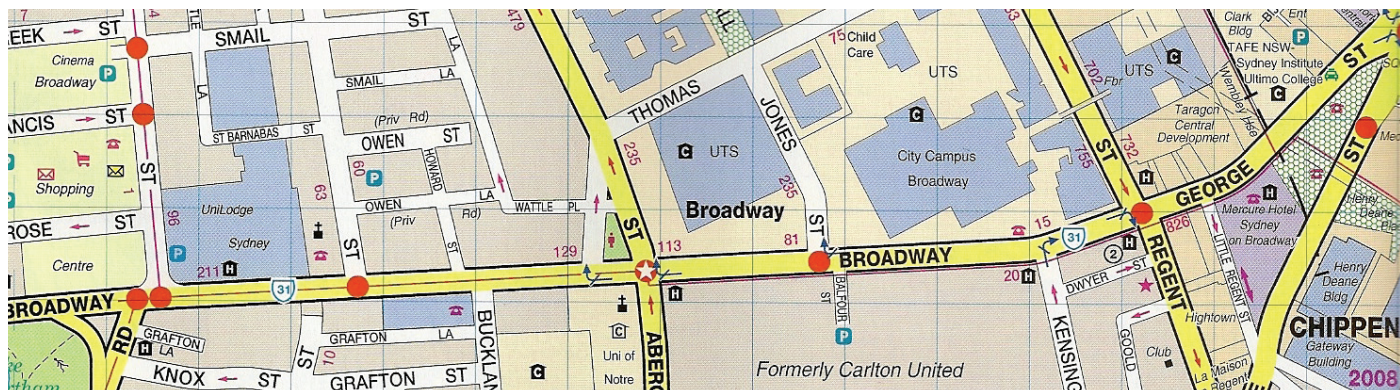


Sydney Explorer

Town & Gown

This tour is for those that have a little more time in Sydney and have already done the 'must see' sights but would like to see more of the real Sydney. Turning our back on the Harbour we head inland to explore Australia's oldest university, then walk through an almost complete collection of Australian vernacular architecture, making our way to a waterside parkland for great views of the ANZAC Bridge and the City, completing the tour by hopping on a tram back to the City with optional stops at the Fish Markets and Star City Casino in Pyrmont, or Darling Harbour.

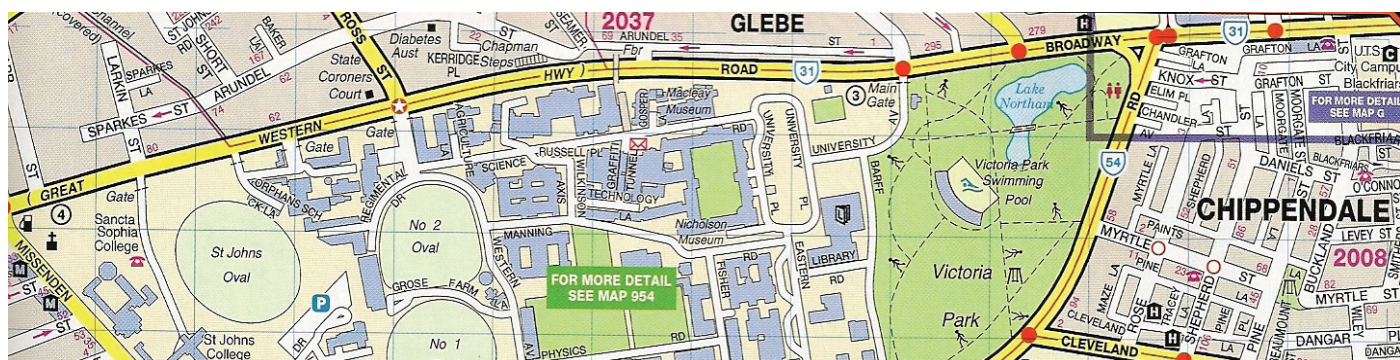


From Railway Square, take a short walk down Broadway, or if in a hurry catch any bus going via Parramatta or City Road. On the way we pass by Harris Street (right) the home of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and TAFE (Training and Further Education) campus. On the left we pass the old Carlton & United Brewery, several old style Aussie pubs and at the head of Victoria Park, the junction of Parramatta and City Roads, the old Grace Bros Department Store, with its rooftop twin globes.

Sydney University

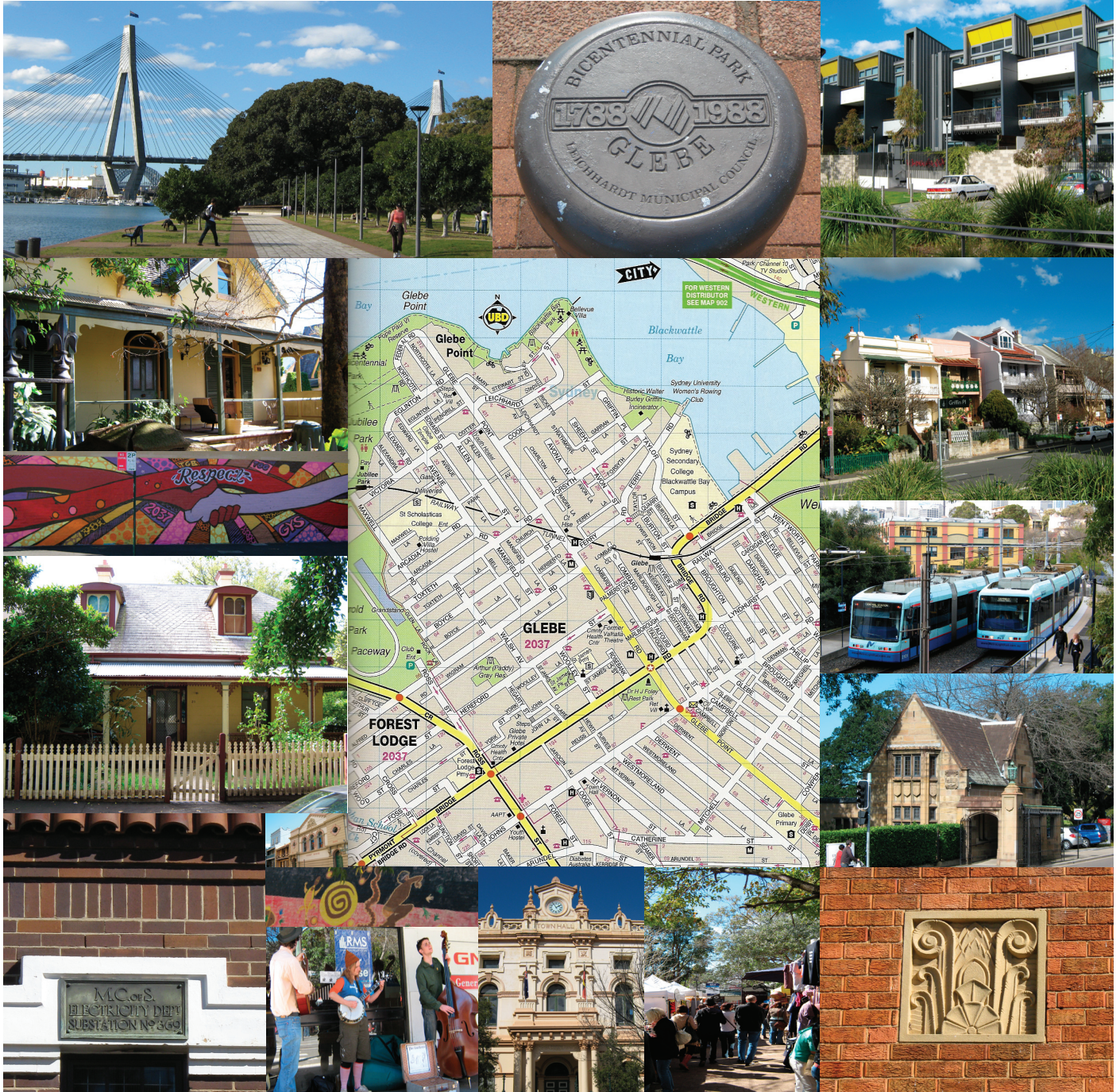


Cross Victoria Park and head for the University Clock Tower and Main Quadrangle, the oldest part of the university designed by Edmund Blackett and built in Circa 1856 in the gothic revival style with sandstone quarried from nearby Pyrmont. This is Australia's oldest and the most prestigious university. Feel free to walk the grounds, and in term time use the student facilities.



The Glebe

Whether you have an hour or two or a whole day The Glebe has lots to interest a student of architecture or Australian colonial history. You will find the complete range of residential architecture, Industrial relics and maritime activity, including the engineering marvel of the ANZAC Bridge.



From Sydney University cross the Parramatta Road via the footbridge or from the main entrance directly to Glebe Point Road. Walking down any of the streets shown on the map will present numerous examples of early colonial, classical and, federation styles of public and private buildings. A heritage walking guide is available from the City of Sydney; www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/AboutSydney/History

The name Glebe is derived from the name of lands given over to the support of the church, in this case by Governor Arthur Phillip in 1789. Much of this land is still in church hands or has been resumed and used for public housing. In other parts of The Glebe you can find fine mansions, elegant period town houses and by contrast modern residential architecture. The Toxteith Estate, is another large land division to be explored.

The Glebe is also an ideal place to do a traditional Aussie pub-crawl. Most of the hotels (bars or pubs) are rough & ready and most serve cheap food to bring the punters in!

Each Saturday there is a market in grounds of the Public School on Glebe Point Road featuring clothing, food and music. Whilst Glebe Point Road is interesting, walking the side streets is a better way to see the different housing styles. Make your way to the Jubilee Park via Toxteth Park (~ House, now a school). On reaching Jubilee Park we get our first sighting of the Sydney Light Rail (tram) which ply's between Leichhardt and the City. From here we walk to the Bicentennial Park where we can see Rozelle and Balmain across Rozelle Bay, including the disused Balmain PowerStation, various ship repair facilities and the Super Yacht marina.



Glebe from Balmain/Rozelle

We follow the foreshore walk for our first view of the Anzac Bridge. On the way to Glebe Point we pass an old crane and other industrial artefacts. Arriving at the recently restored Bellevue House we can see the old Glebe Island swing bridge, the grain handling terminal, new car wharf, Pyrmont, the Fish Markets and the City beyond.

Continuing via the foreshore walk we pass the remains of a 1290's art deco influenced Incinerator designed by Walter Burley Griffin the architect of Canberra, the national capital. There are several more examples of his work in Sydney, including Castle Crag, a whole suburb on the North Shore.

Walk through the Glebe High School grounds (not school days) and head for Quarry Street up the steps and then follow the signs for the Light Rail stop.

Catch the tram to the City, hop off at the Sydney Fish Market, the Casino at Pyrmont, Darling Harbour or continue to back to Central Station.

Pyrmont

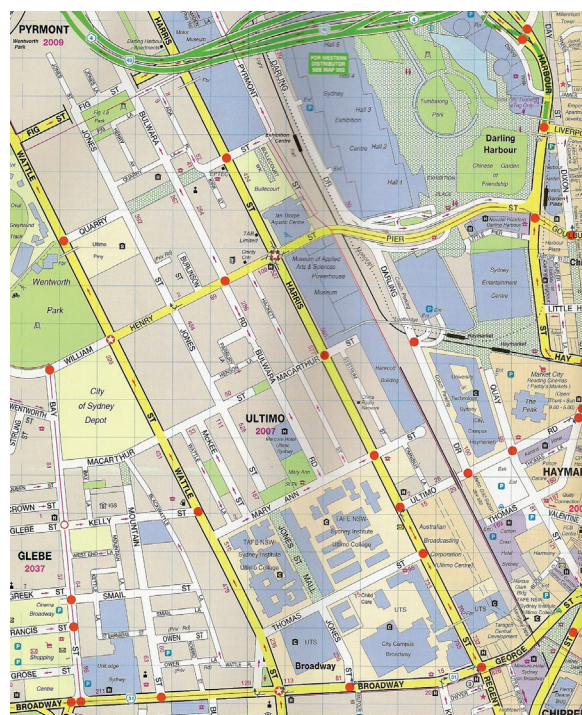
The Fish Market is the only centralised fish market in Australia. All fish sold in NSW must pass through the market that features a clock auction system. The retail market is very busy and includes several eating establishments, including Doyle's of Watson's Bay fame. A small fishing fleet based in Blackwattle Bay.

The next stop of interest on the tram is the Star City Casino, open 24 hours, free to enter, but a dress code does apply.

Darling Harbour

Darling Harbour is a full-on tourist spot with shops, restaurants and bars. It also is the home of the National Maritime Museum, Powerhouse Museum, Exhibition Centre, and the Japanese Gardens - and towards Haymarket, Paddy's Market, the Entertainment Centre and Chinatown. The tram passes close to all of these attractions and finally arrives back at Central, where we started.

Enjoy your exploration of The Glebe and surrounds!



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