



Mackay

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Situated halfway between Brisbane and Cairns, Mackay is surrounded by lush rainforests, pristine white sandy beaches and the fertile Pioneer Valley. It is home to one of Australia's richest sugar cane growing regions. Out to sea, The Great Barrier Reef's colourful coral, fish and secluded islands provide a tropical playground for everyone. Excellent restaurants, beautiful parks and a vibrant art scene ensure there is something in Mackay for every taste and budget.



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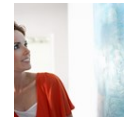
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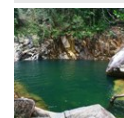
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THE CITY



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Mackay is an exceptionally scenic city with a relaxed tropical ambience. The picturesque sparkling blue Pioneer River winds its way through the city providing an ever-changing landscape as the tides come and go. Palm trees lining the streets present not only a wonderful vista, but are also a retreat for thousands of the city's colourful lorikeets as they settle in the city centre at dusk each evening.

While Mackay boasts a stress-free country charm in character, it has become an effervescent hub for visitors who enjoy all that is trendy. Dining in Mackay is a gastronomical delight - especially for seafood lovers. Fishermen return daily with fresh catches of the ocean's finest and the Mackay Fish Market is renowned for quality seafood straight from the trawler. On either side of the city are some of Australia's most precious natural treasures: 31 long white sandy beaches line the coastline, the world heritage listed Great Barrier Reef, and Australia's largest rainforest national park. This is a city with an enchanting appeal - many find hard to leave - and one where there is "much more than meets the eye."

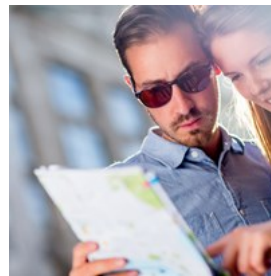
DO & SEE



Tim Kossow (image cropped)

In Mackay there is something for every taste and budget, excellent restaurants, beautiful parks and a vibrant art scene. The surrounding area is extremely beautiful, and there are plenty options to choose from for a day trip out into the nature.

Heritage Walk



Collect a free self-walk brochure from the Visitor Information Centre and discover magnificently restored buildings built by the first settlers, and the best collection of Art Deco architecture in Queensland. Many buildings are recognised for their national importance and listed with the National Trust. The walk takes approximately 90 minutes.

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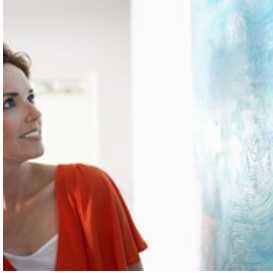
Address: River Street, Mackay

Phone: +61 7 4944 5888

Internet: www.mackay.qld.gov.au

More Info: info@mackayregion.com

Artspace Mackay



and international displays.

This striking, award winning building right in the city centre, Artspace hosts a modern art gallery, museum, and changing local, national

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Address: Gordon Street, Mackay

Opening hours: Tuesday-Friday, from 10 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-3 pm. Closed Monday

Phone: +61 7 49 61 97 22

Internet: www.artspacemackay.com.au

Email: artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au

Marina Village



the southern Whitsunday Islands or enjoy water-based activities (snorkelling, fishing, jet skiing, parasailing). Next door is Harbour Beach and the Pine Islet Lighthouse, the only working kerosene-lit lighthouse in the world.

Marina Village is a palm-lined waterfront esplanade where luxury yachts are moored. Dine alfresco in one of the fine restaurants with views to

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Address: Mulherin Drive, Mackay

Phone: +61 7 4955 6855

Internet: www.mackaymarina.com

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Beautiful Beaches

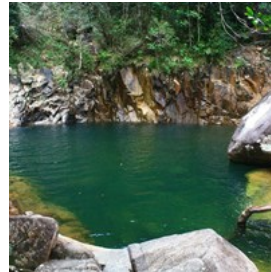


Stretching along Mackay's coastline are more than 31 glorious beaches all fringed by the turquoise tropical waters of the Coral Sea and The

Great Barrier Reef.

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Eungella National Park



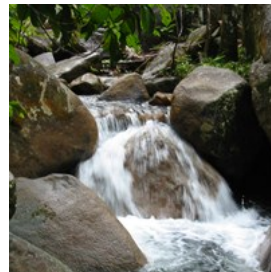
Set in the mist-shrouded mountains, 80 km west of Mackay, Eungella is Australia's longest continual stretch of sub-tropical rainforest. It is home to 860 plant species plus numerous types of wildlife. Do not miss the brilliant Ulysses butterfly and platypus! 25 km of walking trails, from a 10 minute stroll to overnight hikes lead to breathtaking views and scenery.

Photo: Nick Hewson (image cropped)

Address: Pioneer Valley Road, Mackay

Internet: www.mackayregion.com

Finch Hatton Gorge



Set in the foothills of the picturesque Eungella Range walking tracks lead to deep natural swimming holes amid tropical rainforest. See the Araluen and Wheel of Fire waterfalls and for a truly unique experience go Forest Flying through the treetops of the rainforest.

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Address: Finch Hatton Gorge Road, Mackay

Phone: +61 7 4944 5888

Tickets: Bookings essential for Forest Flying.

Internet: www.mackayregion.com

Email: info@mackayregion.com

Cape Hillsborough National Park



In this pretty park, 50 km north of Mackay, the rainforest literally meets the ocean a terrific park featuring long white sandy beaches and 25 species of tropical butterflies. The unique self-guiding Jupiera Aboriginal trail highlights native plants and inquisitive wallabies that visit the palm fringed beach at sunrise and sunset.

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Address: Mount Ossa Road, Mackay
Phone: +61 7 4944 5888

Botanic Gardens



These beautiful scenic gardens highlighting flora of the Central Queensland Coast bioregion also feature over 3 km of walking and cycling trails, wildlife filled lagoons, themed gardens, a café and gallery making this an enjoyable free recreational experience for all ages.

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Address: 9 Lagoon Street, Mackay
Phone: +61 7 4952 7300
Internet: www.mackayregionalbotanicgardens.com.au
More Info: Recommended visiting to the gardens during daylight hours, every day.

Bluewater Lagoon

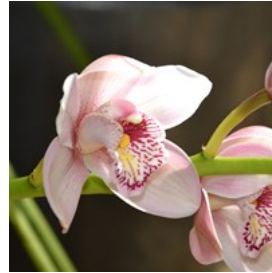


Bluewater Lagoon is a must-visit entertainment spot when in town - it's a fun water park that is completely free to visitors. Pools, water slides, sunbeds and a great time for the whole

family guaranteed.

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Address: 32 River St, Mackay
Phone: +61 1300 622 529

Orchid Display House



The Orchid Display House inside Queens Park in East Mackay is a great place to marvel at beautiful blooming flowers - an activity that goes nicely with the general tropical vibe of the city.

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Address: Queens park, Goldsmith Street, Mackay

DINING



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With access to some of the best fishing waters in Australia and the fertile Pioneer Valley, Mackay has generated a reputation for exquisite cuisine. Local fishermen catch and supply about half of Queensland's fish exports and a visit to the Mackay Fish Market allows everyone to sample their finest. There is a large choice of venues from alfresco dining on the ocean's edge to hidden cafés in the rainforest.

Muddies

Muddies is one of Mackay's top restaurants

specialising in superb seafood and fresh mud crabs and also known for its succulent steaks and delicious desserts.

Address: Illawong Drive, Illawong Beach, Mackay
Phone: +61 7 4957 8427
Internet: www.illawong-beach.com.au
More Info: Illawong Beach

Lighthouse Seafood Restaurant

Lighthouse Seafood Restaurant serves lovely seafood dishes. Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Consistently high standard and great service.

Address: Mulherin Drive, Mackay
Phone: +61 7 4955 5022
More Info: Mackay Harbour

Mackay Yacht Club

With blackboard daily specials, Mackay Yacht Club offers value for the money. This is a nice and relaxed club that should not be missed.

Address: 9-19 Breakwater Access Road, Mackay
Phone: +61 7 4955 4950
More Info: Mackay Harbour

Eimeo Hotel

The Eimeo Hotel is known for its spectacular views of the islands across the Coral Sea and what a good deal. The menu is fabulous and is always a great idea for lunch, dinner or the tasty weekend brunch. On the menu mouth-watering dishes like oysters, grilled haloumi salad, shellfish linguine, grilled chicken breast and grilled pork chop are offered.

Address: 1 Mango Avenue, Mackay
Phone: +61 7 4954 6805
Internet: www.eimeohotel.com.au
Email: eimeohotel@westnet.com.au
More Info: Eimeo

Lattitude 21

Lattitude 21 is a sophisticated and stylish award winning exquisite restaurant located within the Clarion Hotel, overlooking the Mackay Marina. Here you will find nice Australian cuisine with a great selection of wine.

Address: Mulherin Drive, Mackay
Phone: +61 7 4955 9400
Internet: www.mackayaccommodation.com.au
Email: res@clarionmackay.com

Coolmango Salad Bar

Coolmango Salad Bar is a popular lunch spot - with its variety of healthy options, including gluten- and dairy-free foods, this eatery is where anyone will find something to suit their taste.

Address: 73 Victoria St, Mackay
Phone: +61 7 4957 2837

Galleons Restaurant

Galleons offers a dining experience in a setting like no other - seated in a warmly lit dining hall overlooking a tropical-looking naturalistic pool, you will be served some of the best seafood dishes on town.

Address: 1 Bridge Road, Ocean International, Mackay
Phone: +61 7 4957 2044
Internet: www.oceaninternational.com.au
Email: admin@oceaninternational.com.au

CAFÉS



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Queensland is in general a lovely part of Australia with tons of nice, cosy cafés and Mackay is of course no exception. In the heart of city centre you will find cute cafés and palm trees lined up so pick a place and relax with a coffee or tea.

Lagoons Café

Dine in the tropical gardens and sample superb culinary delights such as native bush foods at Lagoons café. This is a café where you just cannot go wrong with the food.

Address: 9 Lagoon Street, Mackay
 Phone: +61 7 4952 6930
 Internet: www.mackayregionalbotanicgardens.com.au/cafe
 Email: lagoonscafe@optusnet.com.au
 More Info: Located at Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens

Foodspace

Located at Artspace Mackay, Foodspace is a superb café that serves cutting edge, great tasting snacks. It is a nice and welcoming break where you can rest your legs and refuel your energy.

Address: Civic Centre Precinct, Gordon Street, Mackay
 Phone: +61 7 4961 9722
 Internet: www.artspacemackay.com.au
 Email: artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au

Oscars

Located right in the city heart at Post Office Square, Oscars is another popular café for both visitors and locals. Even if you are not hungry, you should come here just for the coffee.

Address: 62 Sydney St, Mackay
 Phone: +61 7 4944 0173

Woodman's Axe

This hip cafe is a locals' favorite and can get a bit crowded at lunchtime, but fear not, for the food is definitely worth the tiny wait.

Address: 47 Gordon St, Mackay
 Phone: +61 437 773 776
 Internet: www.woodmansaxe.com
 Email: info@woodmansaxe.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Mackay is still a relatively relaxed and small city. However, with its premium location on the Pioneer River and by the Coral Sea, it has slowly started gaining a reputation of a party city at night. There are numerous venues, both pubs and clubs, ensuring there is always something happening every day of the week. Each Thursday the local newspaper "The Mackay Mercury" prints a list of what bands are playing and where.

Mackay Entertainment Centre



Mackay Entertainment Centre is an outstanding venue hosting high profile Australian and international entertainers. Check the schedule to see what's on while you're in town.

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Address: Alfred Street, Mackay

Phone: +61 7 4961 9700

Internet: www.mackayecc.com.au

Email: mecc@mackay.qld.gov.au

Sails Sport Bar At Mackay Marina Village



The Sails Bar is well-liked by a mixed age group and is open seven days till late. Sunday are very popular when offering live music and the

location is great by the marina.

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Address: Mulherin Dr, Mackay Harbour

Phone: +61 7 4955 3677

Internet: www.mackaymarina.com

Eimeo Hotel



Set overlooking the beach and the Coral Sea, this hotel has regular live bands on weekends.

There is also an adjacent café to visit during

daytime.

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Address: 1 Mango Ave, Eimeo, Mackay

Phone: +61 7 4954 6106

Internet: www.eimeohotel.com.au

Burp



This might first and foremost be a restaurant however the atmosphere at Burp combined with the drinks and the people makes this a place that

you do not want to miss out on.

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Address: 86 Wood Street, Mackay

Phone: +61 7 4951 3546

Email: eat@burp.net.au

Qbar



Opened relatively recently, this bar is becoming an attractive centrally located spot for an evening drink in the city.

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Address: 39 Sydney Street, Mackay

Phone: +61 414 936 618

AM Bar



Situated in the city centre at Macay Grand suites and open till 3am every day of the week. This local hotspot has a wide range of domestic and international beers, wine, spirits and the friendly bartenders are more than happy to make your favourite cocktail right in front of you.

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Address: 9 Gregory St, Mackay

Phone: +61 7 4969 1019

Internet: www.mackaygrandesuites.com.au

Email: functions@mackaygrandesuites.com.au

SHOPPING

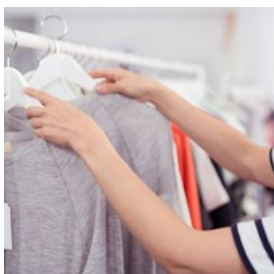


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Within the city of Mackay, you will find a range of shopping options from the chic and expensive to bargain hunter's markets. A stress-free tropical atmosphere makes the heart of Mackay a great place to wander. Check out the palm-fringed streets lined with specialty shops and the more everyday shops carrying Australian and international brands.

Throughout the Mackay region, weekend markets sell local wares, handmade arts and crafts, delicious homemade food and fresh produce. Four times a year, The Leap and District Community Markets are held at The Leap Community Hall - always well worth going to for some fabulous buys from local artists and an array of intriguing bits and pieces.

Caneland Central



Caneland Central, walking distance from the Mackay Central Business District, is the largest shopping centre in the region with over 120 stores and services in one convenient location. Stores you will find here are for example Footlocker, Dotti, Crossroads, EB Games, Ed Harry, Ice Design, Mays, Millers and Pandora.

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Address: Mangrove Road & Victoria Street, Mackay

Phone: +61 7 4944 7111

Internet: www.canelandcentral.com.au

Email: caneland.central@lendlease.com

Sydney Street Markets



located in the city.

Sydney Street Markets is a new Art Deco shopping centre with a supermarket, 21 specialty retail stores, beauty and alfresco dining venues

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Address: 31 Gordon St, Mackay

Phone: +61 7 4933 5000

Internet: www.sydneystreetmarkets.com.au

Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre



providing a large variety of shopping options.

Located away from the busy city center streets, this mall is much more compact than Canelands but feels much less crowded while still

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Address: Corner Bucasia Road and Philip Street, Mount Pleasant

Phone: +61 7 4969 2400

Internet: www.mountpleasantsc.com.au

The Reject Shop



for all, as everything from household items to games and toys is on sale here.

Located inside the Caneland shopping center, this department store is definitely worth a drop in. Browsing through its items is fun

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 Address: Mangrove Road, Mackay
 Phone: +61 7 4951 0455
 Internet: www.rejectshop.com.au
 More Info: Shop 2233, Caneland Central, Shop 2233,
 Caneland Central, Corner Mangrove Road & Victoria Street
 Mackay

Let the Children Play Toyshop



This treasure store is a paradise for the kids, offering unique and creative range of imported and Australian toys, puzzles, games, models and children's books. Here you will find eco-friendly and educational toys that encouraging fun.

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 Address: 15B Macalister St, Mackay
 Phone: +61 7 4944 0180
 Internet: www.playmackay.com.au
 Email: info@playmackay.com.au

A Deja Vu Experience



This charming European inspired store is located in the heart of Mackay and houses elegant giftware, homewares, handbags, French Provincial furniture and much more. Inside is also a tea room offering Devonshire tea, lunches and High Tea.

Photo: Oksana Shufrych/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 29 Sydney Street, Mackay
 Phone: +61 7 4951 2057
 Internet: www.dejavuexperience.com.au
 Email: sales@dejavuexperience.com.au

Angus & Coote



Angus & Coote is one of Australia's leader in jewellery, watch and giftware and was formed 1895. Here you will find amazing diamonds, coloured gems, gold and silver jewellery in high quality.

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 Address: Victoria road, Mackay
 Phone: +61 7 4953 5344
 Internet: www.anguscoote.com.au
 More Info: SH GD084 Caneland Central, Cnr Victoria & Mangrove Rds

Best & Less



Not only providing fashion and footwear for the whole family, women, men, kids and baby, but also offers homewares. You will find this store inside Caneland Central in Mackay.

Photo: Andresr/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Victoria Road, Mackay
 Opening hours: Monday 9am - 5:30pm, Tuesday 9am - 5:30pm, Wednesday 9am - 5:30pm, Thursday 9am - 9pm, Friday 9am - 5:30pm, Saturday 9am - 4pm, Sunday 10am - 4pm
 Phone: +61 7 4951 1533
 Internet: www.bestandless.com.au
 More Info: Caneland Central, Cnr Mangrove Rd & Victoria St

M'Lady's Shoes



Bold and playful are the key words for M'Lady's Shoes. For over 30 years they have been providing quality women's shoes for all needs. Brand names such as Tilly Rose, Brazilio, Django and Juliette,

Gamins, Piazza Grande, Mia Bellissima, Luciana Barraccini can be found here.

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 Address: Wood Street, Mackay
 Phone: +61 7 4957 5931
 Email: mladysshoes@live.com.au

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport



Mackay Airport is located in Mackay, Queensland and is a major Australian regional airport. The airport is situated within 10 minutes drive to the city centre and can be easily reached by taxi, rental cars or Greyhound coaches.

Bus Transfer

Greyhound coaches offers regular services to and from Mackay CBD and located at the northern end of the of the terminal where the baggage carousels are situated.
www.greyhound.com.au.

Rental Car

You will find rental car in the arrivals area of Mackay Airport. Companies available at Mackay Airport include Thrifty, Avis, Budget, Europcar,

Hertz, and Redspot.

Taxi

Mackay Whitsunday Taxis, one of the largest taxi service areas in Queensland, provides door to door services from the front of the terminal. From outside Mackay Phone 07 4944 4955 / or local free phone 131008.

Photo: Juan Garces
 Address: Boundary Rd East, East Mackay
 Phone: +61 7 4957 0201
 Internet: www.mackayairport.com.au

Public Transport



Mackay Transit Coaches operate urban bus services within Mackay city and district, Monday to Saturday. Tickets can be purchased on board.

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 Phone: +61 7 4957 3330
 Internet: www.mackaytransit.com.au
 Email: sales@mackaytransit.com.au

Shuttle



The Mackay Explorer is a free regular service linking many of Mackay's key attractions on Sundays, and a great way to explore the city. The shuttle bus commences at 9.30 am from the Visitor Information Centre and travels on an hourly timetable.

Photo: Jonathan Li
 Phone: +61 7 4944 5888, (Within Mackay 1300 130 001)
 Internet: www.mackayregion.com

Taxi



Taxis are readily available with taxi ranks situated at the airport and in the town centre.

Address: 4 Tennyson St, Mackay
Phone: +61 131 008
Internet: www.mackaytaxi.com.au

Post



Australia Post - Mackay
Post Shop

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: 69-71 Sydney St, Mackay
Phone: +61 13 13 18

Pharmacy



There is no 24-hour pharmacy in Mackay, but you can find Healthpoint Chemist at:

Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: 67-69 Sydney Street, Mackay
Phone: +61 7 4963 0300
Internet: www.healthpoint.com.au

Telephone



Country code: +61 Area code: 07

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

240 Volts / 50 Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

81,000

Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$ 1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Most shops are open Monday to Saturday from 9 am - 5 pm. Caneland's and Greenfield's Shopping Centres and Sydney St Markets trade to 9 pm on Thursdays. Stores are closed on Sunday and public holidays, except for annual sales events.

Newspapers

The Daily Mercury
Courier Mail (State)

Emergency numbers

000 (Police/Ambulance/Fire)

Tourist information

Mackay Visitor Information Centre
320 Nebo Rd, West Mackay
+61 7 4944 5844
info@mackayregion.com



Alfred Street	B2 C2	James Street	B2	Paradise Street	A3
Bannister Street	B4	Johnson Street	A2 A3	Park Street	D2
Black Street	A4 B4	Juliet Street	B4 C2 C3	Paulette Street	A3
Boddington Street	B2	Kate Street	D2	Peel Street	B1 B2
Bothwick Street	D2 D3	Keats Street	C2	Penn Street	B3
Bridge Road	A4	Kenilworth Street	B3	Pirie Street	B3
Bridge Street	A4 B4 C4	Kennedy Street	D3	Pratt Street	A3 B3
Brisbane Street	C1	Kilgour Street	D4	Prospect Street	C2
Byron Street	D2	Kippen Street	B3 C4	Prudhoe Street	D4
Carlyle Street	C1 C2	Kippen Street	D4	Ready Street	C3
Christie Street	D3	Klingner Street	A4 B4	River Street	B1 C1 D1
Dennis Street	B4	Lamb Street	C4	Rolston Street	C4 D4
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Edward Street	C3	Lynch Street	D3	Scanlan Street	D3
English Street	B3	MacAlister Street	B1 B2	Scott Street	C4 D3
Evans Street	B2 B3 C3 D3	MacArthur Street	C3	Shakespeare Street	A2 B2 C2 D2
Forth Street	B3	Margaret Street	B2	Shaw Street	B2
George Street	A2 B2	McDonald Street	B3	Sophia Street	B2
Gold Street	D2 D3	McIntyre Street	D3	Steen Street	C3
Goldsmith Street	D2 D3 D4	McKenney Street	C3	Sydney Street	C1 C2
Gordon Street	B1 C1 D2	Meero Street	A3	Symons Street	C3
Grant Street	A2	Mengel Street	C4	Tay Street	B3
Gregory Street	B1 B2 C1	Milton Street	A1 A2 A3 A4	Taylor Street	A2
Griffin Street	A2	Minister Street	A4	Tennyson Street	D1
Hamlet Street	B2	Moore Street	D2	Victoria Street	B1 C1 D1
Harney Street	A3	Morley Street	B3	Vincent Street	B3
Hart Street	C4 D4	Neill Street	D4	Watsons Lane	B2
Harvison Street	D3	Nella Drive	A4	Wellington Street	B1 B2
Hayes Lane	C2	Nelson Street	B1 B2	Wentford Street	D2
Hinton Street	A2	Norris Street	A2 B2	William Street	C3
Hodges Street	D4	Novar Court	B4	Wood Street	C1 C2
Hucker Street	D2	Othello Street	B2	Yaralla Avenue	D4
Industrial Street	D1	O'Keefe Street	A3		