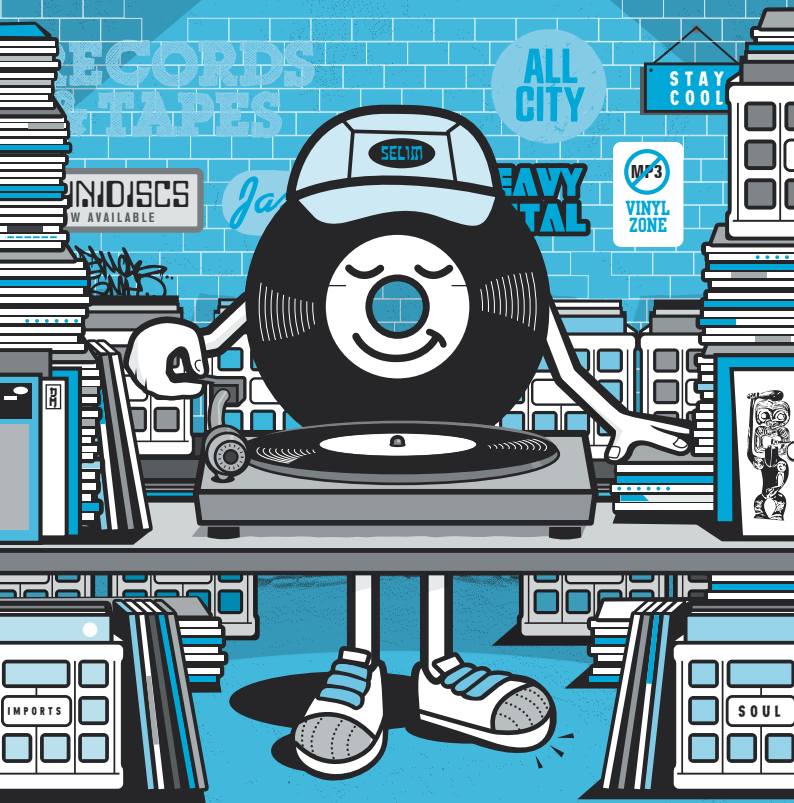


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 **DIGGERS LEGEND:**  SECONDHAND VINYL LP/EP/45  NEW VINYL / CDs / DVDs  BOOKS / MUSIC RELATED & MORE

Touring record stores is a great way to see a city. This guide is put together with that in mind and uses Sydney's CBD as a starting point. You'll also find some useful transport tips under all the regional subheadings. For those shops further afield, overnights 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 and Mojo Record Bar. This will place you in the vicinity of Circular Quay, from where you can take ferries to all sorts of great places around greater Sydney, including the stunning journeys out to Parramatta's Beatdisc, and Manly's Desire. South from Town Hall you are just a stones throw from Utopia and Lawson's Records where you will find yourself in the bustling China, Korea, Japan and Thai Towns. Here you can feast mightily, buy worldly groceries, fashion, tech; you name it.

EASTSIDE

Just to the East of the CBD – across Hyde Park – is East Sydney. Indie, arty and chock full of creatives and great food. It's kinda like Sydney's Melbourne, except that the Inner West can also claim to have that excellent vibe (albeit further from city). A short walk across Hyde Park or the Domain, or under the viaducts from Haymarket gets you Eastside, where you'll find a 4km-long ridge of indie retail, food, drink, night spots and boutique hotels.

The most obvious way to go Eastside is Oxford Street which starts at the South-East corner of Hyde Park. Just a couple of blocks up Oxford, turn right into Crown Street to get to the Record Store, TITLE Store and Suzie Q's in Surry Hills, or go a little further east along Oxford St and turn left on Darlinghurst Road (just after Taylor Square) to get you to Radio Free Alice. Cut one block further east to Victoria Street, which is a foodie's dream, and then head north to Grand Days which is 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. The Northern Beaches are a little tricky to get to seeing as how there is no train line and so a bus or ferry you'll have to |take or the traffic you'll have to brave. This is, however, an excellent day trip and buses and ferry's are frequent; then again you could always book an overnight stay up that way because the Northern Beaches are one of Sydney's beautiful natural wonders with no shortage of food, beverages and a super-chill vibe.

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 Erskinvillie, 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. Heading south you've got Something Else, Repressed Records, Classic Hi Fi and 567 King, leading you to the grittier end of Newtown.

INNER WEST

This is the home of RPM Records Posters Memorabilia, a mecca for music lovers, and

Resist records, freshly re-located from Newtown. You find Sounds Espresso - a music-themed cafe – nestled in among Marrickville's industrial area where more than a few small bars are popping up.

OUTER SUBURBS & BEYOND

Parramatta is often called Sydney's second CBD. You can catch a ferry up there from Circular Quay, or a train from Central. 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.

Our regional sisters and brothers are the farthest stores on the map and while not technically Sydney, we are all one big happy family and isn't it great to know that whether you're tripping to the Gong, Blue Mountains or Mudgee (the land of milk & honey & wine), Canberra – our nation's capital – or using the Windsor area as a base, you can have a quality dig out those ways too.

THANKS

This guide is a collaborative effort by all the indie record stores listed here and on our website. Assisted by Melbourne's Northside Records and Blisterfinger Design. Thanks to everyone who has supported Diggins' Sydney



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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 RED EYE RECORDS

143 York Street, Sydney

(02) 9267 7440 | mail@redeye.com.au | www.redeye.com.au

facebook.com/redeyeaustralia | [insta : redeyerecords](https://instagram.com/redeyerecords)

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.



2 MOJO RECORD BAR

Basement Level, 73 York Street, Sydney

(02) 9262 4999 | dan@mojorecordbar.com

www.mojorecordbar.com | facebook.com/MojoMusicSydney

Mon-Wed: 12pm-6pm | Thurs-Fri: 12pm-9pm
Mojo Record Bar – Vinyl specialists. A record store in the front and a bar out back. We stock a good mix of new release, reissue and secondhand vinyl of all genres. People can grab a drink from the bar and bring it into the store to flick through the racks or just hang out. Follow @mojorecordbar



3 BIRDLAND RECORDS

#3, Level 4, 428 George Street (Dymocks Building)

(02) 9231 1188 | birdland@birdland.com.au | birdland.com.au

Tue-Fri: 10am-5:30pm | Sat: 9:30am-4:30pm

25 years old and still going strong. Stocking a vast range of jazz, blues, soul and world titles on CD, SACD, Blu-spec CD and vinyl LP, from labels like ECM, Tzadik, ACT, Blue Note, Winter&Winter, Sunnyside, Cuneiform. Twice weekly imports from the US, Japan, and Europe. New Audiophile LPs from Analogue Productions, Mobile Fidelity, Blue Note, Verve. We also stock secondhand vinyl LPs and CDs.



4 UTOPIA RECORDS

Lower Ground Flr, 511 Kent Street, Sydney (entrance on Bathurst St)

(02) 9571 6662 | contact@utopia.com.au | www.utopia.com.au

facebook.com/UtopiaRecordsOfficial | [insta: utopiarecords](https://instagram.com/utopiarecords)

Mon-Sat: 9am-6pm | Thurs: 9am-8pm | Sun: 12pm-4pm

Est. 1978 – Family owned independent record store specialising in Metal, Rock, Punk plus Rare & Collectable pressings + Bargain Bins. Over 5000 new & used vinyl in stock. Heaps of USA, UK, Euro & Jap. pressings. New stock arriving several times a week. We pay top dollar for your vinyl & CD collections large and small.



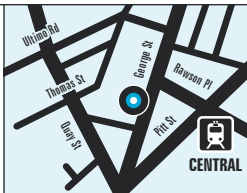
5 TOP 10 SOUND & MOVIE

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, and hi-fi accessories. Also stocking DVD & blu ray movies & concerts.



6 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.



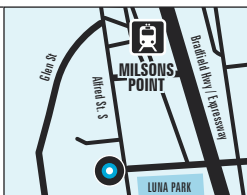
7 THE RECORD STORE AT THE END OF TIME

Shop 10b (dwnstrs) Milson Village, 48 Alfred St South, Milsons Point
0418 240 786 | neal@nealvaughan.com.au

therecordstoreattheendoftime.com

Tues-Thurs: 12pm-2pm | Fri: 12pm-6pm | Sat: 10am-4pm.

Small shop focused on not so often found psychedelia, prog, new wave, krautrock and Italian prog plus lots of classic rock originals and some interesting blues, jazz and soul. Large selection of overseas originals as well as re-issues. Good boxes of 45s too.



EASTSIDE

Heading due East 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 week's worth of fun.

8 GRAND DAYS

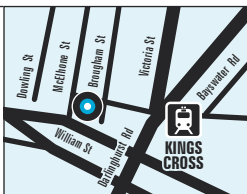
220 William Street, Kings Cross

(02) 9326 9810 | hello@granddays.com.au

www.granddays.com.au

Mon-Fri: 11am-7pm | Sat-Sun: 11am-6pm

Grand Days deals in second-hand books, vinyl, collectible curios and vintage clothing. 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.



EASTSIDE

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9 RADIO FREE ALICE

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

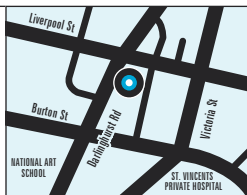
www.radiofreealice.com

facebook.com/radiofreealice | instagram.com/radiofreealice

Mon-Tue: 11am-7pm | Wed-Thurs: 11am-8pm | Fri: 11am-7pm

Sat 11am-6pm | Sun: 2pm-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 | counter@therecordstore.com.au | recordstore.com.au

Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat: 11am-6pm | Thurs 11am-7pm | Sun 12pm-5pm

Your go-to Sydney joint for global 12inch culture, Australian electronic releases, best dance imports (house & techno in all their myriad flavours) the world has to offer. We carry an obscurely curated selection of Rock, Indie, Funk, Soul, Jazz, Blues, Reggae & Electronica LPs. HUGE range of bargain secondhand records. Turntables, needles, headphones & accessories. Dewarping and vinyl to digital.



11 TITLE Surry Hills

499-501 Crown Street, Surry Hills

(02) 9699 7333 | surryhills@titlestore.com.au

www.titlemusicfilmbooks.com

Daily: 10am-6pm. TITLE is an iconic retailer of quality Music, Books and Film. TITLE's Surry Hills location recently expanded to include a dedicated vinyl record store with an extensive and curated range of new, re-issue and second hand LPs. We also stock Audio-Technica and Rega turntables, AIAIAI Headphones and AM Cleansound vinyl accessories. Get Digg'in!



12 SUZIE Q COFFEE + RECORDS

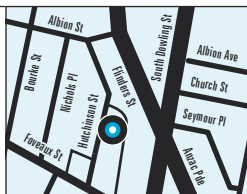
1/18 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills

(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.



Other routes to the Eastside:

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.

NORTHERN BEACHES

13 DESIRE BOOKS & RECORDS

3 Whistler St, Manly

(02) 9977 0888 | info@pigeonground.com

www.pigeonground.com | [facebook.com/pigeonground](https://www.facebook.com/pigeonground)

Open 6 days: 10am-5pm | Closed Wednesdays

Fresh stock added every week, we stock quality secondhand and new vinyl with a focus on LPs and 12" from the 'vinyl years' of the 20th century from blues and jazz to classic rock, funk and disco to experimental, the esoteric and everything in between. Just a short (and pleasant) ferry ride from Sydney's CBD.



14 SANDY'S MUSIC

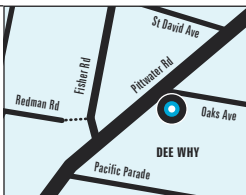
870 Pittwater Road, Dee Why

(02) 9982 7353 | sandysmusic@hotmail.com

www.facebook.com/sandysmusic

Mon-Fri: 9.30am-5.30pm | Sat: 9am-4pm

Sandy's Music started selling vinyl on the Northern Beaches 45 years ago in 1973 as a family business and we are still doing it today. We cover all genres of music on both vinyl and CD and have new stock arriving daily.



NEWTOWN

15 FIVE SIX SEVEN

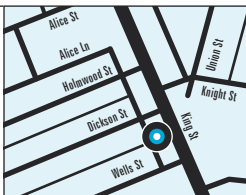
567 King Street, Newtown

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

www.567king.com | [insta: 567king](https://www.instagram.com/567king) | [facebook.com/567king](https://www.facebook.com/567king)

Mon-Wed: 11am-6pm | Thurs: 11am-8pm | Fri: 11am-8pm | Sat: 10am-5pm |

Sun: 11am-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



→**Manly:** Ferries departing frequently from [Circular Quay](#). Bus services depart from Wynyard Station.

→**Northern Beaches:** Buses leave regularly from the park at [Wynyard Station](#) or hire a car and tour the beaches.

Parking in Newtown is notoriously hard to find...

Buses or trains are your best bet.

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

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

16 CLASSIC HI-FI

550 King Street, Newtown

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

www.classic-hifi.net

Wed-Sun: 10am-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.



17 SOMETHING ELSE RECORDS

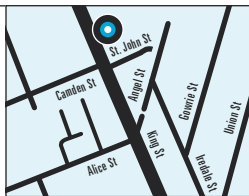
488 King Street, Newtown

somethingelsesydney@gmail.com

facebook.com/somethingelserecordstore | [@somethingelsesydney](https://twitter.com/somethingelsesydney)

Thurs-Fri: 11am-7pm | Sat-Sun: 11am-5pm

Stocking the latest house, techno & varied electronica vinyl, as well as selected 2nd hand collections. Also DJ equipment such as; Allen & Heath and Numark mixers, Audio Technica & Refurbished Technics Turntables, headphones, stylus/carts, slipmatts, cleaning products.



18 REPRESSED RECORDS

413 King Street, Newtown

(02) 9557 6237 | info@repressedrecords.com

www.repressedrecords.com | [Instagram.com/repressedrecords](https://instagram.com/repressedrecords)

Mon-Sat: 10am-6pm | Sunday: 11am-5pm

Specialist in new Australian and independent vinyl releases. Also stocking a wide variety of secondhand records: Punk, Metal, Hip Hop, Experimental, Electronic, Jazz, Rock, Pop. Books are something we take seriously with an emphasis on the arts: music, film, fashion, art, design.



19 EGG RECORDS

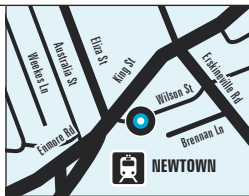
3 Wilson Street, Newtown

(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, DVD, T-shirts and memorabilia of every type of genre. New stock weekly. We now offer a record cleaning service for your precious vinyl.... Like us on Facebook as well.



20 REVOLVE RECORDS & RELICS

Shop 3, 65 Erskineville Road, Erskineville

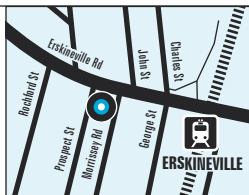
(02) 9519 9978 | info@revolverrecords.com.au

www.revolverrecords.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!



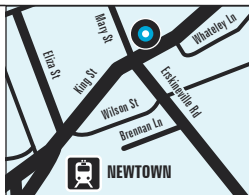
21 HUM ON KING

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.



INNER WEST

22 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!



23 RESIST RECORDS

38 Chapel St, Marrickville

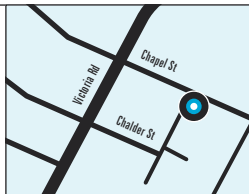
(02) 9557 8771 | info@resistrecords.com

facebook.com/Resistrecords | instagram.com/resistrecords

www.resistrecords.com

Mon-Wed: 10.30am-5.30pm | Thurs: 10.30am-6pm | Fri: 10.30am- 5.30pm

Sat: 10.30am-5.00pm | Sun: 10.30am-4pm. Founded in 1996, Resist is a Marrickville based emporium dealing in all things punk and hardcore music related, stocking everything from local bands to internationals – big and small.



24 SOUNDS ESPRESSO

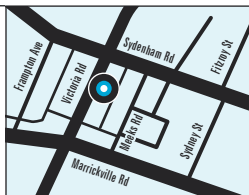
268 Victoria Road, Marrickville

(02) 9572 6959 | soundsespresso@hotmail.com

soundsespresso.com.au

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

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



→**Parramatta Road** Buses from Railway Square (next to Central Station) Stand D, 413, 436, 439, 440, 461, 480, 483, M10.

→**Marrickville and Sydenham** train stations are very handy to the action. Many buses through Newtown also do the trick.

25 RPM – Records, Posters, Memorabilia

113 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

(02) 9569-3465 | facebook.com/rpmmusicmemorabilia

www.rpmrecords.com.au

Mon-Sun: 11am-7pm | Thurs & Sat: 11am-8pm

RPM Records is Sydney's ultimate destination for music lovers. We have a large amount of Vinyl, CDs, tapes and DVDs. Also posters, books, T-shirts, framed vintage music and sports memorabilia for sale. Something for every taste and budget. We buy, sell and trade. Located next to the Gasoline Pony.



OUTER SUBURBS & BEYOND

26 BEATDISC RECORDS

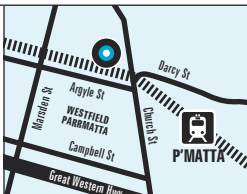
Shop 11 Queensland Arcade, 181 Church Street, Parramatta

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

www.beatdisc.com.au | facebook.com/beatdisc | [insta: beatdisc](https://instagram.com/beatdisc)

Mon-Wed, Fri: 10am-5:30pm | Thur: 10am-8pm | Sat: 10am-4:30pm | Sun:

11am-4pm. Established in 1995, Beatdisc Records stocks new, used and rare LPs, CDs & Cassettes, as well as turntables and accessories. We have a dedicated focus on vinyl across a wide range of genres, with over 7000 titles in-stock and always growing. Customer orders + mail order. Stock arriving daily.



27 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-Sat: 9am-10pm | Sun: 10am-4pm
Independent Music Store in the Western Suburbs of Sydney. Music is our business. Extensive range of CDs, Vinyl (new & used) and collectables. Gothic, Rockabilly and 60's fashion. Record players / turntables. Instruments. Friendly and knowledgeable staff. Cafe in store with chocolate treats and homemade pies.



28 THE VELVET FOG

118 Bathurst Road, Katoomba

(02) 4782 5277 | thevelvetfog@bigpond.com

facebook.com/thevelvetfogrecords

Velvet Fog in Katoomba is a diggers' paradise, so if you are heading up to the Blue Mountains for a weekend check out our huge range of quality records of all genres, books, CDs, DVDs and stereo equipment. We also buy, sell, repair service and carry parts for vintage and modern hi-fi.



29 MR. DYKE'S TROPHIES & RECORDS

Shop 6, 90-94 Mortimer Street, Mudgee

(02) 6372 1329 | 0411 097 956

mrdykestrophies@gmail.com

facebook.com/MrDykesTrophies

Mon-Fri: 8.45am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-2pm

The best selection of quality pre-loved records West of the Blue Mountains. Mudgee, the land of vinyl, wine and honey. Fine stock added daily. If it's scratched, we don't sell it.



30 SAUCE RECORDS

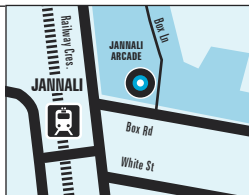
Shop 5, Jannali Arcade, 557-559 Box Rd, Jannali

0421 085 458 | info@saucerecords.com.au

www.saucerecords.com.au | facebook.com/saucerecordsaustralia

Mon-Thu 10am-4:30pm | Sat 10am-2pm

Sauce Records stocks a great selection of new and used vinyl, CDs, music related DVDs, Books, T-shirts, Framed Prints, Audio Equipment, Guitar accessories and more. They have a wide variety of different genres that they stock and if they don't have it in stock they will try to source it for you.



31 MUSIC FARMERS

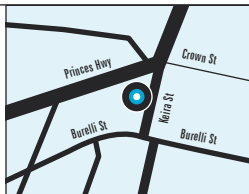
228 Keira Street, Wollongong

(02) 4228 0459 | mail@musicfarmers.com

www.musicfarmers.com

Mon-Wed: 10am-6pm | Thu: 10am-7pm | Fri: 10am-6pm | Sat: 10am-4pm

Sun: 11am-3pm. Vinyl specialist record shop in central Wollongong established in 2004. Stocking latest releases and classic reissues on new vinyl as well as a large range of second hand vinyl. We also stock Turntables, books, cds, dvds and host occasional instore shows.



32 LANDSPEED RECORDS

30 Garema Place, Canberra ACT

(02) 6248 9220 | info@landspeed.com.au

facebook.com/landspeedrecords.com

Mon-Thurs: 10am-6pm | Fri: 10am-9pm | Sat: 10am-5pm | Sun: 10am-4pm

Established in 1994 Landspeed Records is Canberra's leading independent music store. We stock a comprehensive range of Indie, Punk, Hardcore, Metal, Hip Hop, and Dance CDs and Records. A huge range of band merch and new and vintage ladies fashion + more!



33 HOWL & MOAN RECORDS

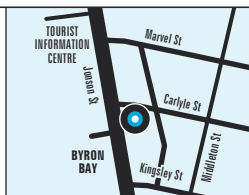
Shop 4, 103 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

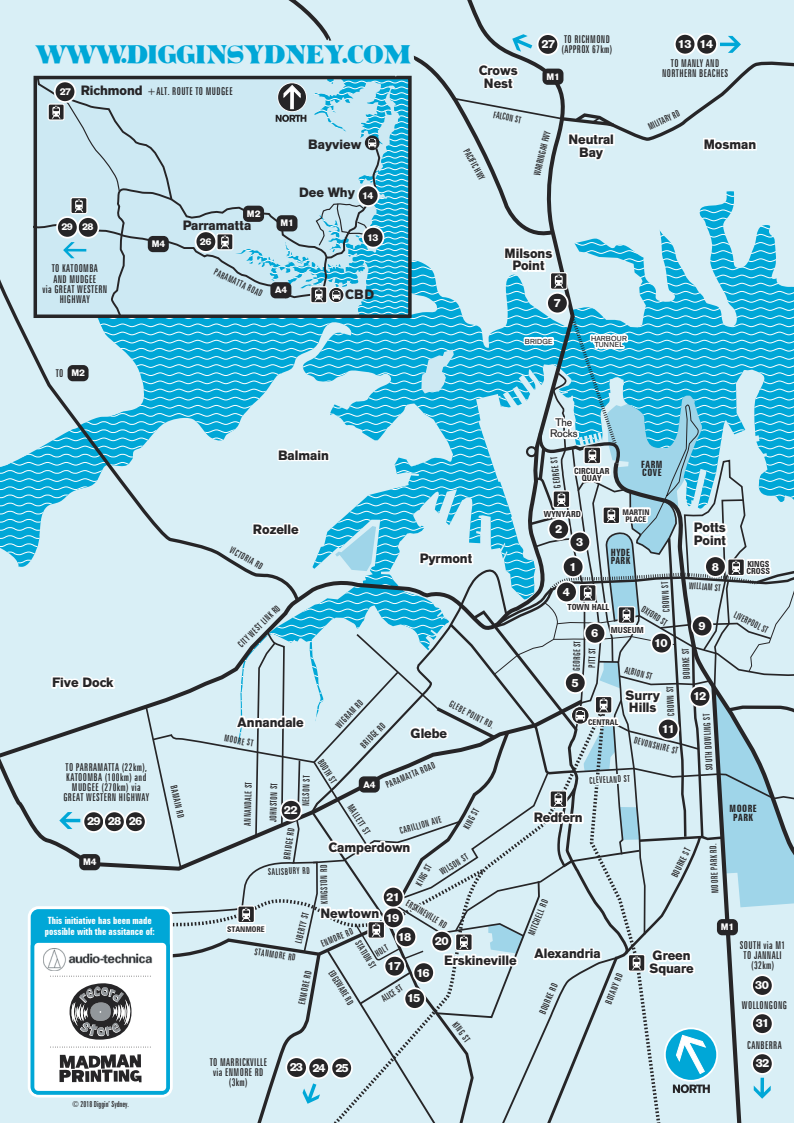
0413 999 691 | howlandmoanrecords@gmail.com

facebook.com/howlandmoanrecords | @howlandmoanrecords

Open 7 days per week: 9am-5.30pm – Surf conditions permitting!

Byron Bay's only Record Store, stocking new and used records, cassettes, turntables & accessories, band merch & memorabilia, posters, vintage clothing, espresso coffee. Specialising in local, independent and alternative music. Special orders taken and we ship nationally & internationally.





**MADMAN
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