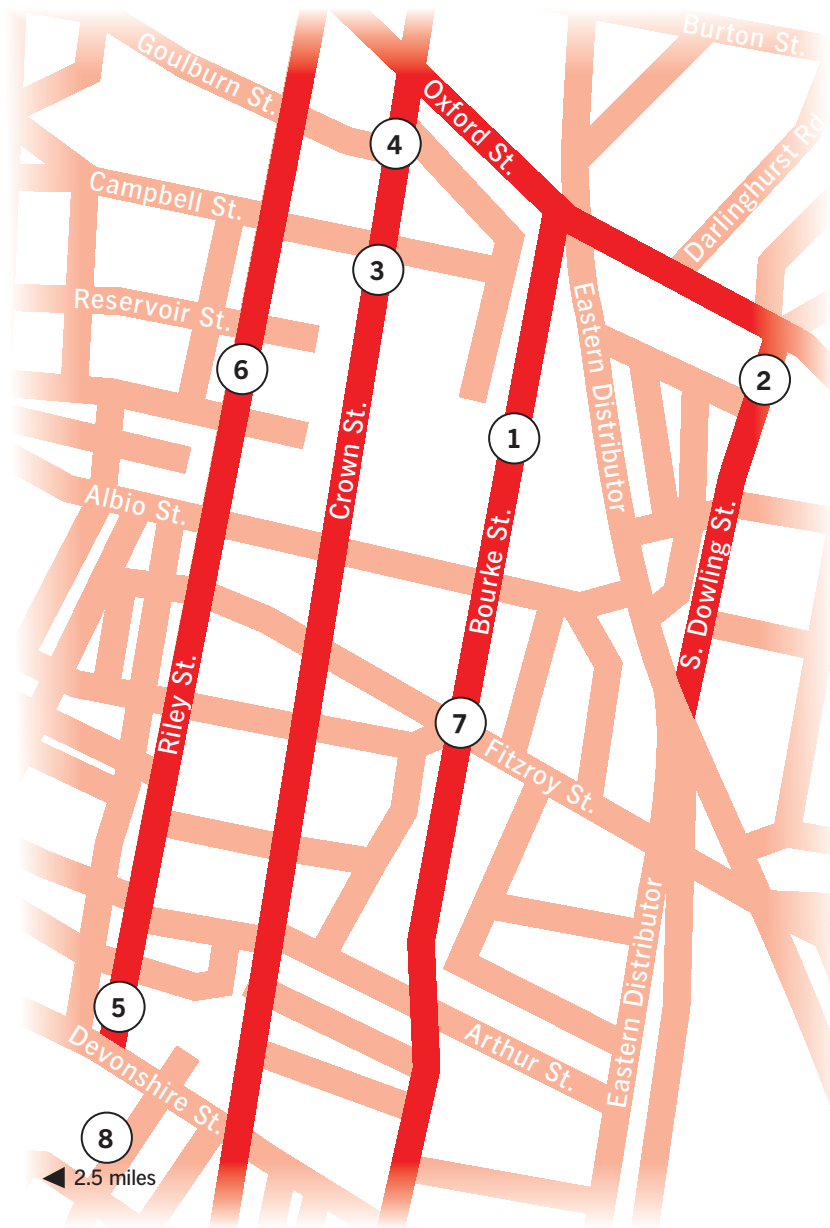


## Darlinghurst, Camperdown, & Surry Hills



**1. Beautiful on the Inside** The dodgy locale of this experimental home goods emporium actually complements its renegade reputation, but it's owner Lana Alsamir-Diamond's unflinching ability to cull inventive items, like wall mirrors carved to resemble giant doilies, that really gives the shop its edge. 322 Bourke St. **SURRY HILLS** 61-2-9360-7733

**2. Capital L** Outside, this surreal boutique is blanketed in trippy doodles; inside, it feels like a page out of *Where the Wild Things Are*: The walls are papered in a jungle print, exotic stuffed animals dangle from a matrix of ceiling-suspended chains, and much of the clothing comes in a visually arresting palette. 333 S. Dowling St. **DARLINGHURST** 61-2-9361-0111

**3. Dobry Den** Recently opened on the main drag in eclectic Surry Hills, Dobry Den takes its fashion cues from '80s-era campiness. Glazed panther statues wear bold jewelry, like boom-box-shaped necklaces, while androïdesque mannequins—which look as if they're straight from the set of *Dune*—are draped in bright clothing from local designers. 326 Crown St. **SURRY HILLS** 61-2-4027-4123

**4. Grandma Takes a Trip** Native Brit Nicola Sault reveres the mod style of '60s London and sought to recapture it in her pair of opulent vintage stores. Each one features imported-from-the-UK garments like plaid pinafores and gauzy sundresses that suit the summery Sydney climate. 263 Crown St. **SURRY HILLS** 61-2-9356-3322

**5. Orson & Blake Basement** Hidden in the bowels of a onetime garment warehouse, this expansive subterranean retailer brims with the city's most spectacularly chosen assortment of Down Under labels. Plan on turning up the best from Perks and Mini, Shakuachi, and Co-Lab. 483 Riley St. **SURRY HILLS** 61-2-8399-2525

**6. The PR Store** Situated on a residential block, this shop's old-fashioned bones complement the clothes beautifully: A gunmetal satin Future Classics slipdress hangs from a heavy span of rusted chain, while dramatically buckled-and-seamed Preen boots rest on repurposed produce crates. 236A Riley St. **SURRY HILLS** 61-2-9211-4436

**7. Somedays** Swedes Mattias Friberg and Kristina Vikman joined forces to open this pipeline for cool Scandinavian labels. The pair routinely import lines not available Down Under, like Day, Pour, and the reinvigorated Resteröds, a 70-year-old workwear brand, plus jeans from Cheap Monday and Dr. Denim. 72B Fitzroy St. **SURRY HILLS** 61-2-9331-6637

**8. Pigeon Ground** A group of artistic friends pooled their creative energies to launch this vintage clothing, vinyl, and ephemera spot, and four years in it's a neighborhood hit. Among our discoveries: an album of Outback cowboy songs, copies of retro pop-culture zines, and slouchy tees printed with cartoonish horse heads. 102 Salisbury Rd. **CAMPERDOWN** 61-2-9557-6364