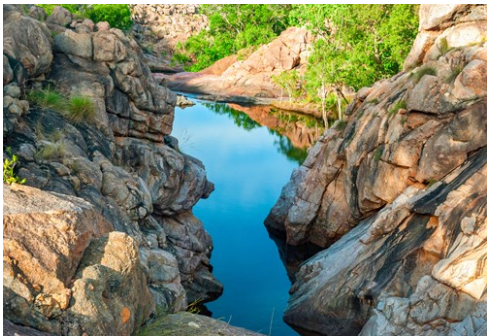




# Darwin

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Darwin is a thriving, prosperous and multicultural city with lively bars and wide-ranging international cuisine. It is lush, tropical and the gateway to top-end outback adventures via the world heritage Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks. Culturally Darwin boasts an eclectic mix - music, food and languages from almost every Asian country live side-by-side with Aboriginal artistry, Australian beach culture, love of the outdoors and a profound appreciation of cosmopolitanism.



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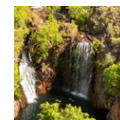
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## THE CITY



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Darwin is the administrative capital of the Northern Territory and is called the capital of tropical Australia because it is lush and green, full of tropical plants and the perfume of Frangipanis. The cyclone season is from November to April, when there are stunning electrical storms and predictable afternoon rains. The city had to be virtually rebuilt after being devastated by cyclone Tracy in 1974. Darwin is also the most multicultural city in Australia, boasting over 75 nationalities, a large indigenous population (25 percent) and a diverse range of immigrants from Asia.

The Stuart Highway - The Track - is the only road out of town and runs 2,800 km south to Adelaide. Since 2004, Darwin has had a rail link to the great southern cities of Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney. The Ghan passenger train service runs twice a week.

## DO & SEE



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Darwin is a young city with a young and vibrant population, and it is famously packed with young travelers during the dry season. Outdoor living is the norm and outdoor activities and adventures are the main attractions, with breathtaking natural parks in close proximity. Central Darwin is compact and easily explored on foot, although the suburbs are more spread out.

### Indo-Pacific Marine



The exhibits at the Indo-Pacific Marine are unique in that they are entirely self-sustaining, requiring no feeding, filtration or water-changing. The aquarium displays the beauty of different marine environments and wildlife, including living coral, clown fish and the lethal box jellyfish.

Photo: tropicdreams / Shutterstock.com

Address: 29 Stokes Hill Road, Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 10am-4pm

Phone: +61 8 8981 1294

Internet: [www.indopacificmarine.com.au](http://www.indopacificmarine.com.au)

Email: [bookings@indopacificmarine.com.au](mailto:bookings@indopacificmarine.com.au)

### Kakadu National Park



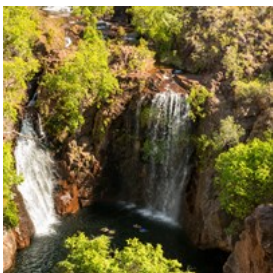
Covering almost 20,000 square kilometres, Kakadu National Park is Australia's largest terrestrial national park, an awe-inspiring expanse

of rugged natural beauty and fascinating ecological and biological diversity. It is also a place of important cultural heritage, as the Bininj Munggyu people have called this area home for thousands of years.

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Internet: [www.environment.gov.au/topics/national-parks/kakadu-national-park](http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/national-parks/kakadu-national-park)

### Litchfield National Park



Litchfield National Park is a stunning expanse of lush woodlands and crystal-clear freshwater creeks, waterfalls and swimming holes, where

many come to escape the oppressive heat of the summer months. Especially impressive are the enormous termite mounds found throughout the park, as well as the Lost City, an area with rock formations of bizarre beauty.

Photo: Tomas Sykora / Shutterstock.com

Phone: +61 8 8976 0282

Internet: [www.litchfieldnationalpark.com](http://www.litchfieldnationalpark.com)

More Info: [www.nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/find-a-park-to-visit/litchfield-national-park](http://www.nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/find-a-park-to-visit/litchfield-national-park)

### Katherine Gorge



World-famous Katherine Gorge is located in Nitmiluk National Park, just to the south of Kakadu. The 12-kilometre length of the gorge,

surrounded by its 70-metre tall cliffs on either side, is an impressive sight, best enjoyed in a rented kayak from water-level.

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### Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory



Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, or MAGNT, is Darwin's premier cultural organisation, showcasing fantastic exhibits and

research programs, including maritime and natural history, aboriginal art and a room where you can experience the power of Hurricane Tracy, as well as regular events and performances.

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Address: Conacher Street, Darwin

Public Transport: Bus 6

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat-Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +61 8 8999 8264

Internet: [www.magnt.net.au](http://www.magnt.net.au)

Email: [info@magnt.net.au](mailto:info@magnt.net.au)

More Info: Bullocky Point, Fannie Bay

### Mindil Beach Sunset Market



Epitomising outdoor living, this is a very popular rendezvous for families. There are usually 200 stalls selling aboriginal arts and crafts

along with musicians and entertainers. It is also a great place to sample a wide range of food from 60 different food stalls including Thai, Malay, Indonesian, Chinese, Indian, and Greek.

Other markets can be found at Parap (Saturday morning), Rapid Creek (Sunday) and Nightcliff

(Sunday).

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Address: Mindil Beach, Darwin

Opening hours: April-October: Sun 4pm-9pm, Thu 5pm-10pm

Phone: +61 8 8981 3454

Internet: [www.mindil.com.au](http://www.mindil.com.au)

Email: [admin@mindil.com.au](mailto:admin@mindil.com.au)

### Fish The Top End



For some rugged outdoor adventure, try fishing for Barramundi, Australia's most popular game fish.

There are countless companies offering

diverse types of fishing trips, Fish the Top End being one of the best. This travel agency offers a wide selection of river and ocean charter fishing.

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Address: Casuarina, Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +61 8 8945 7686

Internet: [www.fishthetopend.com](http://www.fishthetopend.com)

Email: [mike@fishthetopend.com](mailto:mike@fishthetopend.com)

### Crocodylus Park



Crocodylus Park offers a close-up look at one of the world's most feared predators, boasting five croc species, including the Philippine Corcodile,

the rarest in the world. Croc feeding demonstrations take place daily, and there is also small zoo displaying some Australian animals, like kangaroos and dingos, as well as lions, tigers, monkeys, and more.

Photo: Audrey Snider-Bell / Shutterstock.com

Address: 815 McMillans Road, Berrimah, Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +61 8 8922 4500

Internet: [www.crocodyluspark.com.au](http://www.crocodyluspark.com.au)

Email: [crocpark@wmi.com.au](mailto:crocpark@wmi.com.au)

### Deckchair Cinema



Loved equally by visitors and locals, Deckchair Cinema screens a wide range of films in its lovely outdoor location, right by the waterfront. Movies

range from arthouse and independent to family-friendly films. Showings start at 6pm every day from April to November.

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Address: Jervois Road, Darwin

Opening hours: April-November: daily 6pm

Phone: +61 8 8981 0700

Internet: [www.deckchaircinema.com](http://www.deckchaircinema.com)

Email: [info@deckchaircinema.com](mailto:info@deckchaircinema.com)

More Info: Off Kitchener Drive, Darwin Waterfront

### Aquascene



Every day at high tide for the past 60 years a unique occurrence has taken place: hundreds of fish gather at the shallows by Doctors Gully

Road in search for a meal, including milkfish, bream catfish and the barramundi. Aquascene gives visitors the chance to get up close and personal with the fish, splash around with them and hand-feed them.

Photo: Pasko Maksim / Shutterstock.com

Address: 28 Doctors Gully Road, Darwin

Phone: +61 8 8981 7837

Internet: [www.aquascene.com.au](http://www.aquascene.com.au)

Email: [aquascene@bigpond.com](mailto:aquascene@bigpond.com)

More Info: By the Esplanade

### The Didgeridoo Hut



This aboriginal-owned and run shop, workshop and art gallery is about half an hour by car down the Arnhem Highway from Darwin. Exquisite

examples of this fascinating handmade aboriginal instrument are for sale, and can be seen in the production process. There is also authentic aboriginal artwork on display, making great souvenirs and gifts.

Photo: Fernan Archilla / Shutterstock.com  
Address: 1 Arnhem Highway, Humpty Doo  
Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm  
Phone: +61 8 8988 4457  
Internet: [www.didgeridoohut.com.au](http://www.didgeridoohut.com.au)  
Email: [info@didgeridoohut.com.au](mailto:info@didgeridoohut.com.au)

### Outback and Aboriginal Culture Tours



Take part in an extraordinary cultural adventure where you can view unique termite mounds and explore fascinating waterfalls.

Outback and Aboriginal Culture Tours specialises in guided tours of Litchfield National Park and its stunning natural surroundings, led by their knowledgeable head guide, Tess.

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Address: Howard Springs  
Phone: +61 8 8983 1434  
Internet: [www.ntindigenoustours.com](http://www.ntindigenoustours.com)  
Email: [info@NTindigenoustours.com](mailto:info@NTindigenoustours.com)

### Fannie Bay



A mere 5 minutes from the city centre, Fannie Bay is a suburb of Darwin with a ton of activities to offer. There is a small but lovely beach with

barbecue facilities and playgrounds, an artificial lake safe for swimming all year, bike trails and a walking path through the mangrove, and the interesting Fannie Bay Gaol Museum.

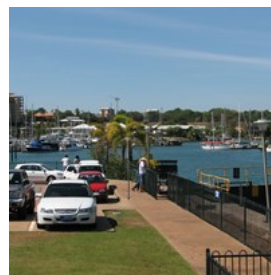
Photo: Fannie Bay / Flickr (image cropped)  
Address: Fannie Bay, Darwin

### Casuarina

Another of Darwin's northern suburbs, Casuarina is home to the largest shopping centre in the Northern Territory, Casuarina Square, with over 180 businesses, supermarkets, department stores and a cinema. It is a major weekend gathering point for shopping and eating.

Address: Casuarina, Darwin

### Cullen Bay



Cullen Bay is the home of Darwin's first Marina and is surrounded by trendy restaurants and cafés. It is the place to go to catch a harbour cruise,

book fishing charters or dive tours in search of marine life and wrecks.

Photo: Ken Hodge / Flickr (image cropped)  
Address: Cullen Bay, Darwin  
Internet: [www.cullenbaymarina.com.au](http://www.cullenbaymarina.com.au)

### Brown's Mart Theatre



Brown's Mart is a beloved and iconic theatre and performance space, committed to providing opportunities for local artists to show their craft.

Regular performances are held in a building which dates back to 1885 and has since filled many roles until becoming the cultural centre it is today.

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Address: 12 Smith St, Darwin

Phone: +61 8 8981 5522

Internet: [www.brownsmart.com.au](http://www.brownsmart.com.au)

Email: [admin@brownsmart.com.au](mailto:admin@brownsmart.com.au)

### Bicentennial Park



The beautiful Bicentennial Park straddles along Darwin's central business district between the Esplanade and the waterfront,

providing a much appreciated green space in the heart of the city. It is home to several memorials commemorating those deceased in war, it plays host to several festivals each year, and it is a popular location for weddings and events.

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Address: Bicentennial Park, Darwin

### Charles Darwin National Park



If you don't have the time to visit the larger (but much farther) Litchfield or Kakadu National Parks, Charles Darwin offers a convenient

alternative. Located a short distance from the city centre (just south of the airport), the area is

one of the country's most important wetlands, showcasing 36 mangrove species, as well as holding great aboriginal and historical significance.

Photo: Ken Hodge / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Tiger Brennan Dr, Charles Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 8am-7pm

Phone: +61 8 8947 2305

Internet: [nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/find-a-park-to-visit/charles-darwin-national-park](http://nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/find-a-park-to-visit/charles-darwin-national-park)

### WWII Oil Storage Tunnels



These fascinating tunnels were originally built during World War II in order to protect oil supplies from Japanese bombing, though they

were never used for that purpose. Today two of the tunnels have been opened to the public and feature a collection of interesting photographs depicting life in Darwin during the war.

Photo: Alex Healing / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Darwin Waterfront, Kitchener Dr, Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 9am-1pm

Phone: +61 8 8985 6322

Internet: [www.ww2tunnelsdarwin.com.au](http://www.ww2tunnelsdarwin.com.au)

Email: [info@wwiitunnelsdarwin.com.au](mailto:info@wwiitunnelsdarwin.com.au)

### Darwin Entertainment Centre



Darwin Entertainment Centre was recently renovated and is now better poised than ever to host world-class performances. The

Darwin Symphony Orchestra appears there regularly, and the centre also hosts major international artists and theatre performances.

Photo: eGuide Travel / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 93 Mitchell St, Darwin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm  
 Phone: +61 8 8980 3333  
 Internet: [www.yourcentre.com.au](http://www.yourcentre.com.au)  
 Email: [communications@yourcentre.com.au](mailto:communications@yourcentre.com.au)

## DINING



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Australian dining is almost always an easy-going and casual experience, even in smart restaurants. Darwin restaurants have a fabulous range of fresh seafood, primarily the superb local Barramundi fish. Local wildlife such as kangaroo, crocodile, buffalo, emu and camel can also be found on many menus. International cuisine is also on offer including Mediterranean, Thai, Malay and Chinese. Pubs also have very large menus and are a popular alternative.

### Pee Wee's at The Point



Pee Wee's is considered one of Darwin's best restaurants and offers fine dining beside the ocean with views of Fannie Bay and the Darwin skyline. They serve mainly modern Australian cuisine with buffet, table d'hote and à la carte services.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com  
 Address: Alec Fong Lim Drive, East Point Reserve, Darwin  
 Phone: +61 8 8981 6868  
 Internet: [www.peeweess.com.au](http://www.peeweess.com.au)  
 Email: [info@peeweess.com.au](mailto:info@peeweess.com.au)

More Info: 4 km from city centre

### Hanuman Thai Restaurant



This attractive restaurant has a great local reputation for authentic Thai, Indian and Malaysian food. The chef only uses freshly sourced ingredients and the restaurant has an excellent wine list.

Photo: Aneta\_Gu / Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 93 Mitchell Street, Darwin  
 Opening hours: Daily 12pm-2:30pm and 6pm-10:30pm  
 Phone: +61 8 8941 3500  
 Internet: [www.hanuman.com.au](http://www.hanuman.com.au)  
 Email: [darwin@hanuman.com.au](mailto:darwin@hanuman.com.au)

### Lizards Bar and Restaurant



Lizards Bar and Restaurant is a huge venue with dining and bar areas, as well as sports events on large screens and gaming. The menu includes a great mix of pub food and modern dishes, ranging from salads and light snacks to heartier options like steak, pizza, and many more.

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 Address: 105 Mitchell Street, Darwin  
 Phone: +61 8 8946 3000  
 Internet: [www.lizardsbar.com.au](http://www.lizardsbar.com.au)  
 Email: [info@lizardsbar.com.au](mailto:info@lizardsbar.com.au)

### Yots Greek Taverna



Yots is a popular place with dining on the boardwalk overlooking the Cullen Bay marina. It has an excellent range of modern and traditional Greek and Mediterranean cuisine, with loads of vegetarian options and fresh seafood.

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Address: 54 Marine Boulevard, Cullen Bay, Darwin

Phone: +61 8 8981 4433

Internet: [www.yots.com.au](http://www.yots.com.au)

Email: [yots@yots.com.au](mailto:yots@yots.com.au)

### Stokes Hill Wharf



Watch the sunset and look for dolphins at one of Darwin's most popular eating venues with more than a dozen independent restaurants (take-away style) sharing common seating on a jetty in Darwin harbour. Food choices include Thai, Chinese, local seafood, crocodile and simple fish and chips. There is also a bottle shop that sells beer and wine.

Photo: Ken Hodge / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Stokes Hill Wharf, Darwin

### Salvatores Cafe



This is a small café with a big Italian menu - pizza, pasta, salad, quiche and burgers - and its own pastry chef creates a wonderful selection of cakes, tarts and pastries. The buffalo wings are wildly popular and come highly recommended.

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Address: 800/21 Smith Street, Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm

Phone: +61 8 8941 9823

Internet: [www.salvatorescafe.com](http://www.salvatorescafe.com)

Email: [salvatores@salvatorescafe.com](mailto:salvatores@salvatorescafe.com)

### The Cav



The Cav is a poolside bar, restaurant and cafe located at the Cavenagh Hotel, which caters largely to backpackers. It serves mostly Mediterranean style food and casual snacks such as bowls of nachos, often accompanied by live music at night.

Photo: wavebreakmedia / Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Cavenagh Street, Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 6am-2am

Phone: +61 8 8941 6383

Internet: [www.thecavenagh.com](http://www.thecavenagh.com)

Email: [marketing@thecavenagh.com](mailto:marketing@thecavenagh.com)

### Darwin Sailing Club



This is not an up-market sailing club, but it is one of the best places to sip a quiet drink and watch the sunset over the Indian Ocean. The lovely waterfront bistro is also a popular alfresco dining option.

Photo: Stephen Michael Barnett / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Atkins Drive, Fannie Bay, Darwin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-10:30pm, Sat-Sun

10:30am-10:30pm

Phone: +61 8 8981 1700

Internet: [www.dwnsail.com.au](http://www.dwnsail.com.au)

Email: [admin@dwnsail.com.au](mailto:admin@dwnsail.com.au)



### Bar Zushi



This restaurant is part of a national chain that serves traditional Japanese cuisine including sushi, sashimi, teriyaki, bento boxes and

soups, with options for seafood lovers, meat eaters and vegetarians alike. This location of Bar Zushi can be found at Casuarina Shopping Square.

Photo: funkyfrogstock / Shutterstock.com

Address: 247 Trower Road, Casuarina, Darwin

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-5:30pm, Fri 9am-9pm, Sat

9am-5pm, Sun 10am-3pm

Phone: +61 8 8945 7622

Internet: [www.barzushi.com](http://www.barzushi.com)

Email: [sushi@barzushi.com](mailto:sushi@barzushi.com)

### Hingston Chinese Restaurant



This busy eatery serves fresh and tasty Chinese food. It is claimed to be one of the best Chinese restaurants in Darwin, receiving a Certificate of

Excellence from TripAdvisor. The menu has a wide selection of dishes such as beef with black bean sauce, Mongolian lamb on a hot plate and Peking duck.

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Address: 53 Yanyula Drive, Darwin

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 11:30am-2pm and 4:30pm-10pm

Phone: +61 8 8927 8088

Internet: [www.hingstonnt.com](http://www.hingstonnt.com)

### Moorish Café



Moorish Café was established in 2002 and quickly became known as a food lover's haven. The menu is inspired by the flavours of Spain, the

Mediterranean and Northern Africa, with starters like tapas and main dishes like Portuguese seafood and roasted duck leg.

Photo: Timolina / Shutterstock.com

Address: 37 Knuckey Street, Darwin

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 9am-2:30pm and 6pm-10pm, Sat 9am-10pm

Phone: +61 8 8981 0010

Internet: [www.moorishcafe.com.au](http://www.moorishcafe.com.au)

Email: [gertrude@moorishcafe.com.au](mailto:gertrude@moorishcafe.com.au)

### Char



Char delivers a unique dining experience by serving innovative cuisine which is made of fresh local produce in perhaps the most charming

setting in the city, with outdoor dining under the cover of large trees and hanging lights. In addition there are both international and local wines to enjoy.

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Address: Knuckey Street, Darwin

Phone: +61 8 8981 4544

Internet: [www.chardarwin.com.au](http://www.chardarwin.com.au)

Email: [manager@chardarwin.com.au](mailto:manager@chardarwin.com.au)

## Saffron



The menu features delights from north and south India as well as delicacies from the tandoori oven. They are deeply committed to

conservationist efforts, and thus use only sustainable seafood, seasonal ingredients and plenty of locally-grown spices and herbs.

Photo: julie deshaies / Shutterstock.com

Address: 14/34 Parap Road, Darwin

Opening hours: Lunch: Tue-Fri 11:30am-2pm. Dinner:

Tue-Sun 6pm-closing

Phone: +61 8 8981 2383

Internet: [www.saffron.com](http://www.saffron.com)

Email: [alawa@saffron.com](mailto:alawa@saffron.com)

## Thailicious



For over ten years Thailicious has been considered the foremost Thai restaurant in Darwin, a unique dining experience from a rooftop

terrace overlooking the city. The chefs strive to use fresh and locally-produced ingredients, many coming from the immediate surroundings of Darwin, handpicked by farmers.

Photo: Dar1930 / Shutterstock.com

Address: Mitchell Street, Darwin

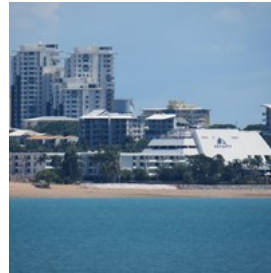
Opening hours: Daily 6pm-10:30pm

Phone: +61 8 8941 9966

Internet: [www.thailicious.com.au](http://www.thailicious.com.au)

Email: [info@thailicious.com.au](mailto:info@thailicious.com.au)

## Il Piatto



Contemporary Italian-inspired food is served at il Piatto, a restaurant located at the Skycity Casino. The á la carte menu has

mouth-watering options like stuffed chicken breast, grilled jumbo prawns and fresh tortelli. It has a beautiful location overlooking the Arafura Sea and the restaurant has an outside terrace where you can gaze at the sunset.

Photo: Ken Hodge / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Gilruth Avenue, Darwin

Phone: +61 8 8943 8940

Internet: [www.skycitydarwin.com.au](http://www.skycitydarwin.com.au)

Email: [admin@skycitydarwin.com.au](mailto:admin@skycitydarwin.com.au)

## Hot Tamale



Hot Tamale is a Mexican restaurant that bursts with bold and complex flavours. The restaurant has a fresh, intense and vibrant ambiance, and

offers authentic Mexican specialities and beverages, including imported beer and tequila.

Photo: Olga Nayashkova / Shutterstock.com

Address: F2/19 Kitchener Dr, Darwin

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 12pm-9pm

Phone: +61 8 8981 5471

Internet: [www.hottamale.net.au](http://www.hottamale.net.au)

Email: [ht.darwin@bigpond.com](mailto:ht.darwin@bigpond.com)

## Monsoons



Monsoons has a perfect location on the vibrant Mitchell Street. It used to be a cinema but has been renovated into a dining and drinking venue with a

cool and relaxed style. The menu has a wide selection of dishes such as pizza, burgers, wraps, pasta and steak.

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 Address: 46 Mitchell Street, Darwin  
 Opening hours: Daily 10am-4am  
 Phone: +61 8 8941 7171  
 Internet: www.monsoons.net.au  
 Email: admin@monsoons.net.au

## CAFES



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Australia has long been a country of tea-drinkers, but coffee has taken over in recent times. Darwin has plenty of local roasters and specialist baristas, now boasting lots of cosy cafés, patisseries and seaside eateries to choose from. So whether you fancy a long and relaxing brunch, a quick coffee or an afternoon drink, you'll find exactly what you're looking for in garden cafes or specialist bakeries.

### Roma Bar



This café opened its doors in 1973 and has managed to stay relevant with a funky and modern style. Roma Bar is popular for its great Aussie breakfasts and genuine espresso coffee.

Photo: CW43 / Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 9 Cavenagh Street, Darwin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-3pm, Sat 8am-2pm, Sun 8am-1pm  
 Phone: +61 8 8981 6729  
 Internet: www.romabar.com.au  
 Email: romabar@romabar.com.au

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Photo: Joshua Resnick / Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 800/21 Smith Street, Darwin  
 Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm  
 Phone: +61 8 8941 9823  
 Internet: www.salvatorescafe.com  
 Email: salvatores@salvatorescafe.com

### The Cav



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Photo: wavebreakmedia / Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 12 Cavenagh Street, Darwin  
 Opening hours: Daily 6am-2am  
 Phone: +61 8 8941 6383  
 Internet: www.thecavenagh.com  
 Email: marketing@thecavenagh.com

### Café 21



Cafe 21 has a central Darwin location for alfresco dining away from traffic. It is a popular morning coffee and lunchtime venue, with great breakfasts and snack foods. The displays are lined with hot and cold food, including fresh sandwiches, wraps and baguettes, as well as large salads, cakes and gluten free sweets.

Photo: Oliveshadow / Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 21 Smith Street, Darwin  
 Opening hours: Daily 7am-5:30pm  
 Phone: +61 8 8942 3111  
 Internet: [www.cafe21.com.au](http://www.cafe21.com.au)  
 Email: [cafe21@bjj.com.au](mailto:cafe21@bjj.com.au)

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 Opening hours: Tue-Fri 9am-2:30pm and 6pm-10pm, Sat 9am-10pm  
 Phone: +61 8 8981 0010  
 Internet: [www.moorishcafe.com.au](http://www.moorishcafe.com.au)  
 Email: [gertrude@moorishcafe.com.au](mailto:gertrude@moorishcafe.com.au)

### Four Birds



It's hard to think of a better setting for breakfast than the quaint courtyard at Four Birds, under cover of frangipani trees. Sandwiches, bagels, panini, smashed avocado on sourdough bread, as well as sweets like muffins, make lazy late afternoon brunches the house speciality.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 2/32 Smith St, Darwin  
 Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-3pm  
 Phone: +61 408 729 708  
 Email: [diana@fourbirds.com.au](mailto:diana@fourbirds.com.au)

### Alley Cats



Alley Cats is perfect for early risers, with its 6am opening time. It is an artisan patisserie specialising in organic sourdough, croissants and pastries. All items are made fresh daily and can be complemented with a selection from their extensive drink list.

Photo: successo images / Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 14/69 Mitchell St, Darwin  
 Opening hours: Daily 6am-3pm  
 Phone: +61 8 7978 8679  
 Email: [alleycatsdarwin@outlook.com](mailto:alleycatsdarwin@outlook.com)

### Eva's Botanical Gardens Cafe



Boasting a location like no other in the city, in the Wesleyan Church at the Darwin Botanical Gardens, Eva's Cafe offers a truly unique cafe experience, with fantastic coffee (expertly prepared by the great baristas), full breakfasts

and a complete lunch menu.

Photo: pondpony / Shutterstock.com

Address: George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens, Gardens Rd, Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 7am-3pm

Phone: +61 434 544 210

Internet: [www.botanicgardenscafe.com.au](http://www.botanicgardenscafe.com.au)

Email: [info@botanicgardenscafe.com.au](mailto:info@botanicgardenscafe.com.au)

### Karma Cafe and Fitness



Karma Cafe is all about healthy living, catering to fitness enthusiasts and anyone who likes to take care of themselves.

Healthy and tasty meals are served, along with fresh fruit juices and smoothies, salads and raw cakes, all of them made fresh with the best ingredients.

Photo: Anna Shepulova / Shutterstock.com

Address: 119/12 Salonika St, Parap, Darwin

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 6:30am-3:30pm, Sat-Sun 7:30am-2pm

Phone: +61 449 073 902

Internet: [www.karmacafe.net.au](http://www.karmacafe.net.au)

Email: [karmacafeandfitness@gmail.com](mailto:karmacafeandfitness@gmail.com)

### Laneway Specialty Coffee



Laneway is a sleek, modern, open-concept cafe that focuses on "specialty coffee, simple fresh food and family friendly service". They

offer vegetarian and gluten-free options, as well as organic sourdough and fresh sweets, pastries and desserts baked daily.

Photo: baranq / Shutterstock.com

Address: 4/1 Vickers St, Parap, Darwin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-4pm, Sat 7:30am-4pm, Sun 8am-2:30pm

Phone: +61 8 8941 4511

Internet: [www.lanewaycoffee.com.au](http://www.lanewaycoffee.com.au)

Email: [eat@lanewaycoffee.com.au](mailto:eat@lanewaycoffee.com.au)

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Darwin has always had a reputation for playing hard, and now young travelers keep up the tradition, especially on the weekends. The city has also become very cosmopolitan and varied, with fabulous multicultural markets, shopping centres, casinos, nightclubs, a smorgasbord of restaurants and, of course, pubs galore.

### Lizards Bar and Restaurant



Lizards Bar and Restaurant is a huge venue with dining and bar areas, as well as sports events on large screens and gaming. The menu

includes a great mix of pub food and modern dishes, ranging from salads and light snacks to heartier options like steak, pizza, and many more.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: 105 Mitchell Street, Darwin

Phone: +61 8 8946 3000

Internet: [www.lizardsbar.com.au](http://www.lizardsbar.com.au)

Email: [info@lizardsbar.com.au](mailto:info@lizardsbar.com.au)

### The Cav



The Cav is a poolside bar, restaurant and cafe located at the Cavenagh Hotel, which caters largely to backpackers. It serves mostly

Mediterranean style food and casual snacks such as bowls of nachos, often accompanied by live music at night.

Photo: wavebreakmedia / Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Cavenagh Street, Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 6am-2am

Phone: +61 8 8941 6383

Internet: [www.thecavenagh.com](http://www.thecavenagh.com)

Email: [marketing@thecavenagh.com](mailto:marketing@thecavenagh.com)

### Shenannigans



This is a classic Irish theme pub serving Guinness and Kilkenny on tap with an air-conditioned interior and a large street-side

veranda. Shenannigans serves a filling Irish stew from their award-winning restaurant and features regular live music, karaoke nights and quizzes.

Photo: Brent Hofacker / Shutterstock.com

Address: 69 Mitchell Street, Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 10am-2am

Phone: +61 8 8981 2100

Internet: [www.shenannigans.com.au](http://www.shenannigans.com.au)

Email: [info@shenannigans.com.au](mailto:info@shenannigans.com.au)

### Darwin Sailing Club



This is not an up-market sailing club, but it is one of the best places to sip a quiet drink and watch the sunset over the Indian Ocean. The lovely

waterfront bistro is also a popular alfresco dining option.

Photo: Stephen Michael Barnett / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Atkins Drive, Fannie Bay, Darwin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-10:30pm, Sat-Sun 10:30am-10:30pm

Phone: +61 8 8981 1700

Internet: [www.dwnsail.com.au](http://www.dwnsail.com.au)

Email: [admin@dwnsail.com.au](mailto:admin@dwnsail.com.au)

### Jabiru Bar



Located in the Novotel Darwin Hotel, Jabiru Bar is a tropical cocktail bar set among palm trees, flowers and flowing water. It is a good

alternative from the Mitchell Street pubs for a quiet and more sophisticated evening drink, especially during the daily happy hour from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

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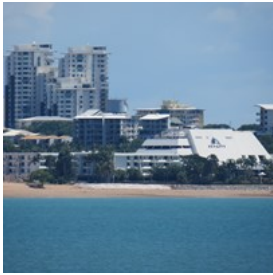
Address: 100 Esplanade, Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 2pm-10pm

Phone: +61 8 8941 0755

Internet: [www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-1748-novotel-darwin-cbd/index.shtml](http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-1748-novotel-darwin-cbd/index.shtml)

## Sky City



This hotel/resort has a beautiful beachside location with several restaurants and bars, ranging from fine dining to bargain eating options,

and it has the only full casino in the Northern Territory.

Photo: Ken Hodge / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Gilruth Avenue, Darwin

Phone: +61 8 8943 8888

Internet: [www.skycitydarwin.com.au](http://www.skycitydarwin.com.au)

## Monsoons



Monsoons has a perfect location on the vibrant Mitchell Street. It used to be a cinema but has been renovated into a dining and drinking venue with a

cool and relaxed style. The menu has a wide selection of dishes such as pizza, burgers, wraps, pasta and steak.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com

Address: 46 Mitchell Street, Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 10am-4am

Phone: +61 8 8941 7171

Internet: [www.monsoons.net.au](http://www.monsoons.net.au)

Email: [admin@monsoons.net.au](mailto:admin@monsoons.net.au)

## Brown's Mart Theatre



Brown's Mart is a beloved and iconic theatre and performance space, committed to providing opportunities for local artists to show their craft.

Regular performances are held in a building which dates back to 1885 and has since filled many roles until becoming the cultural centre it

is today.

Photo: Fer Gregory / Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Smith St, Darwin

Phone: +61 8 8981 5522

Internet: [www.brownsmart.com.au](http://www.brownsmart.com.au)

Email: [admin@brownsmart.com.au](mailto:admin@brownsmart.com.au)

## Darwin Entertainment Centre



Darwin Entertainment Centre was recently renovated and is now better poised than ever to host world-class performances. The

Darwin Symphony Orchestra appears there regularly, and the centre also hosts major international artists and theatre performances.

Photo: eGuide Travel / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 93 Mitchell St, Darwin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm

Phone: +61 8 8980 3333

Internet: [www.yourcentre.com.au](http://www.yourcentre.com.au)

Email: [communications@yourcentre.com.au](mailto:communications@yourcentre.com.au)

## The Deck Bar



The Deck Bar calls itself Darwin's premier outdoor party and dining venue, and that's not just hyperbole. The lovely open-air space features

live music every night and offers popular brunch menus, as well as over eighty varieties of beer and a full list of cocktails.

Photo: oneinchpunch / Shutterstock.com

Address: 22 Mitchell St, Darwin

Opening hours: Daily 11am-closing

Phone: +61 8 8942 3001

Internet: [www.thedeckbar.com.au](http://www.thedeckbar.com.au)

Email: [info@thedeckbar.com.au](mailto:info@thedeckbar.com.au)

## SHOPPING



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Darwin is no great shakes as a designer shopping venue, except in terms of outback necessities, aboriginal artifacts and surf gear. The main shopping areas are Mitchell Street and the parallel pedestrian precinct of Smith Street. Mitchell Street offers mainly tour excursion shops, cafés, bars, Internet cafés, aboriginal art and artifacts and a few other miscellaneous shops. The Smith Street pedestrian precinct is a more relaxing retail environment with fountains, outdoor cafés, bookshops, shoe shops and tourist stores.

### Smith Street



The Smith Street pedestrian precinct is a more relaxing retail environment with fountains, outdoor cafés, bookshops, shoe shops and tourist stores. Unique local specialty buys include the rare pink diamonds from the Argyle Diamond mine at Creative Jewelers, south sea pearls from Paspaley Pearls and crocodile fashion accessories (locally farmed) from di Croco.

Photo: Bidgee / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Smith Street, Darwin

### The Didgeridoo Hut



This aboriginal-owned and run shop, workshop and art gallery is about half an hour by car down the Arnhem Highway from Darwin. Exquisite examples of this fascinating handmade aboriginal instrument are for sale, and can be seen in the production process. There is also authentic aboriginal artwork on display, making great souvenirs and gifts.

Photo: Fernan Archilla / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Arnhem Highway, Humpty Doo

Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm

Phone: +61 8 8988 4457

Internet: [www.didgeridoohut.com.au](http://www.didgeridoohut.com.au)

Email: [info@didgeridoohut.com.au](mailto:info@didgeridoohut.com.au)

### Casuarina Square



If you want to go shopping in Darwin, the Casuarina Shopping Mall is a safe bet as the largest shopping centre in the Northern Territory, with over 180 businesses, supermarkets, department stores and a cinema. It is a major weekend gathering point for shopping and eating.

Photo: Monkey Business Images / Shutterstock.com

Address: 247 Trower Road, Casuarina

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-5:30pm, Fri 9am-9pm, Sat

9am-5pm, Sun 10am-3pm

Phone: +61 8 8920 2345

Internet: [www.casuarinasquare.com.au](http://www.casuarinasquare.com.au)



### Mitchell Street



Mitchell Street is mainly tour excursion shops, cafés, bars, internet cafés, aboriginal art and artifacts and a few other miscellaneous shops.

There is also the air-conditioned Mitchell Street Shopping Mall with stores selling jewellery, mobile phones, clothes, photographic equipment and toys, along with Cole's 24 hour supermarket.

Photo: Ken Hodge / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Mitchell Street, Darwin

### Rip Curl



Located in the Casuarina Square shopping centre, this famous surf brand is a must if you ever visit this wonderful part of the country. Come to Rip Curl

to buy a new surfing board and gear and take to the waves, or get that effortless and cool beach look.

Photo: EpicStockMedia / Shutterstock.com

Address: Casuarina Dr, Casuarina, Darwin

Phone: +61 8 8927 9511

Internet: [www.ripcurl.com.au](http://www.ripcurl.com.au)

### Sportsgirl



Sportsgirl is a young, trendy store that can be found throughout the whole country. To all fashionistas, this is the place to go for clothes,

accessories, shoes and much more. Their location in Darwin can be found at Casuarina Square.

Photo: View Apart / Shutterstock.com

Address: 247 Trower Road, Casuarina

Phone: +61 8 8945 0125

Internet: [www.sportsgirl.com.au](http://www.sportsgirl.com.au)

### Cotton On



This fashion chain is, like Sportsgirl, another well-known brand in Australia. Cotton On was born in 1991 and offers a wide range of cool

fashion clothing and accessories for women, men and children.

Photo: Olga Pink / Shutterstock.com

Address: 247 Trower Road, Casuarina

Phone: +61 8 8927 4838

Internet: [www.cottonon.com](http://www.cottonon.com)

### The N.T. General Store



A few minutes' walk from Smith Street is The N.T. General Store on Cavenagh Street. This huge store is the best place to buy all your

camping, hiking and other outdoor necessities for exploring the harsh Australian outback.

Photo: S\_Photo / Shutterstock.com

Address: 42 Cavenagh Street, Darwin

Phone: +61 8 8981 8242

Internet: [www.thentgeneralstore.com.au](http://www.thentgeneralstore.com.au)

### Mitchell Centre



The centrally located Mitchell Centre mall offers a huge range of shopping options, including shops for health and beauty items, fashion and accessories, electronics and gifts, and more.

It also houses numerous restaurants, cafes and

ice cream parlours.

Photo: Ken Hodge / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 55/59 Mitchell St, Darwin

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-6pm, Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-3pm

Phone: +61 8 8981 5688

Internet: [www.mitchellcentre.com.au](http://www.mitchellcentre.com.au)

### Off Ya Tree



Off Ya Tree is an alternative fashion store, full of unique items, accessories and beauty products that push the boundaries and look like

nothing else out there on the market. They also carry jewellery, do body piercings and have a tattoo studio in the store.

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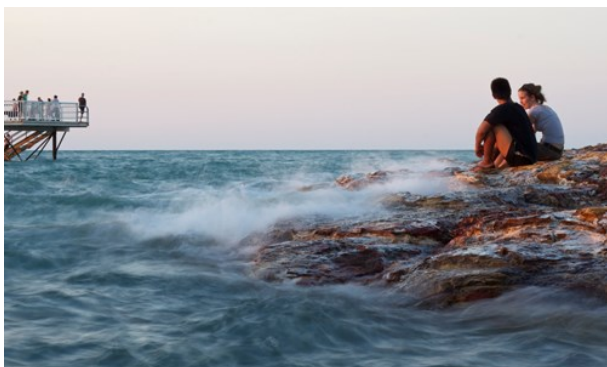
Address: Shop 16, Anthonys Plaza, 38 Smith St, Darwin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-3pm

Phone: +61 8 8942 3539

Internet: [www.offyatree.com.au](http://www.offyatree.com.au)

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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### Darwin International Airport



Darwin International Airport (DRW) is located 13 km from the city centre, around a 15 minute drive. The city-wide airport shuttle

bus serves all Darwin hotels, and tickets can be purchased at the airport or at Darwin's transit centre. It departs in front of the Terminal and meets all flights. Arrange airport transfers by telephone or from the hotel reception. There is also a taxi rank located in front of the terminal.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Darwin International Airport, Darwin

Phone: +61 8 8920 1811

Internet: [www.darwinairport.com.au](http://www.darwinairport.com.au)

More Info: [www.darwinairportshuttle.com.au](http://www.darwinairportshuttle.com.au)

### Public Transport



Darwinbus is the main public transport network in Darwin, incorporating bus and ferry transport. Bus interchanges are located at Harry Chan

Place in Darwin, Bradshaw Drive at Casuarina Shopping Square in Casuarina, and the corner of Temple Terrace and Roystone Avenue in Palmerston.

Tickets can be bought when boarding the bus - drivers carry limited change so try to ensure you have the correct fare. You can also buy your ticket at any of the Interchanges in Darwin, Casuarina or Palmerston.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +61 8 8924 7531

Internet: [www.nt.gov.au/transport](http://www.nt.gov.au/transport)

## Taxi



You will find taxi ranks at the Knuckey Street end of Smith Street Mall, outside Skycity Casino and outside the Darwin Cinemas on Mitchell

Street at night and on weekends. One of the best ways to catch a taxi is to call direct or ask for help to book a taxi at your hotel reception.

### City Radio Taxis

+61 8 8981 3777

[www.radiotaxi.com.au](http://www.radiotaxi.com.au)

### People Movers NT - Mini-Bus Service

+61 8 8983 2111

[www.peplemoversnt.com.au](http://www.peplemoversnt.com.au)

## Post

Post Office:



Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 48 Cavenagh Street, Darwin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-12:30pm

Phone: +61 8 8981 8366

Internet: [www.auspost.com.au/pol/app/locate/post-office/NT/Darwin/0800/Darwin-GPO-Post-Shop-545393](http://www.auspost.com.au/pol/app/locate/post-office/NT/Darwin/0800/Darwin-GPO-Post-Shop-545393)

## Pharmacy



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Pharmacies:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Shop 4, Mitchell Centre, 55 Mitchell Street, Darwin

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-6pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-3pm

Phone: +61 8 8981 4442

Internet: [www.pharmasave.com.au](http://www.pharmasave.com.au)

## Telephone

Country code: +61 Area code: 8



Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity

240 V 50 Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Safety



Do not swim in Darwin waters between October and May because of the deadly Box Jellyfish. Also always beware of saltwater crocodiles.

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## Population

142,300

## Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

## Opening hours

Most shops are open 7 days a week. Generally on weekdays they open from 9am to 5pm and on weekends from 10am to 3pm.

## Newspapers

The Northern Territory News

**Emergency numbers**

000 (Ambulance, Police and Fire)

**Tourist information**

Darwin City Centre

6 Bennett Street, Darwin

Corner Bennett and Smith Streets

+61 8 8980 6000

[info@tourismtopend.com.au](mailto:info@tourismtopend.com.au)

Opening hours:

Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

Sat-Sun 9am-3pm



Austin Lane	C3	Gardens Hill Crescent	B1	Mc Lachlan Street	B2
Bambra Cresent	A2	Gardens Road	B1 B2	McMinn Street	B1 C2
Barneson Street	C2	Gardiner Street	C2	Melville Street	B1
Barossa Street	A2	Gilruth Avenue	A1	Merkur Crescent	A1
Beagle Street	A1	Gothenburg Crescent	C1	Mirambeena Street	B1
Bennett Street	C3	Guy Court	C1	Mitchell Street	A2 B2
Blake Street	B1	Guy Street	D1	Mongola Crescent	A1
Briggs Street	B2	Harriet Place	B2	Morinda Street	A2
Buffalo Court	B1 B2	Harry Chan Avenue	C3	Mott Crescent	B2 B3
Burt Street	B1	Harvey Street	C2	Packard Place	A2
Carey Street	C2	Herbert Street	C3	Packard Street	A2
Cavenach Street	B2 C3	Houston Street	A1 A2	Peary Street	A2 B2
Chapel Lane	C3	Huges Avenue	C3 C4	Peel Street	B3
Chin Quan Road	A1	King Street	C1	Queen Street	C1
Church Lane	C3	Kitchener Drive	C3 C4	Ramrez Road	B1
Daly Street	B2	Knuckey Street	C3	Searcy Street	B3 C2
Dashwood Crescent	A2 B2	Lambell Street	A1	Shadforth Lane	B3
Dashwood Place	B2	Larrakeyah Terrace	A2	Shepherd Street	B2 C2
Day Street	B2 C2	Leydin Court	C3 D3	Smith Street	A2 B2 B3 C3
Dinah Beach Road	C1	Lindsay Street	B2 C2	Stuart Highway	C1
Dinah Court	D1	Litchfield Street	C3	Tiger Brennan Woolner Road	C1 D1
Doctors Gully Road	A2	Malabar Street	A1 A2	Tipperary Court	D1
Duke Street	C1	Manoora Street	A2	Voyager Street	C1
Edmunds Street	C2 C3	Manton Street	C2	Warrego Court	A1
Esplanade	A2 B2 C3	Marella Street	A2	West Lane	C3
Finniss Street	B1	Margaret Street	C1	Whitfield Street	B2
Fishermans Place	D2	Marsina Crescent	A1 A2	Winston Avenue	C1
Foelsche Street	C2 C3	Mauna Loa Street	A2	Woods Street	B2 C3
Frances Bay Drive	D2	Mavie Street	D3	Zealandia Crescent	A2