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SHOPPING

Brash, hedonistic Sydney has elevated shopping to a universal panacea. Feeling good? Let's go shopping. Feeling bad? Let's go shopping. The credit card bills getting you down? Let's go shopping.

Many locals see shopping as a recreational activity and in some cases as a competitive sport. We know people in well-paid jobs who scour the markets and op-shops for 'rich bitch cast-offs' to sell on eBay to supplement their income so they can shop even more.

Shopping in Sydney can be fun, frantic and frivolous, and service is generally reasonable, although travellers from the US may find it a bit laid-back at times. Sycophancy isn't the Australian way, but generally neither is snobbiness. You shouldn't face condescension if you rock into a boutique in your thongs and a singlet, but neither will you be treated like a princess just because you've splashed \$5000 on daddy's credit card.

SHOPPING AREAS

The city centre offers the broadest shopping potential, with its numerous department stores, shopping centres, malls and arcades. Paddington is the place to go for art and smart fashion, while new and secondhand boutiques around Newtown and Surry Hills cater to a hipper, more alternative crowd. Double Bay, Mosman and Balmain are a bit more 'mother of the bride'. If you're chasing bargains, head to Chinatown or the Alexandria factory outlets.

Newtown and Glebe have many of the best book and record stores. For surf gear, head to Bondi or Manly. Woollahra, Newtown (around St Peters station) and Surry Hills are good for antiques. Souvenirs – from exquisite opals to tacky T-shirts – are easily found around The Rocks, Circular Quay and Darling Harbour.

OPENING HOURS

Most stores are open from 9.30am to 6pm Monday to Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and until 9pm Thursday. Sunday trading is common but expect shorter hours, such as noon to 4pm or 5pm.

BARGAINING

Bargaining is generally frowned upon, though you could try your luck at some of the grungier markets around the city, or if you're buying in bulk. Sales are usually held in early January and July.

DUTY FREE

Apart from the 10% goods and services tax (GST) the only other sales duties remaining are on naughty things such as alcohol and tobacco, which are best bought at the airport. The GST

tourist refund scheme (see p227) has basically replaced traditional duty free shopping.

WARRANTIES & GUARANTEES

Under local law, all purchases (including secondhand) have an implied warranty that the goods are of merchantable quality (unless the customer is informed otherwise), are fit for the purpose supplied, and match the sample or description provided. If this is not the case you are legally entitled to a refund; which is all very well if you're still in the country.

Many suppliers (particularly of electrical goods) will offer written warranties (guarantees) for fixed terms. Check that they are worldwide and include service in your country of residence.

REFUNDS & EXCHANGES

Many stores have formal refund and exchange policies – you're best to check them before you purchase. If no policy exists you shouldn't presume that a refund will be allowed, except in the situation described above under warranties. That said, if you're not happy with a purchase some stores will consider exchanges, particularly if you have a receipt and haven't disturbed the packaging.

SHIPPING GOODS

There are several options if you find that a shopping frenzy has overfilled your bags. Firstly, check with your airline regarding excess baggage or unaccompanied baggage rates. It may be cheaper to post a parcel back. Enquire at any post office or check the handy country-based pull-down list on Australia Post's website (www.auspost.com.au). If you're buying

big items, such as art or cases of wine, some vendors will arrange a shipping service for a fee. There are stacks of shipping companies operating out of Sydney listed in the telephone directory (www.yellowpages.com.au).

WHAT TO BUY

Opals and Aboriginal art are two of the most popular souvenirs particular to Australia. Along with iconic Akubra hats, Drizabone coats, Blundstone boots, boomerangs and didgeridoos they say more about the outback than urban Sydney, but you won't have any problems finding them here.

Sydney has a thriving fashion scene, and a slinky summer dress or pair of Speedos won't take up much luggage space. Enquire at a CD or book store about what's hot from local bands and authors, or grab a Sydney-based movie on DVD. Hunter Valley wine makes a great gift – check your country's duty free allowance before buying a case.

If you're after a more substantial purchase, check out the many galleries featuring local artists – indigenous or otherwise.

THE ROCKS & CIRCULAR QUAY

Not a place that locals would ever choose for a shopping spree, this neighbourhood caters mainly to wealthy-tourist tastes. It's not a bad spot for opal hunting, duty-free shopping and tacky souvenirs; explore around George St and the Quay itself.

As well as the stores following there's a Herringbone (p129) branch at 7 Macquarie Pl.

PUPPET SHOP AT THE ROCKS

Map p54 **Children's**
% 9247 9137; 77 George St, The Rocks; h 10am-5pm; c Circular Quay
Both fascinating and a little creepy, all manner of stringed things and bizarre, jointed toys dangle from the ceiling of this wonderful underground treasure chest. Kids love this shop, as do grown-ups who haven't watched too many horror movies about killer mannequins.

AUSTRALIAN WINE CENTRE

Map p54 **Food & Drink**
% 9247 2755; Goldfields House, 1 Alfred St, Circular Quay; h 9.30am-6.30pm Mon-Sat, 11am-5pm Sun; c Circular Quay

If you don't make it to the Hunter Valley, this place offers a cellar-door experience in the heart of the city – with wines available for tasting. You'll find wines from every Australian and New Zealand wine-growing region, which the centre will package and deliver to your door.

DONE ART & DESIGN

Map p54 **Souvenirs**
% 9251 6099; 125 George St, The Rocks; h 10am-6pm; c Circular Quay
Ken Done's bright, cartoonish Matisse-on-Prozac images adorn T-shirts, shorts, towels, bathing suits, robes, dresses and any other kind of resort item you can think of. For more, check out his nearby gallery (p56) or the outlet store in Market City (p126).

CITY CENTRE

Sydneysiders head city-ward if they've got something special to buy or when serious retail therapy is required. The central city's diverse range of mainly upmarket stores – centred on Pitt St Mall, Market St and George St – offers plenty of choice for gifts and treats.

There are also branches of Dirt Cheap CDs (p132) and Herringbone (p129) in the centre.

DYMOCKS

Map pp62-3 **Books**
% 9235 0155; 424 George St; h 8.30am-6.30pm Mon-Wed & Fri, 8.30am-9pm Thu, 9am-6pm Sat, 10am-5.30pm Sun; c St James
This huge bookstore has more than 250,000 titles spread over three floors; look for the Lonely Planet aisle! Great for almost any book you might be after, plus there's a café. There are several other branches around the city.

KINOKUNIYA

Map pp62-3 **Books**
% 9262 7996; level 2, 500 George St; h 10am-7pm Mon-Wed, Fri & Sat, 10am-9pm Thu, 10am-6pm Sun; c Town Hall
Located in the Galleries Victoria, this large Japanese bookstore has great art, design, travel and children's sections, as well as plenty of magazines, stationery and Japanese language titles.

RM WILLIAMS

Map pp62-3 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9262 2228; 389 George St; h 8.30am-6pm Mon-Wed & Fri, 8.30am-9pm Thu, 9am-5pm Sat, 11am-5pm Sun; c St James
This long-established manufacturer and distributor of Aussie outdoor gear – such as

TO MARKET, TO MARKET

Sydney's markets offer a fun way to shop, and the wide range of goods available will suit a variety of tastes and budgets. While some are quite touristy, others have a distinct local vibe – running the gamut from groovy to snooty.

Balmain Markets (Map pp100–1; % 0418 765 736; St Andrew's Church, 223 Darling St, Balmain; h 8.30am–4pm Sat; g 433 & 434) This small local market offers high-quality creative crafts such as handmade candles, soaps, funky jewellery, exotic textiles, artwork and used clothing and books. The feel is friendly, social and low-key, and there are some great Asian food stalls to try.

Bondi Markets (Map pp94–5; % 9315 8988; Bondi Beach Public School, cnr Campbell Pde & Warners Ave, Bondi; h 10am–5pm Sun; g 380) Sitting across from the beach at the northern end of Campbell Pde, this small market is good for hip clothing, exotic imports, jewellery, fashion accessories, knick-knacks and skimpily-dressed-people watching.

Entertainment Quarter (Map pp84–5; % 9383 4333; www.entertainmentquarter.com.au; 122 Lang Rd, Moore Park; g 339) The Farmers' Market (h 10am–3.30pm Wed & Sat) has loads of fine regional produce including delicious cheese and yoghurt, while the craft-based Merchandise Market (h 10am–5pm Sun) covers similar bases to The Rocks Market (see below).

Glebe Markets (Map pp100–1; % 4237 7499; Glebe Public School, cnr Glebe Point Rd & Derby Pl, Glebe; h 10am–4pm Sat; g 431–4) This large and slightly grungy market hawks a wide assortment of books, records, vintage clothes, glassware, leather goods, herbal teas, hippie crafts, oddities and curios. It takes over the neighbourhood on Saturdays, so crowds will be heavy everywhere.

Kirribilli Markets (Map p108; % 9922 4428; Bradfield Park, Milsons Point; h 7am–3pm 4th Sat every month; d Milsons Point) A wonderful monthly market offering everything from vintage clothes to real (and faux) antiques to kids' gear to all kinds of jewellery. Plenty of exotic foods too, and a great lively atmosphere.

Paddington Markets (Map pp84–5; % 9331 2923; www.paddingtonmarkets.com.au; St John's Church, 395 Oxford St, Paddington; h 10am–4pm Sat; g 380) Very popular, upmarket and pricey, with vintage clothing, creative crafts, beautiful jewellery, tasty food and holistic treatments. Some fledgling designers get their start here.

Paddy's Markets (Map p72; % 1300 361 589; www.paddysmarkets.com.au; 9–13 Hay St, Haymarket; h 9am–5pm Thu–Sun; d Central) This Sydney institution is a great place to find cheap souvenirs, clothing, wigs, electronics, sheepskin rugs, cosmetics, mobile phone covers and plenty of knick-knacks. In the basement there's a good selection of fresh fruit, vegetables and seafood.

The Rocks Market (Map p54; % 9240 8717; www.therocksmarket.com; George St, The Rocks; h 10am–5pm Sat & Sun; d Circular Quay) At the top end of George St, this market is definitely on the touristy side but still fun for a browse. Crafts made of metal, ceramic, stone, leather and glass abound, along with souvenirs. It's close to many pubs and cafés, so your non-shopping partner can sit, drink and wait it out.

Rozelle Markets (Map pp100–1; % 9818 5373; www.rozellemarkets.com.au; cnr Darling & National Sts, Rozelle; h 9am–4pm Sat & Sun; g 432–4) This is one of Sydney's best markets for bargain hunters, and you're unlikely to run into fellow tourists. Hippie jewellery, recycled clothes, plants, books, knick-knacks, live folk music, palm readings, exotic food stalls and some basic junk can be sifted through. It's lots of fun.

Surry Hills Markets (Map pp90–1; % 9310 2888; Shannon Reserve, Crown St, Surry Hills; h 9am–4pm first Sat every month; d Central) There's a lively community feeling with mainly locals renting stalls to sell/recycle their old stuff – clothes, CDs, books and bric-a-brac. Some good bargains to be had.

drought-breakers (oilskin riding coats) and moleskin trousers – attracts every urban cowboy and cowgirl within the city limits. One of the best sellers is the classic elastic-sided boot, which is nothing less than an Aussie icon.

STRAND HATTERS

Map pp62–3 Clothing & Accessories
% 9231 6884; Strand Arcade, 412 George St;
h 9am–6pm Mon–Wed & Fri, 9am–8pm Thu,
9.30am–4pm Sat, 11am–4pm Sun; d St James

Wearing a hat to protect oneself from the sun is a good idea in this country – wearing the iconic rabbit-felt Akubra (around \$155) will ensure you'll look like you came straight from the outback.

DAVID JONES

Map pp62–3 Department Store
% 9266 5544; cnr Elizabeth & Market Sts;
h 9.30am–6pm Mon–Wed & Fri, 9.30am–9pm Thu,
9am–6pm Sat, 10am–6pm Sun; d St James
Bright and sparkling, this is considered the city's premier department store, straddling

two diagonally-opposite buildings. The one on the corner of Castlereagh and Market Sts has menswear, homewares and electrical goods, along with a luxury food hall. The Elizabeth St store sells women's and children's goods. David Jones also takes up a sizeable chunk of **Westfield Bondi Junction** (p132).

MYER

Map pp62–3 Department Store
% 9238 9000; 436 George St, City; h 9am–6pm
Mon–Wed & Sat, 9am–9pm Thu, 9am–7pm Thu,
10am–6pm Sun; d St James

At seven storeys, Myer (ex-Grace Bros) is one of Sydney's largest stores and a prime venue for after-Christmas sales. It's marginally less swanky than David Jones, but you'll still find plenty of high-quality goods, along with slick cafés when you tire of lugging those bags. More branches in the suburbs, including **Westfield Bondi Junction** (p132).

RED EYE RECORDS

Map pp62–3 Music
% 9299 4233; 66 King St; h 9am–6pm Mon–Wed
& Fri, 9am–9pm Thu, 9am–5pm Sat, 11am–5pm Sun;
d Wynyard

A great store for music junkies, the large and unusual stock covers Japanese, European and US imports along with Australian artists and plenty of independent releases. A secondhand section upstairs includes collectable CDs, DVDs, vinyl, books and posters. Knowledgeable staff will take orders for the hard-to-find.

CHIFLEY PLAZA

Map pp62–3 Shopping Centre
% 9221 6111; 2 Chifley Sq; h 9.30am–6pm
Mon–Fri, 9.30am–4pm Sat; d Martin Place

For many Sydneysiders, luxury shopping starts and ends at the base of Sydney's tallest office block, where overseas name brands compete with **Leona Edmiston** (p127), **Herringbone** (p129), **Oxford** (p131) and **RM Williams** (p123).

QUEEN VICTORIA BUILDING

Map pp62–3 Shopping Centre
QVB; % 9264 9209; www.qvb.com.au; 455 George St; h 9am–6pm Mon–Wed & Fri & Sat, 9am–9pm Thu, 11am–5pm Sun; d Town Hall

The magnificent **QVB** (also p68) takes up a whole block and boasts nearly 200 shops on five levels. It's the city's most beautiful shopping centre, with tenants including **Herringbone** (p129), **Oxford** (p131) and **Victoria's Basement** (p131).

STRAND ARCADE Map pp62–3 Shopping Centre
% 9232 4199; enter Pitt St Mall or 412 George St;
h 9.30am–5.30pm Mon–Wed & Fri, 9.30am–8pm
Thu, 9am–4pm Sat, 11am–4pm Sun; d St James
With its stained-glass windows, iron-lace-work balconies and three floors of boutique shops this quirky shopping centre makes for a truly atmospheric splurge. Shops here include Lisa Ho, **Leona Edmiston** (p127), Third Millennium, Hussy and **Dinosaur Designs** (p128), among others. Built in 1892, this is the city's only Victorian arcade to survive in its original form.

DARLING HARBOUR & CHINATOWN

Shopping is one of Chinatown's big drawcards, with plenty of bargains to be had of the 'Made in China/Taiwan/Korea' type. The insane buzz of the markets is half the fun. Darling Harbour's a bit like The Rocks – a good place for traditional touristy stuff like opals and souvenirs, otherwise forget it.

AUSTRALIA'S OUTBACK GALLERY

Map p72 Art, Souvenirs
% 9283 7477; www.outbackgallery.com.au;
28 Darling Walk, 1–25 Harbour St, Darling Harbour;
h 10am–6pm; d Town Hall

Part of the **Outback Centre** (p73), this excellent gallery features a mix of collectable and emerging Aboriginal artists, meaning you might find a small canvas for \$135 or a large piece by a well-known artist for up to \$13,000. For a cheaper memento you can always grab a fluffy koala next door.

GAVALA ABORIGINAL ART CENTRE

Map p72 Art, Souvenirs
% 9212 7232; Harbourside, Darling Harbour;
h 10am–9pm; MLR Convention
Proudly proclaiming itself as Sydney's only Aboriginal-owned retail centre and gallery, this is a great place to source everything from a T-shirt to a bark painting, a boomerang or an Aboriginal flag.

BLACK RIDGE JEWELLERS

Map p72 Jewellery
% 9281 5140; Harbourside, Darling Harbour;
h 10am–9pm; MLR Convention
Australia produces 95% of the world's opals and NSW 99% of black opals, so in many ways these radiant sparklers are the perfect

Sydney souvenir – even if they are a bit nana-ish. All of Sydney's tourist traps have opal shops. We like this one for its delightfully tacky mineshaft entrance.

MARKET CITY Map p72 Shopping Centre

☎ 9212 1388; 9-13 Hay St, Haymarket; 𠄎 stores 10am-7pm Fri-Wed, 10am-8pm Thu, centre 10am-late; 𠄎 Central

This mammoth shopping centre includes [Paddy's Markets \(p124\)](#), a big food court, heaps of fashion outlet stores, Chinese cinemas and video-game parlours. Shops include [Done Art & Design \(p123\)](#), [Bracewell \(p130\)](#) and [Oxford \(p131\)](#).

DARLINGHURST TO POTTS POINT

The most established shopping strip in this part of town is probably the row of adult shops lining Kings Cross. There are a few gay-oriented businesses in Oxford St, Darlinghurst (see also [p183](#)), some of which have crossover appeal for the inner-city club crowd. A smattering of secondhand stores and established art galleries dot the back streets.

MARTIN BROWNE FINE ART

Map p78 Art

☎ 9331 7997; [www.martinbrownefineart.com](#); 59 Macleay St, Potts Point; 𠄎 11am-6pm Tue-Sun; 𠄎 311

The clientele may be more bourgeois than bohemian, but it's nice that there's still art in the famous [Yellow House \(p81\)](#). Focussing on the contemporary, Browne represents several prominent Australian and international artists.

ROBIN GIBSON GALLERY Map p78 Art

☎ 9331 6692; [www.robingibson.net](#); 278 Liverpool St, Darlinghurst; 𠄎 10am-6pm Tue-Sat; 𠄎 311
Housed in a beautiful three-storey terrace, this gallery represents a coterie of Australian artists, but also stages the occasional exhibition by superstars like Hockney and Picasso.

BLUE SPINACH

Map p78 Clothing & Accessories

☎ 9331 3904; 348 Liverpool St, Darlinghurst; 𠄎 10am-6pm Mon-Wed & Fri & Sat, 10am-7pm Thu; 𠄎 Kings Cross

Consignment clothing at its most high-end, with penny-pinching label-lovers – both men

and women – flocking to this shockingly blue corner shop to source secondhand designer duds (think YSL, Gucci and Collette Dinnigan) at (relatively) bargain prices.

HOUSE OF PRISCILLA

Map p78 Clothing & Accessories

☎ 9286 3023; level 1, 47 Oxford St, Darlinghurst; 𠄎 10am-6pm Mon-Wed & Fri & Sat, 10am-7pm Thu; 𠄎 Museum

Not only is Priscilla the queen of the desert, she also has her own boutique – not bad for a cinematic bus. Run by some of the city's leading drag artistes, Priscilla is the place for feathered angel wings and boas, naughty nurse outfits, wigs, thigh-high boots and sequinned frocks to fit front-row forwards. Very camp women also welcome.

KOOKABURRA KIOSK

Map p78 Clothing & Accessories

☎ 9380 5509; 112A Burton St, Darlinghurst; 𠄎 11am-6pm; 𠄎 311

This small, long-running secondhand clothing store has some fab finds from the fashion archives. It concentrates on unique vintage pieces and manages to avoid that fabric-explosion atmosphere that plagues so many similar shops. Sort through the sale racks out the front for bargains.

SAX FETISH

Map p78 Clothing & Accessories

☎ 9331 6105; 110A Oxford St, Darlinghurst; 𠄎 noon-6pm Sun-Mon, 11am-7pm Tue-Wed & Fri, 11am-8pm Thu, 11am-6pm Sat; 𠄎 Museum

Sax addicts come from all over the world for the high-quality leather- and rubber-wear at the black heart of this shop. Both men and women are catered for, and the 'accessories' range goes a little further than your standard shoes and handbags. Cuff-links and ties have quite a different meaning here.

top picks

SOUVENIRS & GIFTS

- Gavalá Aboriginal Art Centre (p125)
- Paddy's Market (p124)
- Outback Centre (p73)
- Strand Hatters (p124)
- Australian Wine Centre (p123)

CENTRAL STATION Map p78 Music

☎ 9361 5222; 46a Oxford St, Darlinghurst; 𠄎 10am-6pm Mon & Sat, 10am-7pm Tue-Wed & Fri, 10am-9pm Thu, noon-5pm Sun; 𠄎 Museum
You'll hear this store before you see it – the pumping beats lead down a long corridor to this temple to dance music. You can buy everything from slamming compilation CDs to technical DJ gear, and there's a self-contained hip-hop store onsite. Ask at the counter about upcoming events and party tickets.

PADDINGTON TO DOUBLE BAY

As well as encompassing two of Sydney's premier shopping strips in Oxford St, Paddington (fashion, homewares) and Queen St, Woolahra (antiques, fashion), this neighbourhood is known for its numerous commercial galleries and Double Bay's overpriced boutiques.

You can also find branches of Berkelouw Books (p134), Gertrude & Alice (p131), Oxford (p131) and Bracewell (p130).

PADDINGTON HOGARTH GALLERIES ABORIGINAL ART CENTRE

Map pp84-5 Art

☎ 9360 6839; [www.aboriginalartcentres.com](#); 7 Walker Lane, Paddington; 𠄎 10am-5pm Tue-Sat; 𠄎 380

This hard-to-find gallery has been exhibiting Aboriginal work from all over Australia since 1972. A wide range of art (bark and canvas paintings, weavings, carvings) is on display, including works by young artists Lisa Michl, Rosella Namok and Fiona Omeeny. From Oxford St take Shadforth Rd, turn right onto Walker Lane and right again to enter from the side lane.

ROSLYN OXLEY9 GALLERY

Map pp84-5 Art

☎ 9331 1919; [www.roslynoxley9.com.au](#); 8 Soudan Lane, Paddington; 𠄎 10am-6pm Tue-Fri, 11am-6pm Sat; 𠄎 389

For 25 years this high-powered commercial gallery has showcased innovative contemporary work, representing artists such as Tracey Moffatt, Fiona Hall, Bronwyn Oliver and Bill Henson. It's great for a nosy even if you're not crazy-wealthy.

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ART

- Martin Browne Fine Art (opposite)
- Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery (left)
- Stills Gallery (below)
- Hogarth Galleries Aboriginal Art Centre (left)
- 2 Danks St (p130)

STILLS GALLERY Map pp84-5 Art

☎ 9331 7775; [www.stillsgallery.com.au](#); 36 Gosbell St, Paddington; 𠄎 11am-6pm Tue-Sat; 𠄎 389

This large gallery is a brilliant place for a gander at cutting-edge photography. It represents a swag of internationally recognised photographers, including William Yang, Anne Noble and Sandy Edwards.

ARIEL Map pp84-5 Books

☎ 9332 4581; 42 Oxford St, Paddington; 𠄎 9am-midnight; 𠄎 380

Ariel focuses on art and design books, with plenty of temptation for those planning on weighing down the coffee table with the biggest and best. Fiction and travel are well represented and there's plenty for kids too.

COLLETTE DINNIGAN

Map pp84-5 Clothing & Accessories

☎ 9360 6691; [www.colletedinnigan.com](#); 33 William St, Paddington; 𠄎 10am-6pm Mon-Sat, noon-5pm Sun; 𠄎 380

Dinnigan is one of Australia's most successful international designers, and this sugar-coated boudoir of a shop shows why. Her wonderfully slinky designs include beautiful, intricately hand-beaded evening dresses, all made in Sydney. And it's not just for size-6-wearing models, either – real women can enjoy her creations as well.

LEONA EDMISTON

Map pp84-5 Clothing & Accessories

☎ 9331 7033; [www.leonaedmiston.com](#); 88 William St, Paddington; 𠄎 10am-6pm Mon-Wed & Fri, 10am-8pm Thu, 10am-5.30pm Sat, noon-5pm Sun; 𠄎 380

Leona Edmiston knows what women fancy in a frock, whether of the little and black variety, whimsically floral or all-out sexy. A line of accessories includes heels and handbags, with exotic Asian fabrics thrown in for

CLOTHING SIZES

Women's clothing

Aus/UK	8	10	12	14	16	18
Europe	36	38	40	42	44	46
Japan	5	7	9	11	13	15
USA	6	8	10	12	14	16

Women's shoes

Aus/USA	5	6	7	8	9	10
Europe	35	36	37	38	39	40
France only	35	36	38	39	40	42
Japan	22	23	24	25	26	27
UK	3½	4½	5½	6½	7½	8½

Men's clothing

Aus	92	96	100	104	108	112
Europe	46	48	50	52	54	56
Japan	S		M	M		L
UK/USA	35	36	37	38	39	40

Men's shirts (collar sizes)

Aus/Japan	38	39	40	41	42	43
Europe	38	39	40	41	42	43
UK/USA	15	15½	16	16½	17	17½

Men's shoes

Aus/UK	7	8	9	10	11	12
Europe	41	42	43	44½	46	47
Japan	26	27	27½	28	29	30
USA	7½	8½	9½	10½	11½	12½

Measurements approximate only, try before you buy

patterns and fabrics and very hip boots and bags. There's also a branch at 312 King St, Newtown.

SASS & BIDE Map pp84–5 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9360 3900; www.sassandbide.com; 132 Oxford St, Paddington; h 10am–6pm Mon–Wed & Fri & Sat, 10am–8pm Thu, 11am–5pm Sun; g 380
Brisbane's Heidi Middleton and Sarah-Jane Clarke got their start with a stall on London's Portobello Rd before heading to Sydney in 1999 and starting the label that has made them international fashion stars. Come here for sassy super-low-cut women's jeans, body-hugging jackets and minidresses.

SCANLAN & THEODORE

Map pp84–5 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9380 9388; 122 Oxford St, Paddington; h 10am–6pm Mon–Wed & Fri, 10am–8pm Thu, 10am–5.30pm Sat, noon–5pm Sun; g 380
Scanlan & Theodore excel at beautifully made and finely silhouetted women's out-fits for the evening or the office. Plenty of sophisticated patterns and colours complement fabrics you just can't help but fondle.

CAMBODIA HOUSE

Map pp84–5 **Clothing & Accessories, Homewares**
% 9332 1101; 445 Oxford St, Paddington; h 9.30am–5.30pm Mon–Fri, 9.30am–5pm Sat, 11am–5pm Sun; g 380
Consumerism with a conscience, this not-for-profit store has a cool collection of Khmer arts and crafts, including hand-loomed silks made into handbags, scarves and bedding. You'll also find nifty lanterns, candles, tableware and carved statues.

DINOSAUR DESIGNS

Map pp84–5 **Jewellery, Homewares**
% 9361 3776; 339 Oxford St, Paddington; h 10am–6pm Mon–Sat, noon–5pm Sun; g 380
If the Flintstones opened a store, this is what it would look like. Oversized, colourful and chunky resin jewellery competes with vibrantly coloured home accessories (such as salad bowls and vases) that prove your urban coolness. Also in **Strand Arcade** (p125).

WOOLLAHRA
AKIRA ISOGAWA

Map pp84–5 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9361 5221; 12A Queen St, Woollahra; h 10.30am–6pm Mon–Wed & Fri, 10.30am–7pm Thu, 10am–6pm Sat, 11am–4pm Sun; g 380

One of Sydney's most famous designers, Akira Isogawa creates fastidiously crafted dresses (some utilising his own dyeing techniques) which are masterpieces of feminine geometry worthy of a modern art collection. If you can afford his pieces, you'll be sure to attract some attention.

HERRINGBONE

Map pp84–5 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9327 6470; 102 Queen St, Woollahra; h 10am–6pm Mon–Wed & Fri, 10am–7.30pm Thu, 9am–6pm Sat, 11am–5pm Sun; g 389
Combining Australian design with Italian woven fabrics, Herringbone produces something surprisingly English-looking – beautiful men's and women's shirts with crisp collars and bright colours. City branches are at **7 Macquarie Pl, QVB** (p125), **Chifley Plaza** (p125) and **1 Martin Place** (p65).

ORSON & BLAKE

Map pp84–5 **Clothing & Accessories, Homewares**
% 9326 1155; 85 Queen St, Woollahra; h 9.30am–5.30pm Mon–Wed & Fri & Sat, 9.30am–6pm Thu, noon–5pm Sun
Sydney's most stylish spot to source homewares, with something for the bath (glorious lotions, soaps, towels), bedroom (sheets, robes, pillows) and backyard (statues, urns, pots). Also stuffed bunnies, scented candles and exotic furniture, along with a whole women's fashion collection upstairs. The branch at 483 Riley St, Surry Hills offers a café, more furniture, men's threads and crazy books.

SIMON JOHNSON Map pp84–5 **Food & Drink**

% 9328 6888; 55 Queen St, Woollahra; h 10am–6.30pm Mon–Fri, 9am–5.30pm Sat, 10am–4.30pm Sun; g 389
Stock up your high-class picnic hamper at this gourmet wonderland. You'll find the

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WOMEN'S FASHION

- Sass & Bide (opposite)
- Leona Edmiston (p127)
- Scanlan & Theodore (opposite)
- Wheels & Doll Baby (p130)
- One Teaspoon (p131)

tastiest olives, creamiest Belgian chocolates and crispiest English biscuits, along with a great selection of imported olive oil and vinegar. The refrigerated case holds imported *prosciutto*, salami, and cheeses. The **Pymont store** (181 Harris St) hosts **cooking seminars** (p139).

SURRY HILLS TO ALEXANDRIA

Just as this area's restaurants have taken off, so too have its boutiques. The bottom end of Crown St has some great vintage stores, while local designers have a low-key presence throughout Surry Hills. Alexandria's factory shops attract busloads of Gold Coast shoppers every weekend.

Orson & Blake (left) also has a branch here.

SURRY HILLS
SYDNEY ANTIQUE CENTRE

Map pp90–1 **Antiques**
% 9361 3244; 531 South Dowling St; h 10am–6pm; g 301-3
The Paddy's Market of antiques, this large red-and-black building houses dozens of individual stallholders selling everything from jewellery to furniture, ancient artefacts to vintage posters and homewares.

C'S FLASHBACK

Map pp90–1 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9331 7833; 316 Crown St; h 10am–6pm Mon–Wed & Fri & Sat, 10am–9pm Thu, 11am–5.30pm Sun; g 380
Looking for a mad secondhand sequinned or beaded number for a party? How about a groovy cowboy shirt? We're not sure exactly what C was on, but her flashback is pretty damn camp. This secondhand store sells both men's and women's threads. There's another branch at 180 King St, Newtown.

GRANDMA TAKES A TRIP

Map pp90–1 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9356 3322; 263 Crown St; h 10am–6pm Mon–Wed & Fri & Sat, 10am–8pm Thu, noon–5pm Sun; g 380
We don't know where Granny's gone, but she sure left a crazy wardrobe behind her. So did Grandpa by the looks of things. This upmarket secondhand boutique has an attention-grabbing collection of freaky threads. Also at 79 Gould St, Bondi Beach.

good measure. Also at **Chifley Plaza** (p125) and **Westfield Bondi Junction** (p132).

MORRISSEY Map pp84–5 **Clothing & Accessories**

% 9380 7422; 372 Oxford St, Paddington; h 10am–6pm Mon–Wed & Fri, 10am–8pm Thu, 10am–5.30pm Sat, noon–5pm Sun; g 380
One of Sydney's most recognised fashion identities, Peter Morrissey brings classic style and simplicity with a touch of sexy sparkle to his men's and women's ranges. Also at **Westfield Bondi Junction** (p132).

QUICK BROWN FOX

Map pp84–5 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9331 3211; 100 Oxford St, Paddington; h 10am–6pm Mon–Wed & Fri & Sat, 10am–8pm Thu, noon–5pm Sun; g 380
No lazy dogs here, that's for sure, but plenty of fast-looking, tanned vixens snapping up a range of funky vintage fashions that veer between Hello-Kitty-cuteness and indecent-exposure-sexiness. Catchy

HELIX Map pp90–1 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9319 1599; 595 Bourke St; h 11am–6pm
Mon–Wed & Fri, 11am–8pm Thu, 10am–6pm Sat;
g 301-3

A magical Pandora's Box of vintage beads and unique local women's fashion awaits in this backstreet boutique. Everything's produced locally in Surry Hills and you needn't worry about some scrag showing up in the same frock; only a handful of each design is produced. Lead designer Lisa Stack hand-makes her own silk screens.

MR STINKY Map pp90–1 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9310 7005; 482 Cleveland St; h noon–6pm
Mon–Wed & Fri, noon–7pm Thu, 11am–5pm Sat;
g 301-3

The Stinkmeister deals in groovy vintage gear for cool dudes and saucy babes. The range is wide, the prices reasonable, and the staff friendly and helpful – with no discernable odour.

NICK BROWN
Map pp90–1 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9360 7334; 397 Bourke St; h 11am–6pm
Mon–Wed & Fri, 11am–8pm Thu, 10am–6pm Sat; g 380

If women have little black dresses as their essential fashion item, the men's equivalent should be the crisp cotton shirt. A new Nick Brown short-sleeve may well be the perfect accompaniment to a Sydney summer. He even does made-to-measure to perfectly showcase that worked-out torso.

PENNY ARCADE
Map pp90–1 **Clothing & Accessories, Furniture**
% 9281 8830; 15 Foster St; h 10am–5.30pm
Mon–Fri, 10am–3pm Sat; d Central

This unusual concept store from well-known Sydney designer Michael Bracewell brings together his own label and vintage women's clothes he's sourced from Paris and London.

top picks

VINTAGE CLOTHING

- C's Flashback (p129)
- Grandma Takes a Trip (p129)
- Mr Stinky (above)
- Penny Arcade (above)
- Frolic (p133)

It then adds to the mix a funky collection of retro furniture, particularly sought-after Danish and Australian pieces. You'll find straight-up Bracewell stores at **Westfield Bondi Junction** (p132) and 274 Oxford St, Paddington, and a factory outlet in **Market City** (p126).

WHEELS & DOLL BABY
Map pp90–1 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9361 3286; 259 Crown St, Surry Hills; h 10am–6pm
Mon–Wed & Fri & Sat, 10am–8pm Thu, noon–5pm Sun; g 380

This boutique is rock chick, posh punk or Parisian scruff (your choice), and a great place to snag an upmarket girly-girl costume. Join Deborah Harry and own a piece of this action, whether it be a polka-dot skirt, floral spaghetti-strap dress, Victorian corset or baby-doll T-shirt. Male rockers will have to settle for T-shirts.

WATERLOO
2 DANKS STREET Map pp90–1 **Art, Jewellery**
% 9361 4555; 2 Danks St; h 11am–6pm Tue–Sat;
g 301-303

If you're after a more significant purchase as a memento of your Sydney visit, this large space houses nine separate contemporary art galleries and an antiques store. The jewellery may be slightly easier to pack than a 3m steel sculpture or a large Aboriginal painting.

DARREN KNIGHT GALLERY
Map pp90–1 **Art, Jewellery**
% 9699 5353; www.darrenknightgallery.com;
840 Elizabeth St; h 11am–6pm Tue–Sat; d Green Square

This little off-the-beaten-track gallery showcases established and up-and-coming artists from Australia and New Zealand – including Ricky Swallow, whose work hangs in New York's MOMA and the National Gallery of Australia.

ALEXANDRIA
IRREGULAR JEANS WAREHOUSE
Map pp90–1 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9550 3588; 33-49 Euston Rd; h 9.30am–5.30pm
Mon–Sat, 10am–5pm Sun; g 370

Just as it sounds, this large factory outlet has trestle tables and racks laden down with denim and more, from brands big and small. You'll also find shirts, skirts, jackets and accessories.

OXFORD Map pp90–1 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9318 1718; 141-143 McEvoy St; h 9am–5.30pm
Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm Sat, 10am–5pm Sun; g 355
Another bargain store from a big local brand, Oxford is best known for reasonably priced but stylish menswear, although it has now launched a women's range. Think business to smart casual, including well-tailored shirts, suits and ties. For its latest range head to 246 Oxford St, Paddington or the city stores in **QVB** (p125) and **Chifley Plaza** (p125).

SEAFOLLY Map pp90–1 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9690 1955; 111-117 McEvoy St; h 9am–5pm
Mon–Sat, 11am–4pm Sun; g 355
Here's where the famous Aussie women's swimwear label sells its seconds, samples and discontinued lines. As well as battling over bikinis there are sarong, boardshort and tracksuit bargains to be had.

SHOES 2000
Map pp90–1 **Clothing & Accessories, Homewares, Perfume**
% 9698 1092; 135-139 McEvoy St; h 9am–5.30pm
Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm Sat, 10am–5pm Sun; g 355
The biggest of the lot, Shoes 2000 off-loads a large range of men's and women's branded footwear, including iconic Aussie boot brands Blundstone, Redback and Mack – along with some big name imports. This giant warehouse incorporates three other factory outlets: Perfumes On The Move, POTM Clothing and Linen One.

VICTORIA'S BASEMENT
Map pp90–1 **Homewares**
% 9557 1954; cnr Euston Rd & Harley St; h 10am–5pm; g 370

This large warehouse is packed to the rafters with high-quality kitchen and tableware at bargain-basement prices. It's the best place to come for wedding or house-warming gifts. Despite banning shopping tour buses it's always frantic on the weekends. You'll find its full-price outlet in the **QVB** (p125).

BONDI TO COOGEE
You'll still find surf shops galore, but as Bondi Beach has gentrified it has attracted its own set of big-name local designers, mainly based around Gould St. Up in Bondi Junction, serious shoppers from all over the city flock to the giant mall.

There are branches of Grandma Takes a Trip (p129) and Kirrily Stores (p134) here, too.

GERTRUDE & ALICE Map pp94–5 **Books**
% 9130 5155; 46A Hall St, Bondi; h 9am–11pm;
g 389
This secondhand bookstore offers good-quality beach-reading tomes and a wonderfully casual atmosphere. The café makes hanging out easy and there are regular poetry and acoustic music sets upstairs. There's another branch at 78 Oxford St, Paddington.

KITE POWER Map pp94–5 **Children's**
% 9315 7894; 126 Beach St, Coogee; h 9.30am–5.30pm; g 372-3
Whether you're a kid or just a kid at heart, if you're looking for beach entertainment this is the place to come. This small shop is chock-full of beach balls, Frisbees, boomerangs, smashball racquets, hula hoops, juggling paraphernalia, games and, of course, lots of kites. Test your purchases in the nearby grassy reserve.

100% MAMBO
Map pp94–5 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9365 2255; 80 Campbell Pde, Bondi; h 9.30am–6.30pm Fri–Wed, 9.30am–7pm Thu;
g 380
Bold, off-the-wall, comic-bookish graphics adorn street-, skate- and surfwear for men and women at this popular store. Mambo artist and musician Reg Mombasa is a local legend – he even designed the shirts for the Australian Olympic team in 2000. Expect a wide range of goodies (including watches, backpacks and coffee-table books). Also at 80 the Corso, Manly.

BANG-ON Map pp94–5 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9386 1231; Westfield Bondi Junction; h 10am–6pm
Mon–Wed & Fri, 10am–9pm Thu, 10am–7pm Sat & Sun; d Bondi Junction
Our favourite custom T-shirt place, Bang-On has an extensive range of supercool decals to print on non-sweatshop American Apparel tees. You'll find everything from obscure 1970s album covers to your favourite socialist icons and David Hasselhoff prints.

ONE TEASPOON SHOP
Map pp94–5 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 9365 1290; www.oneteaspoon.com.au; 86
Gould St, Bondi; h 10am–6pm Fri–Wed, 10am–7pm
Thu; g 380
Rising star Sydney designer Jamie Blakey has her young women's streetwear range in

David Jones and Harrods, but this concept store gives her space all of her own to show off her cleavage-revealing dresses, as well as bikinis, belts and shoes.

TUCHUZY

Map pp94-5 Clothing & Accessories
% 9365 5371; 90 Gould St, Bondi; h 9am-6pm Mon-Wed & Fri & Sat, 9am-7pm Thu, 10am-6pm Sun; g 380
Tuchuzy stocks an edgy collection of local and imported labels for budding male or female rock stars, including *Sass & Bide* (p128), Karen Walker, Rock Stars & Angels and American Apparel. They have flashy accessories and contemporary vintage selections as well. If you've been wondering where you'll find your baby's first Che Guevara T-shirt, look no further.

DIRT CHEAP CDS

Map pp94-5 Music
% 9365 5222; 180 Campbell Pde, Bondi; h 10am-7pm Sun-Thu, 10am-10pm Fri & Sat; g 389
Missing that hard-to-find fifth Flaming Lips CD, or has your LP of Rolling Stones' *Goat's Head Soup* finally given up the ghost? This is the place for brand new back-catalogue CDs, most priced around \$10. There's also a branch at 238 Pitt St in the city.

WESTFIELD BONDI JUNCTION

Map pp94-5 Shopping Centre
% 9947 8000; 500 Oxford St, Bondi Junction; h 10am-6pm Mon-Wed & Fri, 10am-9pm Thu, 10am-7pm Sat & Sun; c Bondi Junction
Vast. That's the only word to describe Australia's flashiest shopping mall. Expect to get lost; the space-time continuum does funny things as you wander around the 438 stores spread over six levels in two interlinking buildings straddling Oxford St. It's even worse in the maze-like underground car park.

Its leading-edge store design showcases some of Australia's biggest names in fashion including *Morrissey* (p128), *Bracewell* (p130), *Leona Edmiston* (p127) alongside the big international brands (Hugo Boss, Armani, Versace). Australia's two big department stores – *Myer* (p125) and *David Jones* (p124) – do battle, as do the two main supermarkets (Coles and Woolworths). There's plenty of opportunity for daddy daycare in the form of TV screens, plush couches, cinemas and bars. The food court puts all others to shame.

INNER WEST

Newtown and Glebe are the places to look for anything punky, alternative, Socialist, greenie, intellectual or in shades of black. King St has an interesting collection of boutiques, second-hand stores and (along with Glebe Point Rd) the city's best bookstores. There are now enough homeware shops to strike the fear of gentrification into the hearts of long-term residents.

There are also branches of Simon Johnson (p129), Quick Brown Fox (p128) and C's Flashback (p129) to be found here.

NEWTOWN & ERSKINEVILLE NEWTOWN OLD WARES

Map pp100-1 Antiques
% 9519 6705; 439 King St, Newtown; h 11am-5pm Tue, 10am-5pm Wed-Sat, 11am-4pm Sun; c Newtown
Yearning for a vintage Cilla Black poster? This funky antique store is home to much that's cool and kitsch from 'deco to disco'. There are old transistor radios, TV sets and telephones as well as groovy furniture, lamps and knick-knacks. It's a great shop to potter about in.

BETTER READ THAN DEAD

Map pp100-1 Books
% 9557 8700; 265 King St, Newtown; h 9.30am-9pm Mon-Thu, 9.30am-10pm Fri & Sat; c Newtown
This is our favourite Sydney bookshop, and not just because of the clever name and great selection of Lonely Planet titles. Nobody seems to mind if you waste hours perusing the beautifully presented aisles, stacked with high-, medium- and deliciously low-brow reading materials.

GOULD'S BOOK ARCADE

Map pp100-1 Books
% 9519 8947; 32 King St, Newtown; h 9am-midnight; g 422-3
Possibly the scariest secondhand bookstore in the world, the floor-to-ceiling racks and stacks seem in perpetual danger of burying you under a ton of Stalinist analysis. While all manner of musty out-of-print books are stocked, owner Bob's leftie leanings are reflected in one very large wall. You'll find a whole fixture devoted to Trotsky, another to Marxist philosophy and three to the British labour movement.

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BOOKSHOPS

- Better Read Than Dead (opposite)
- Berkelouw Books (p134)
- Gleebooks (right)
- Ariel (p127)
- Gertrude & Alice (p131)

FASTER PUSSYCAT

Map pp100-1 Clothing & Accessories
% 9519 1744; 431A King St, Newtown; h 11am-6pm Mon-Wed & Fri & Sat, 11am-7pm Thu, noon-5.30pm Sun; c Newtown
Inspired by 'trash pop culture, hot rods and rock and roll' this cool cat coughs up clothing for all genders and ages (including baby punkwear) in several shades of Newtown black.

FROLIC Map pp100-1 Clothing & Accessories

% 9519 9895; 461 King St, Newtown; h 11am-6pm Tue-Fri, 10.30am-6pm Sat, 11am-5pm Sun; c Newtown
You'll find funky tees, sunnies, hats and vintage frocks in this store specialising in 1950s to 1980s secondhand men's and women's clothes, as well as stocking several local brands. Masquerade as a local with a Newtown Jets T-shirt.

HOLY MOLEY

Map pp100-1 Clothing & Accessories
% 9550 4033; 325 King St, Newtown; h 11am-6pm Mon-Wed & Fri & Sat, 11am-7pm Thu, noon-5pm Sun; c Newtown
You won't miss this one; its very-Newtown murals (Robert DeNiro in *Taxi Driver*, a skeleton with a mohawk) are the first thing you see as you step out of the station. Inside it's all spunky-punky T-shirts, baby-doll dresses and sexy lingerie.

PRETTY IN PINK

Map pp100-1 Clothing & Accessories
% 9516 2331; 533 King St, Newtown; h 10.30am-4pm Tue, 10.30am-5.30pm Wed & Fri & Sat, 10.30am-6.30pm Thu, 11am-5pm Sun; c St Peters
Sydney designer Jessica McKenzie delivers women's clothes with retro flair and a flirty fun spin in her signature store. You'll find heavily patterned baby-doll skirts along

with dresses, lingerie and accessories. Everything is made locally.

BEEHIVE GALLERY

Map pp100-1 Clothing & Accessories, Homewares, Jewellery
% 9550 2515; 441 King St, Newtown; h 11am-5pm Tue-Wed & Fri & Sun, 11am-7pm Thu, 11am-6pm Sat; c Newtown
As long as it's homemade it has a home in this store, focussing on quality art and crafts. There are some interesting small photos of Sydney scenes printed on canvas squares that might make a good souvenir.

ENLIGHTENED ELEPHANT

Map pp100-1 Gifts, Jewellery
% 9517 9957; 43 Erskineville Rd, Erskineville; h 10am-5pm Wed-Sun; c Erskineville
This shop stocks fascinating things with a feel-good factor – or as they put it 'gifts that give twice' – made by HIV-positive mothers from Cape Town. There are intricately beaded toys, jewellery, bags made from recycled car tires, coasters and beaded Fosters cans. All are sourced from not-for-profit community-based groups who channel money directly to the artisans.

EGG RECORDS Map pp100-1 Music

% 9550 6056; 3 Wilson St, Newtown; h 10am-6.30pm Mon-Wed & Fri & Sat, 10am-8pm Thu, 11am-5pm Sun; c Newtown
There's something of the *High Fidelity* too-cool-for-school vibe to this secondhand and new CD and record store, but it's an excellent place to, say, complete your collection of 1980s David Bowie 12" singles.

GLEBE

Map pp100-1 Books
% 9660 2333; 49 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe; h 9am-9pm Mon-Sun; g 431-4
One of Sydney's best and most loved, you'll find everything from quality fiction to academic tomes at the main store. Children's books, antiquarian and used books are further down the road (191 Glebe Point Rd).

BROADWAY SHOPPING CENTRE

Map pp100-1 Shopping Centre
% 9213 3333; cnr Broadway & Bay St, Glebe; h 10am-7pm Mon-Wed & Fri, 10am-9pm Thu, 9am-6pm Sat, 10am-6pm Sun; g 422-3
Located in the grand old Grace Bros building, this large complex offers dozens

of shops, a food court, a Hoyts cinema complex and two late-night supermarkets. Parking is free for the first three hours – great for a cheeky stop for brunch in Glebe or to visit the [University of Sydney](#) (p99).

BALMAIN & LEICHHARDT BERKELOUW BOOKS

Map pp100–1 **Books**
% 9560 3200; 70 Norton St, Leichhardt; h 9am-10pm Sun-Mon, 9am-11pm Tue-Sat; g 435-8
Six generations of Berkelouws have specialised in secondhand books and printed

rarities since setting up shop in Holland in 1812, but its modern stores are just as good for finding new releases and sipping coffee. There's another branch at 19 Oxford St, Paddington.

KIRRILY STORES

Map pp100–1 **Clothing & Accessories**
% 0424 930 206; 317 Darling St, Balmain; h 9am-8pm; f Balmain
A slice of Newtown in Balmain (and also at 175 Coogee Bay Rd, Coogee), KIRRILY has casual cool women's wear that won't break the bank; a welcome change from the upmarket couturiers of the area.

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