

# A feast for the senses

It seems on any night of the week across Merri-bek, there are live music gems to discover and explore. Prefer a night in? Independent record stores abound, full to the brim with new and secondhand LPs in every genre. Check out the latest international and homegrown acts, get involved at an open mic night or chat tunes with a passionate local business owner. The choice is yours in Merri-bek, the home of live music and independent record stores.

Whether it be a solo adventure to add to or revive your LP collection or gathering your friends to take in some local live music, you really are spoilt for choice. And there's every chance you'll run into your neighbour or make new friends along the way. Revisit a favourite artist or discover a new one. From East Brunswick right through to Fawkner, you'll find something in the municipality to satisfy any musical craving you can think of.

Take a stroll to discover your local record stores and live music venues – it's just the ticket. How's this weekend? See you on the trail!

We support sustainable options as you travel within Merri-bek. Why not leave the car at home and walk the short distance between venues, ride your bike or catch public transport and avoid parking hassles. It's the best way to soak up all the local sights and sounds.

If you're enjoying alcoholic beverages on your afternoon or evening out, please do so responsibly. Each of the live music venues listed serves alcohol-free options.

## Local public transport options

### TRAIN: Upfield Line

Jewell, Brunswick, Anstey, Moreland, Coburg, Batman, Merlynston and Gowrie Stations.

### TRAM ROUTES:

**No. 19** to North Coburg  
**No. 1** to East Coburg  
**No. 6** to Moreland  
**No. 96** to East Brunswick

### BUS ROUTES:

**503** via Albion St  
**504** via Brunswick Rd  
**506** via Dawson St  
**508** via Victoria St  
**509** via Victoria St  
**510** via Moreland Rd  
**526** via Pentridge  
**513/514/534** via Glenroy  
**536** Glenroy - Gowrie Stations  
**530/531** via Sydney Rd  
**951** Brunswick - Glenroy Stations (Night Bus)

# LOVE MERRI-BEK trails



## Brunswick Ballroom

314 Sydney Rd, Brunswick  
**Tue - Fri** 6:30pm - 1am  
**Sat** 1pm - 1am  
**Sun** 1pm - 11pm

**Booking:** Through the website [www.brunswickballroom.com.au](http://www.brunswickballroom.com.au)

### Fun fact/s about your venue/look and feel?

The Brunswick Ballroom won 'Best Small Venue' award at the Music Victoria Awards two years in a row.

### Specific Genre or favoured musical style or other?

This eclectic live event space specialises in contemporary music, good people and exceptional art. Cabaret, to comedy, theatre and all styles of music.



## The Jazz Lab

27 Leslie St, Brunswick  
**Mon - Thurs** 7pm - 11pm  
**Fri - Sun** 7:30pm - 11pm

**Booking:** Through the website [www.thejazzlab.com.au](http://www.thejazzlab.com.au) or at the door (unless sold out)

### Fun fact/s about your venue/look and feel?

The Jazz Lab is the spiritual successor to the world-famous Bennetts Lane and is the only Australian venue to make the Downbeat Worldwide Top 100 Jazz Clubs.

### Specific Genre or favoured musical style or other?

Jazz and improvised music, or jazz adjacent (blues, funk, soul, afro-beat, etc.)



## Howler

7-11 Dawson Street, Brunswick  
**Tues** 5pm - 10pm  
**Wed - Thurs** 5pm - 11pm  
**Fri** 3.30pm - 1am  
**Sat** 12pm - 1am  
**Sun** 2pm - 11pm

**Booking:** Online at [howlerbrunswick.com](http://howlerbrunswick.com) with ticket purchasing through Moshtix

### Fun fact/s about your venue/look and feel?

Howler is a unique award-winning live music venue that has hosted some of the best including Billie Eilish, Black Eyed Peas, Laufey, The Killers and MJ Lenderman.

### Specific Genre or favoured musical style or other?

All Genres - Rock, Indie, Jazz, Punk, Folk, Metal, Disco, Techno we love it all.



## Musicland

1359 Sydney Rd, Fawkner  
**Tues** 11am - 5pm  
**Wed** 11am - 12am  
**Thurs** 11am - 5pm  
**Fri** 11am - 1am  
**Sat** 11am - 3pm & 6pm - 1am  
**Sun** 2pm - 12am

**Booking:** Either online [www.musiclandlive.com](http://www.musiclandlive.com) or at the door

### Fun fact/s about your venue/look and feel?

Musicland is a unique live music complex, with two venues, a music shop, three bars, a beer garden, a food van and more.

### Specific Genre or favoured musical style or other?

No specific genre, anything live.



## The Retreat

280 Sydney Rd, Brunswick  
**Sun - Thurs** 12pm - 1am  
**Fri - Sat** 12 noon - 3am

**Booking:** Venue booking via the website [www.retreathotelbrunswick.com.au](http://www.retreathotelbrunswick.com.au), with ticket purchasing through Eventbrite

### Fun fact/s about your venue/look and feel?

As Brunswick's oldest pub, The Retreat Hotel is something of a Sydney Road institution.

### Specific Genre or favoured musical style or other?

There are no rules! Live music spans pop, rock, blues, country, First Nations open mic, electro-pop, punk and more.



## Blacksound Records

351 Sydney Road, Brunswick  
**Mon - Sat** 10am - 6pm  
**Sun** 10am - 5pm

**Booking:** we have regular free live shows in store, they're all ages friendly, and typically a Sunday matinee show.

### Fun fact/s about your venue/look and feel?

We're run by local musicians, so everything we do is very community minded. We also host an art gallery with exhibits typically featuring artists whose work relates to the music we stock in the shop.

### Specific Genre or favoured musical style or other?

Underground metal, punk, noise, avant-rock, ambient, experimental, electronic, free improv, weird jazz and radical outsider music.



## Round and Round Records

556 Sydney Rd, Brunswick  
**Sun - Wed** 10am - 5pm  
**Thur - Sat** 10am - 6pm

### Fun fact/s about your business /look and feel?

Favourite genres at Round and Round include prog and psychedelic rock, garage, punk, soul, jazz, funk, hip hop, electronic, dance, experimental and industrial.

### Specific Genre or favoured musical style or other?

Buying and selling new and secondhand records of all genres.



## Feminista Vinyl

134 Nicholson St, Coburg  
**Weekends** 11am - 4pm

### Fun fact/s about your business /look and feel?

The women-led Feminista Vinyl runs out of the same premises as a feminist counselling service, and hosts gigs and live music in an intimate performance space.

### Specific Genre or favoured musical style or other?

Specialising in female-led, trans, non-binary and GNC-inclusive bands and artists.



## Record Paradise

159 Sydney Rd, Brunswick  
**Tues/Wed & Sat/Sun** 11am - 5pm  
**Thurs/Fri** 11am - 7pm

### Fun fact/s about your business /look and feel?

Don't miss the beautiful garden out back on your next visit.

### Specific Genre or favoured musical style or other?

Record Paradise stocks all genres of new and secondhand records with a focus on indie pop.



## Ringo Barr

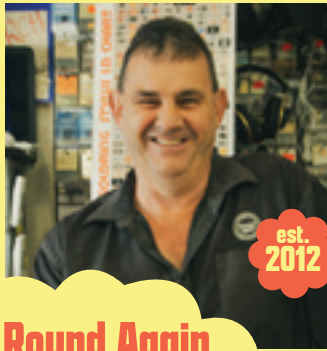
666 Sydney Rd, Brunswick  
**Wed - Sat** 11am - 5pm

### Fun fact/s about your business /look and feel?

Ringo Barr merges two quintessentially 'Melbourne Music' experiences: live music and record shopping, with a nod to the Japanese 'record bar' experience, too.

### Specific Genre or favoured musical style or other?

Selling an eclectic mix of records including indie/alternative, electronica, international music and jazz. Live music offerings include singer-songwriters, jazz, funk/soul, electronica, hip-hop and indie/alternative.



## Round Again

48 Gaffney St, Coburg North  
**Mon - Fri** 10am - 6pm  
**Sat** 11am - 6pm  
**Sun** 12pm - 6pm

### Fun fact/s about your business /look and feel?

Greg has been collecting and researching vintage audio for the past 40 years and has an extensive collection of rare and hard-to-find items sourced from all around Victoria.

### Specific Genre or favoured musical style or other?

Stocking a huge range of vinyl records, both LPs and 45s, as well as thousands of CDs in various genres.



## Muscle Shoals

504 Lygon St, East Brunswick  
**Wed - Sun** 11am - 6pm

### Fun fact/s about your business /look and feel?

Owner Marsden Williams named the store in honour of the "Muscle Shoals sound" and the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio in Alabama (alumni include Rolling Stones, Paul Simon, Bob Dylan and others).

### Specific Genre or favoured musical style or other?

Buying and selling both common and unusual records, with over 5000 available in-store.



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- 01 Bar Oussou 653 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- 02 Brunswick Artists Bar 314 - 316 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- 03 Brunswick Green 313 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- 04 Edinburgh Castle Hotel 681 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- 05 My Aeon 791 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- 06 The Penny Black 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- 07 Red Betty Rear 859 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- 08 Rubix Warehouse 36 Phoenix Street, Brunswick
- 09 Stay Gold 133 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- 10 Tempo Rubato 34 Breese Street, Brunswick
- 11 The Bergy Seltzer 64 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- 12 The Cornish Arms 163A Sydney Road, Brunswick
- 13 Union Hotel 109 Union Street, Brunswick
- 14 WaxFlower Bar 153 Weston Street, Brunswick
- 15 Benji's Karaoke Bar 285 Lygon Street, Brunswick East
- 16 Lomond Hotel 225 Nicholson Street, Brunswick East
- 17 The Post Office Hotel 229 - 231 Sydney Road, Coburg
- 18 The Woodlands Hotel 84 - 88 Sydney Road, Coburg
- 19 Victoria Hotel 380 Victoria St, Brunswick
- 20 Coburg RSL 323 Sydney Road, Coburg
- 21 The Sporting Club 27 Weston Street, Brunswick

- Bike Paths
- Train Line
- Train Station
- Tram Line



- 22 Noisy Ritual 249 Lygon St, Brunswick East
- 23 Brewdog Pentridge T101/1 Champ St, Coburg
- 24 Co-Conspirators Brewing Co 377 Victoria St, Brunswick
- 25 Foreigner Brewing Co Factory 12, 102 Henkel St, Brunswick
- 26 Inner North Brewing Co 10A Russell St, Brunswick
- 27 Welcome to Brunswick 1 Frith St, Brunswick
- 28 East Brunswick Hotel 280 Lygon St, Brunswick East
- 29 The B.East 80 Lygon Street, Brunswick East (off map)
- 30 Strange World Records 168 Lygon St, Brunswick East



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MAP NOT DRAWN TO SCALE  
SEPTEMBER 2025