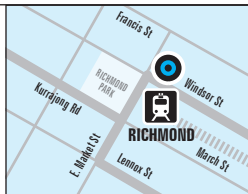
161 Windsor Street, Richmond

(02) 4578 1251 | richmond@richmondrecords.com.au

www.richmondrecords.com.au

Mon-Wed: 9am-5.30pm | Thur: 9am-8pm | Fri-Sun: 9am-5pm.

Independent Music Store in the Western Suburbs of Sydney. Music is our business – LIVING THE GOOD LIFE. Extensive range of CDs, Vinyl (new & used) & collectables. Friendly and knowledgeable staff. There is also a cafe in store.



33 THE VELVET FOG

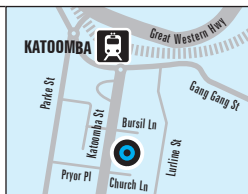
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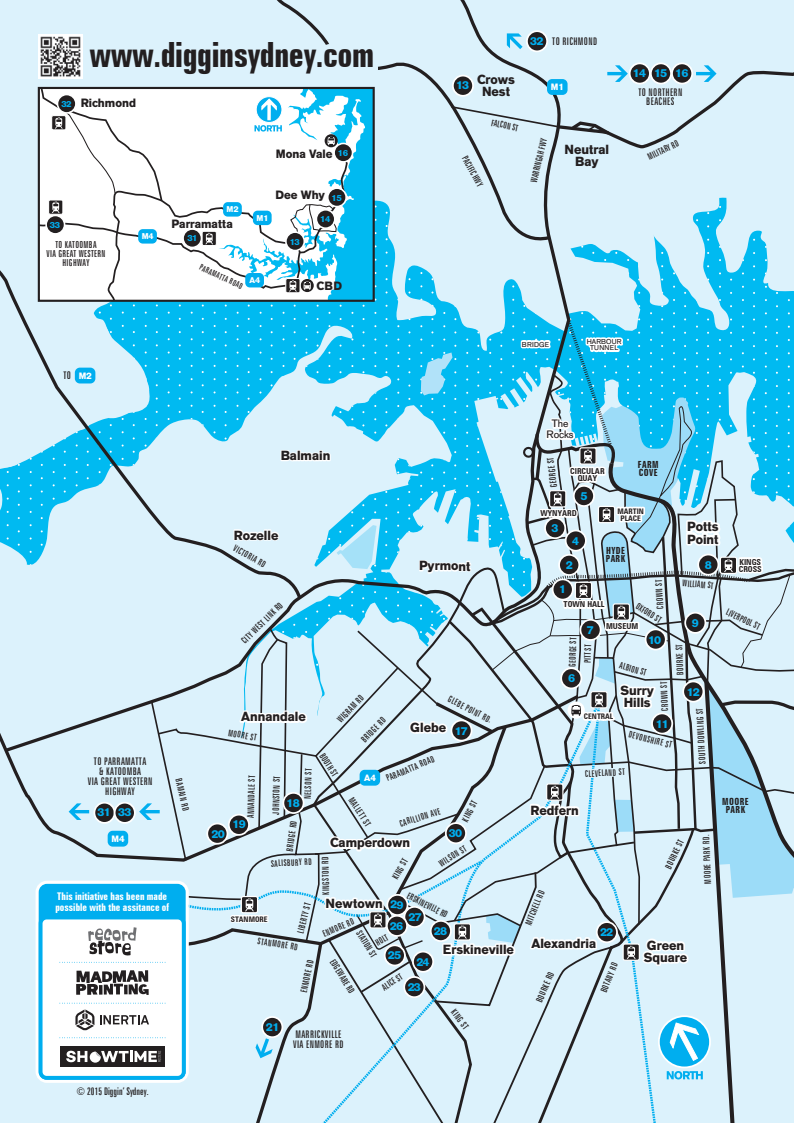
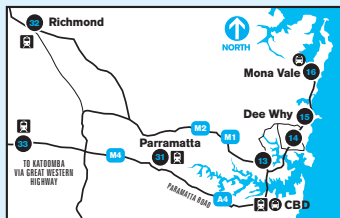
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