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VINYL LOVERS' TOUR GUIDE

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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, a day trip 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)

Starting smack bang in the middle of Svdnev's CBD vou'll find Red Eve Records behind the Queen Victoria Building. From here you have two options: South from Town Hall you're just a short walk from Utopia, Fish Fine Music and Lawson's Records where you will find vourself in the bustling Asia-Towns. Here you can feast mightily, buy worldly groceries, fashion, tech; you name it. North you have Birdland and Moio 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 journey out to Parramatta's Beatdisc, and Manly's Desire.

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). So just across the parks or up the hill from China Town to get to a 4km-long ridge of indie retail, food, drink, night spots and boutique hotels.

Head up Oxford Street from 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 and Suzie Q's in Surry Hills, or go a little further east along OxSt and turn left on Darlinghurst Road (just after Taylor Square) to get you to Radio Free Alice and Grand Days (which is just near the Coke sign in Kings Cross).

NORTHERN BEACHES

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 ferries 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.

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.

INNER WEST

While not as central as the Newtown cluster, the Inner West shops are all well worth a visit. Just a few bus stops down Parramatta Road you'll find the Vintage Record just up from the Annandale Hotel. One step further and just 5 minutes down the road from Sydenham train Station and you are in bustling Marrickville: one of Sydney's best foodie suburbs. This is the home of RPM Records Posters & Memorabilia, a mecca for music lovers, and Resist records, freshly re-located from Newtown. You'll 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 Svdnev'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, Thirroul, Blue Mountains, Canberra - our nation's capital - or using the Windsor area as a base, you can have a quality dig out those ways too. And if you're still looking for that elusive platter, our friends at Howl and Moan in Byron Bay might just be the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. It's a massive drive from Svdnev... but remember to pop in for a dig and to say hi next time you venture North

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 Diggin' Sydney

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 Circular Quay, which is on the Circular Ine

1) UTOPIA RECORDS

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Lower Ground Fir, 511 Kent Street, Sydney (entrance on Bathurst St) (02) 9571 6662 | contact@utopia.com.au | www.utopia.com.au facebook.com/UtopiaRecordsOfficial | insta: utopiarecords Mon-Sat: 9am-6om | Thurs: 9am-8om | Sun: 12om-4om

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.

60 RED EYE RECORDS

143 York Street, Sydney

(02) 9267 7440 | mail@redeye.com.au | www.redeye.com.au facebook.com/redeyeaustralia | insta: 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.

8 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 + Trading RSD (Sat 13.04.19). Mojo Record Bar – Vinyl specialists. We buy and trade for collections large and small. 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 hano out.

ISH FINE MUSIC

Town Hall Square, 27-31/464-484 Kent St (02) 9264 6458 | townhall @ fishfinemusic.com.au fishfinemusic.com.au

Mon-Wed: 9am-5:30pm | Thurs: 9am-7pm | Fri: 9am-6pm | Sat: 9am-5pm Sun 11am-5pm. Still owned and operated by the same family since opening as The Record Collector' in 1982, Fish Fine Music has grown to establish itself as Australia's leading and largest, specialist classical music retailer.









BIRDLAND RECORDS

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

(02) 9231 1188 | orders@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 vinvl LP, from labels like ECM, Tzadik. ACT, Blue Note, Winter&Winter, Sunnvside, 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 vinvl LPs and CDs.

🙃 TOP 10 SOUND & MOVIE Shop 1, 741 George Street, Havmarket

(02) 9281 7198

top10 sm@vahoo.com.au

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-6.00pm | Sat 9.30am-5.00pm We specialise in (audiophile) vinvl. SACDs. CDs. classical to rock music. and hi-fi accessories. Also stocking DVD & blu ray movies & concerts.

LAWSON'S RECORDS

380 Pitt Street, Svdnev

(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.

6 GRAND DAYS

220 William Street, Kings Cross (02) 9326 9810 | hello@granddays.com.au www.granddays.com.au

EASTSIDE

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

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



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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 vinvl releases across all genres. We also stock imported CDs. DVDs and books.

1 THE RECORD STORE

~|123|★ 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. Buy, sell & trade: since 2003. We carry a large range of Australian electronic releases. imported dance 12s and pre-loved 12s from private sellers, as well as a curated range of new and vintage Rock, Indie, Funk, Soul, Jazz, Blues & Reggae, We sell turntables, needles, speakers, headphones & accessories, and can de-warp, deep clean vinyl or record vinyl to digital. We do not sell CDs, but we do service 1200s.

SUZIE O COFFEE + RECORDS

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

NORTHERN

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 guality produce.

1 DESIRE BOOKS & RECORDS

BEACHES

3 Whistler St, Manly

(02) 9977 0888 | info@piaeonground.com www.pigeonground.com | facebook.com/pigeonground Open 6 days: 10am-5pm | Closed Tuesdays

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.





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



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(B) 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 coverall genres of music on both vinyl and CD and have new stock arriving daily.

NEWTOWN & INNER WEST

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.

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567 King Street, Newtown (02) 9517 3324 | 567king@gmail.com

www.567king.com | insta: 557king | 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 grafifti art supplies, books, clothing and more.

🚯 CLASSIC HI-FI

550 King Street, Newtown (02) 9029 2552 | info@classic-hifi.net www.classic-hifi.net

Tuesday-Sunday: 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.

10 HALCYON DAZE RECORDS

498a King St, Newtown

(02) 9565 1804 | halcyondazerecords@gmail.com halcyondazerecords.com | instagram:halcyondazerecords

Wed: 11am-5pm | Thu: 11am-6pm | Fri: 11am-5pm | Sat: 10am-6pm | Sun: 12pm-5pm Here on South King Street, we seek out the lost, the weird and all things wonderful in the world of vinyl. Offering up a melting pot of classics and obscurities with a tip towards a soulful, funky jazz vibe and things in-between. Also have vintage turntables, amplifiers and other music ephemera rolling through the store.







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ONE SOMETHING ELSE RECORDS

488 King Street, Newtown

somethingelsesvdnev@gmail.com

facebook.com/somethingelserecordstore | @somethingelsesvdnev 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.

INSTRUCTION RECORDS INSTRUCTION RECORDS

463 King St. Newtown

(02) 9519 1714 | info@networkconnectionrecords.com networkconnectionrecords.com | @networkconnectionrecords Tue-Wed: 12pm-6pm | Thur: 12pm-7pm | Fri: 12pm-6pm | Sat: 11am-6pm | Sun: 12pm-5pm, Network Connection is a physical and web store stocking a select range of new and used records and tapes. Featuring local and independently run labels and regular imports of independent music. spanning House, Techno, Disco, New Wave, Ambient, Jazz and more,

REPRESSED RECORDS

413 King Street, Newtown

(02) 9557 6237 | info@repressedrecords.com

www.repressedrecords.com | 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.

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3 Wilson Street, Newtown (02) 9550 6056 | info@eagrecords.com www.eaarecords.com

Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat: 10am-6pm | Thurs: 10am-7pm | Sun: 11am-5pm Eqg 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 vinvl.... Like us on Facebook as well.

🗿 HUM ON KING

271 King Street, Newtown

(02) 9550 3553 | humonking@hum.com.au | www.hum.com.au Mon -Thurs 9:30am-9.30pm | Fri-Sat: 9.30am-10pm | Sun: 10am-8pm Hum on King is the premier music store of the Inner West. We stock 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.

















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OCTTONMOUTH RECORDS

182 Enmore Rd, Enmore

0419 817 666 | contact@cottonmouth | cottonmouthlabel@gmail.com cottonmouth-records.com | facebook.com/cottonmouthrecords instagram: cottonmouthrecords

Tuesday - Sunday: 12pm-12am

Est. 2015 – Cottonmouth Records is a record label, record store and small bar that stocks a large range of vinyl with a focus on funk, soul, blues and jazz vinyl releases. Beer Whisky Vinyl.

O 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!

@ 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.

60 SOUNDS ESPRESSO

268 Victoria Road, Marrickville

(02) 9572 6959 | soundsespresso@hotmail.com

soundsespresso.com.au

Mon-Wed: 10am-6pm | Thurs: 10am-8pm | Fri:10am-6pm Sat: By Appointment | Sun: 12pm-6pm.

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.

🐵 RPM – Records, Posters, Memorabilia 🛛 🖍 🖄

113 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

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

Mon-Sun: 11am-7pm | Fri & Sat: 10am-7pm. RPM Records is Sydney's ultimate destination for music lovers. An impressive collection of Vintage and New Vinyl, CDs, cassettes, Gig Posters, Books, T-Shirts, and a unique and rare collection of Framed Vintage Music Memorabilia. Something for every taste and budget. We buy, sell, and trade. Great parking on weekends.













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OUTER SUBURBS & BEYOND

BEATDISC RECORDS

~|Ø|★ Shop 11 Queensland Arcade, 181 Church Street, Parramatta (02) 9891 9330 | info@beatdisc.com.au

www.beatdisc.com.au | facebook.com/beatdisc | insta: 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.

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118 Bathurst Road. Katoomba (02) 4782 5277 | thevelvetfog@biapond.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.

AT HILL GALELRY

3 Hat Hill Rd. Blackheath

(02) 4787 7033 | info@hathillgallery.com.au | hathillgallery.com.au Mon: 10am-5pm | Tue-Wed: Closed | Thurs-Sat: 10am-5pm | Sun: 9:30am-3pm. Hat Hill Gallery is a destination record store. We specialise in new and collectable vinyl from the 1950s onwards, covering most genres. Located in an original 1920's printing factory in Blackheath within the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park, we are an easy two-hour drive from Sydney CBD.

60 MR. DYKE'S TROPHIES & RECORDS Shop 6, 90-94 Mortimer Street, Mudaee (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.

→Parramatta & Richmond

Central Station Train Platform 18. Town Hall Train Platform 2. →Parramatta Ferry Circular Quav F3 - it's a lovely cruise. →Katoomba by train or car is 2 hours so seriously, stay a night or two, it's lovely up there!











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SAUCE RECORDS

Shon 5, Jannali Arcade, 557-559 Box Bd, Jannali 0421 085 458 | info@saucerecords.com.au www.saucerecords.com.au | facebook.com/saucerecordsaustralia

Wed-Fri:10am-4.30pm | Saturday: 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.

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 secondhand vinyl. We also stock turntables, books, CDs, DVDs and host occasional instore shows.

🚯 FRANKS WILD YEARS

3/2a Raymond Road, Thirroul

(02) 4268 0593 | frankswildvearsthirroul@gmail.com frankswildvears.com | facebook.com/frankswildvearsthirroul Mon-Tue: Closed | Wed-Thurs: 10am-3pm & 5pm-10pm | Fri: 10am-3pm &

5pm-12am | Sat: 11am-12am | Sun: 11am-10pm

Over 10.000 secondhands record in Sydney's glorious South. Restaurant. film, vinvl - close to the beach.

ANDSPEED 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!

🚯 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.













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