



Sydney

Area Guide

A guide to the best places to live in Sydney for English and Irish Educators



Best Areas to Live in Sydney

When you are new to Sydney, finding a place to live can seem like a daunting task. We've put together an area guide to help you find a great place to live. All of our advice here is first hand - from other international educators and anzuk staff that have made the move, just like you.

A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND...

1. We recommend short term accommodation to start with. There are always people posting about short leasing in groups such as [Poms in Sydney](#) or [Irish Around Sydney](#) Facebook group. Have a look at Airbnb or Hostels as well.
2. Once you're there, really make it your priority to get on these [Facebook pages](#) & [Spareroom](#) and get out there to check out houses and meet potential housemates. It's super important you find a place that's the right fit for you, so it's a task best done in person!
3. There are loads of options, all over Sydney, all of the time! [Sydney has an ever revolving door of expats](#) - other like minded people moving in and out of share houses all the time. So you're bound to find a house with housemates on the same page as you & most likely make some really good mates too.



Your options and helpful links

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SHARE HOUSE

The easiest, cheapest & arguably the more fun option is to move into a share house. If you move into a room that someone is vacating within an established share house, then you shouldn't have anything to worry about when it comes to setting up utilities bills or buying furniture. It's a great way to meet people too! Take a look at flat share groups like

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RENTING

The other option is looking to rent a vacant house or flat; so applying for a new lease. This may be your preference if moving over with a group of friends or family. Some properties will be furnished but not all, some landlords may incorporate bills into your monthly rent and others may leave that to you to arrange. This option will require rental & employment references/proof of income. Have a look on www.domain.com.au for properties and get in touch with agents in the areas you're looking as the market is very competitive.

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MORE HELPFUL LINKS

[Ideal Flatmate](#) lets you search thousands of rooms available all across Sydney. It has a detailed area guide on each area in Sydney and it also gives you an indication of the average rent price, the nearest transport links and shows you available rooms to rent.

[Time Out](#) has a great guide on each area that highlights where to eat, things to do, the best bars as well as links to articles about each area.

[Flatmates Sydney Rent Map](#)



Bondi

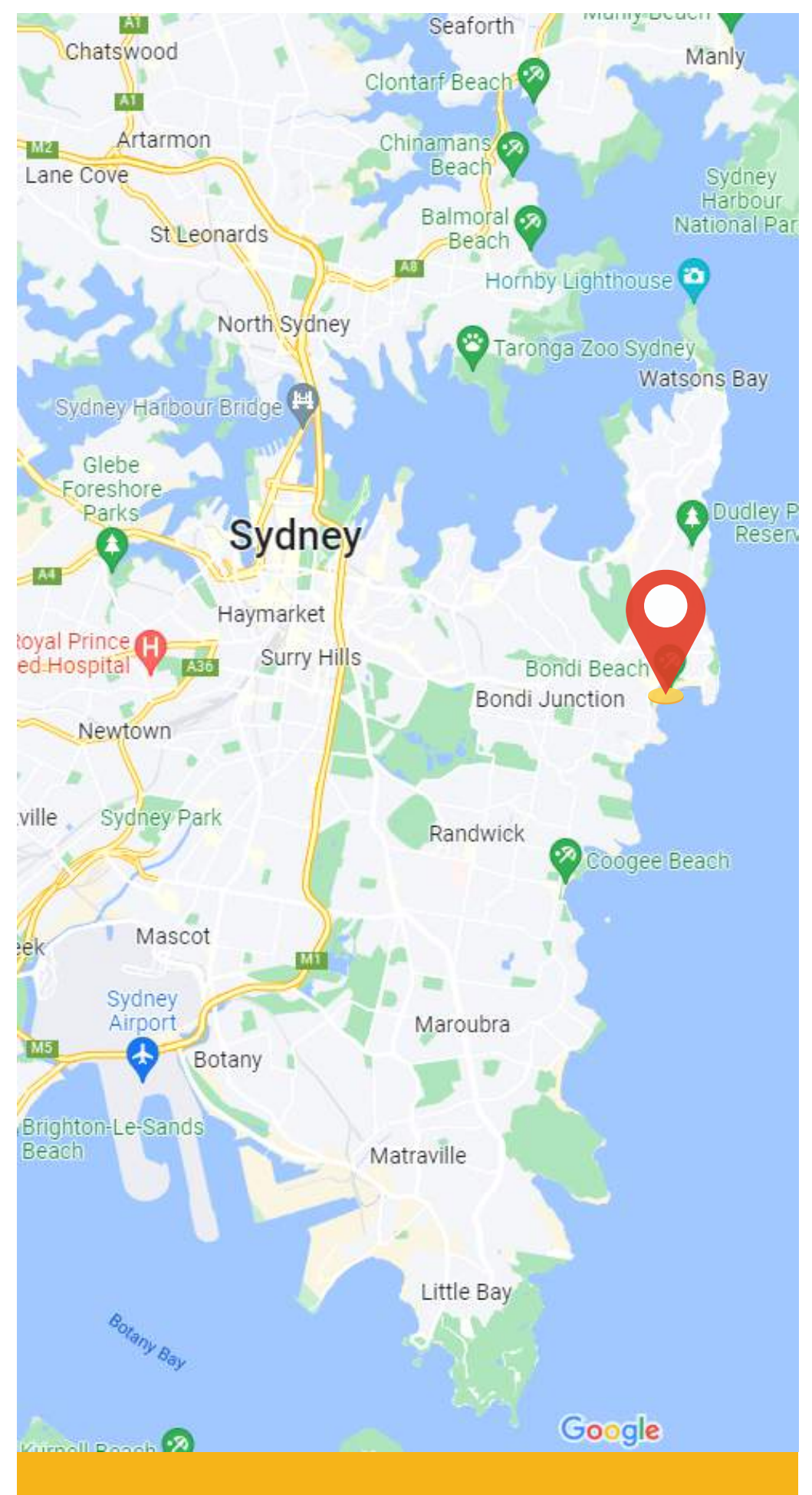
- **Easy commute to the CBD**
- **Pubs, restaurants & nightlife**
- **Popular with expats & backpackers**
- **Expensive to rent**

Bondi is one of Australia's most famous beaches, and is a hotspot with both tourists and Sydney residents.

An easy commute into the city and lots of fantastic places to eat, drink and shop. The main road hosts a lot of touristy shops but as you start heading further away from the beach, you'll find the real heart of the neighborhood.

Most of the housing here consists of cool Art Deco apartments, condo towers, and single-family homes. Given its beachside location this is not a cheap place to live.

Bondi Beach is popular with expats, surfers, and young professionals.





Bondi Junction

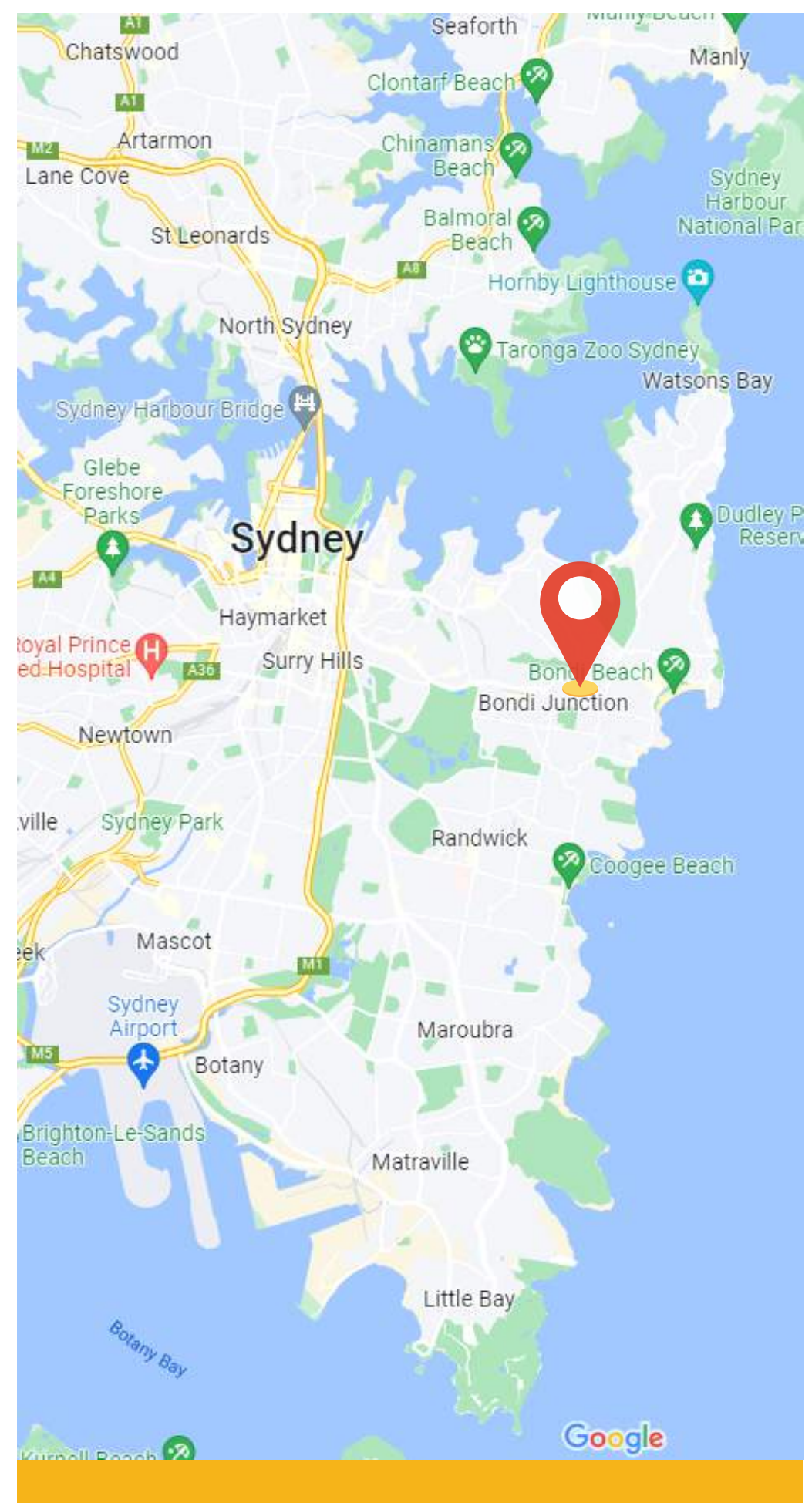
- **Easy commute to the CBD**
- **Shopping precinct**
- **Popular with expats & backpackers**
- **More affordable than Bondi Beach**

Bondi Junction is incredibly popular with Irish expats and is a bit more affordable in comparison to living right on Bondi Beach.

Bondi Junction is a major shopping hub with a large Westfield Mall full of designer fashion stores to grocery shops, restaurants and even a cinema.

Situated at the end of the Eastern Suburbs train line, Bondi Junction is well connected, with regular trains departing for Sydney's CBD.

Bondi Junction is also home to the beautifully designed Central Synagogue, the largest synagogue in the southern hemisphere and home to the largest Jewish congregation in Australia.



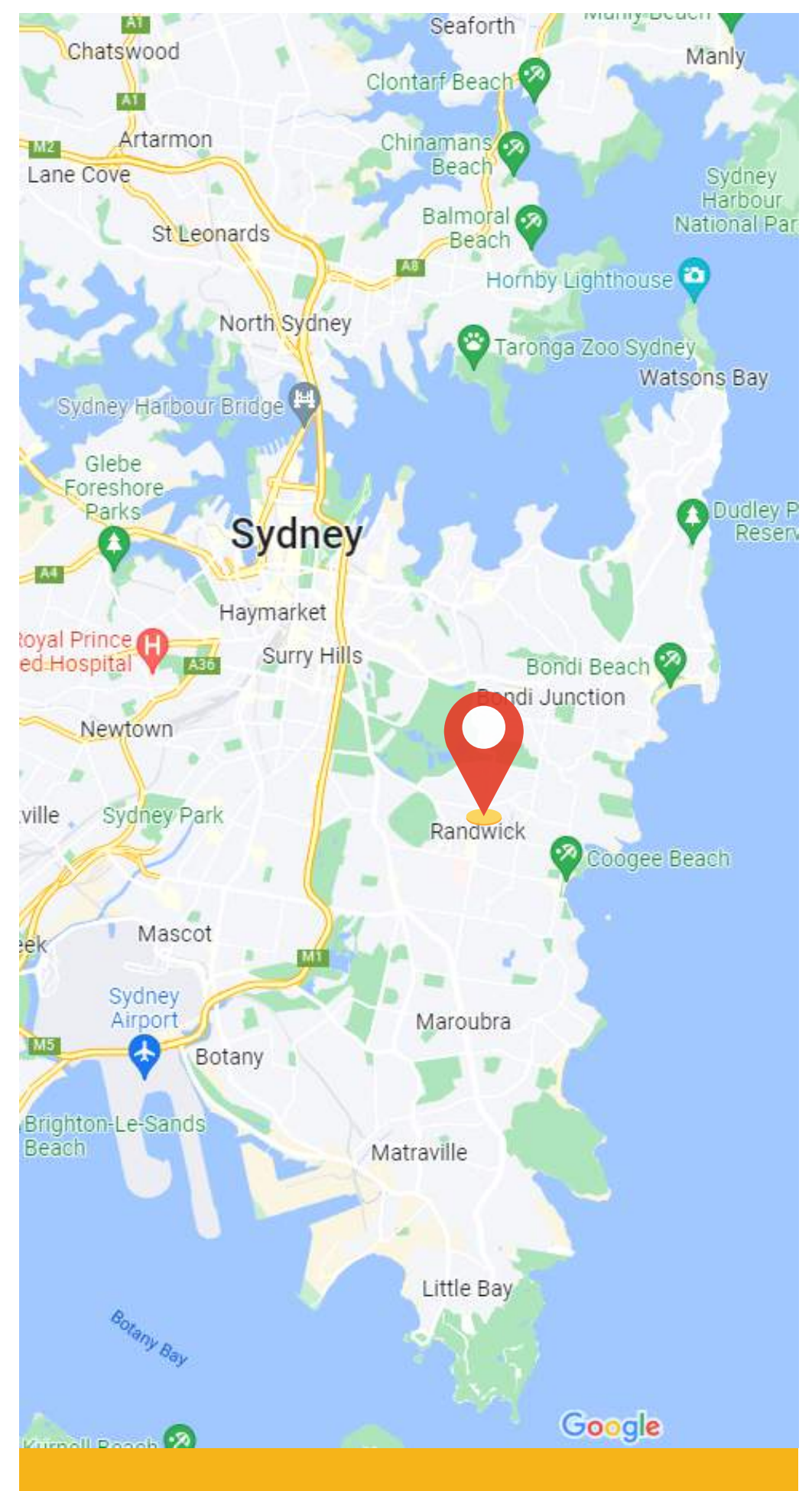


Randwick

- **Good transport links**
- **Close to the beach**
- **Popular with students & travellers**
- **Affordable to rent**

Famed for being Sydney's premier horseracing destination, Randwick is a neighbourhood that has a little bit for everyone. Randwick has established its own dining and café scene. It's also well-connected via public transport services, is a stone's throw from the beach, and is a relatively safe area.

Randwick has a good mix of single-family homes and multi-unit apartments. Its affordable housing and location next to the University of New South Wales make it a popular place for students and travellers.



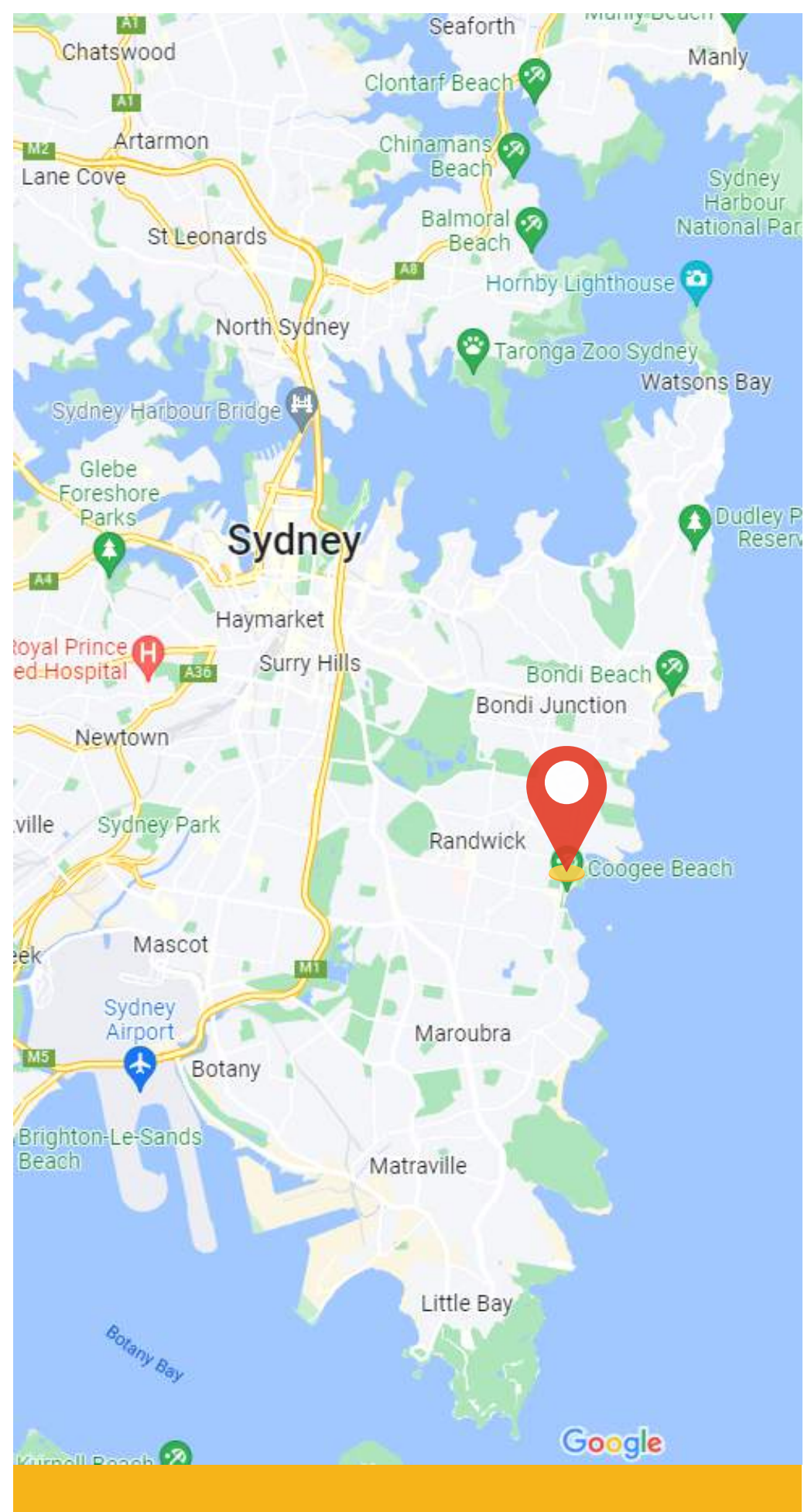


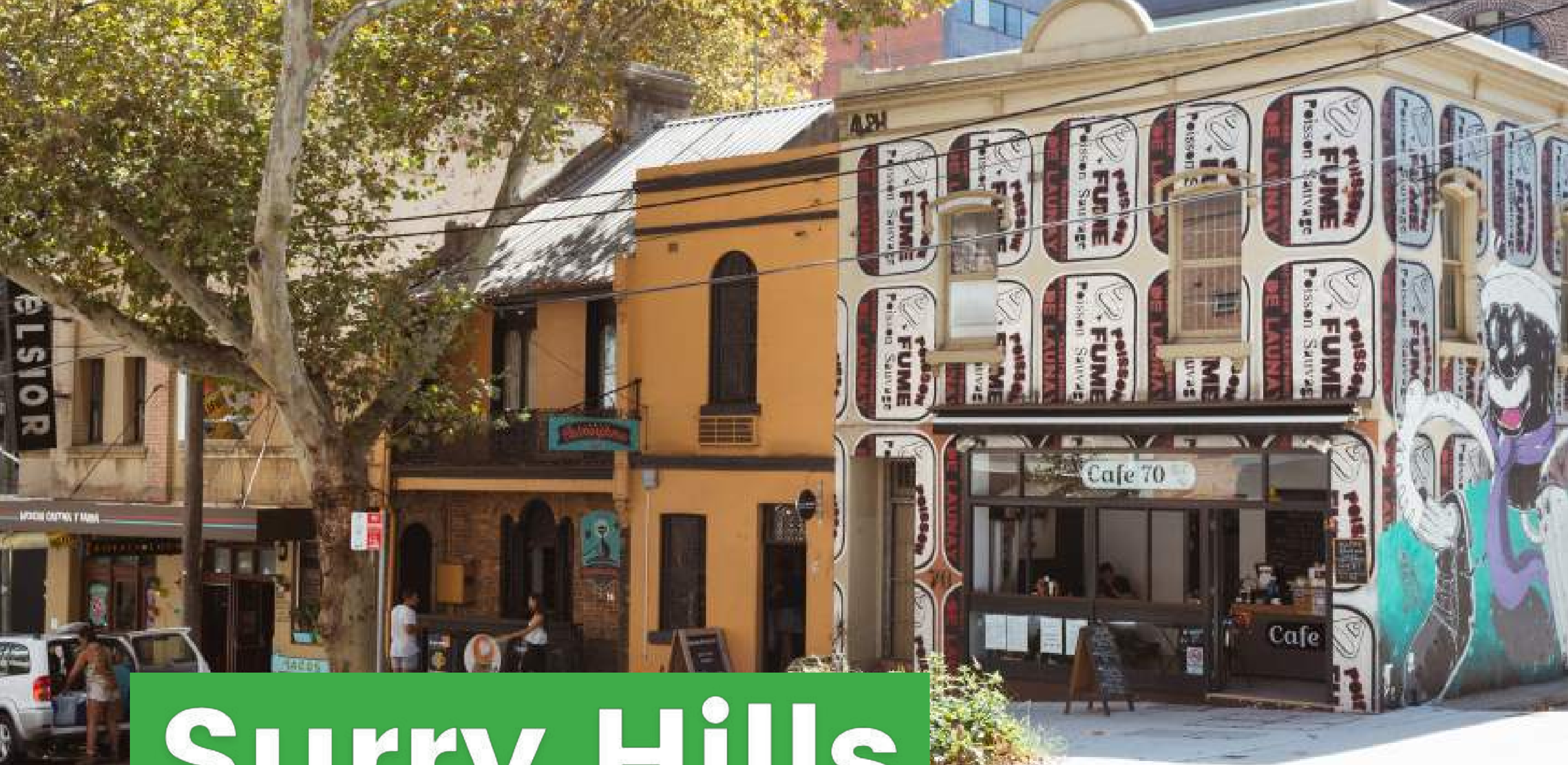
Coogee

- **Active beach lifestyle**
- **Pubs, restaurants & nightlife**
- **Popular with expats & backpackers**
- **Youthful population**

Coogee is a vibrant beachside location that attracts outdoor enthusiasts every day of the week. You can take in dramatic ocean views on the Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk, or check out nearby Gordon's Bay for a snorkel to see the rich marine life.

This is a youthful suburb: nearly half of residents here are between the ages of 20 to 40. There are plenty of dining and nightlife options for this crowd, including the well-known Coogee Bay Hotel and refurbished Coogee Pavilion.





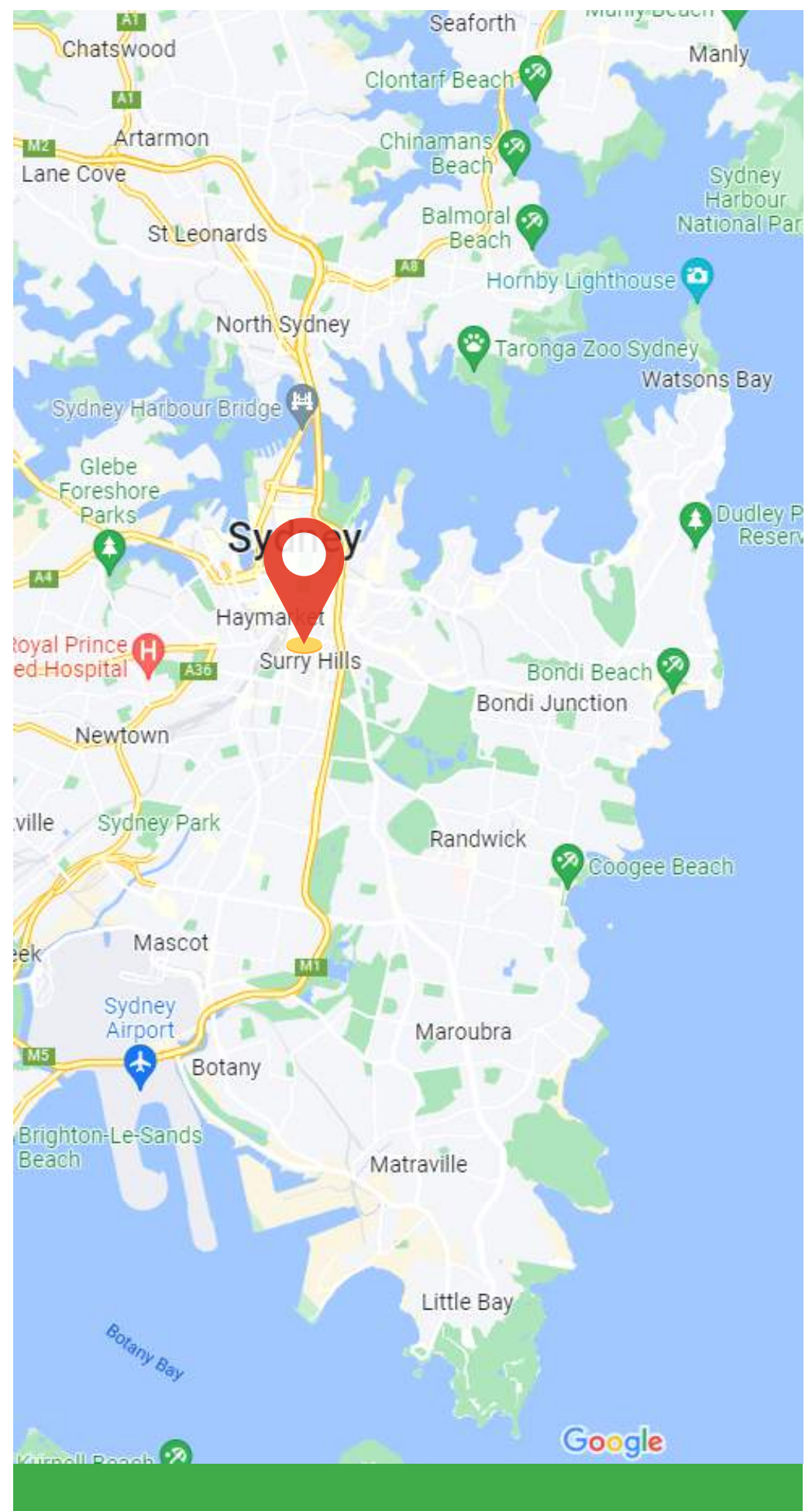
Surry Hills

- **Close to CBD**
- **Pubs, restaurants & nightlife**
- **LQTBQI+ community**
- **Expensive to rent**

Surry Hills is a cultural melting pot, made up of new and long-standing residents, entrepreneurs, students, professionals, and families. The neighbourhood attracts young artistically-minded professionals and has a vibrant LQTBQI+ community.

Due to its great restaurants and shops, Surry Hills attracts lots of people from other parts of the city. Finding a parking spot can become a daily chore, so try to find housing that includes a parking place.

This is one of the most walkable neighborhoods in the city – everything is only a few minutes away. All of these amenities have made this an expensive place to live, compare to areas further out of the city.





Zetland

- Close to CBD
- Public transport links
- Quiet location
- Modern feel

With quick access to the city, airport and parks, it's one of the most well-connected suburbs in all of Sydney.

Zetland is a relatively new suburb, meaning any apartment you should rent here is going to almost certainly be built quite recently, with all the modern fittings and design touches that look nice and fresh.





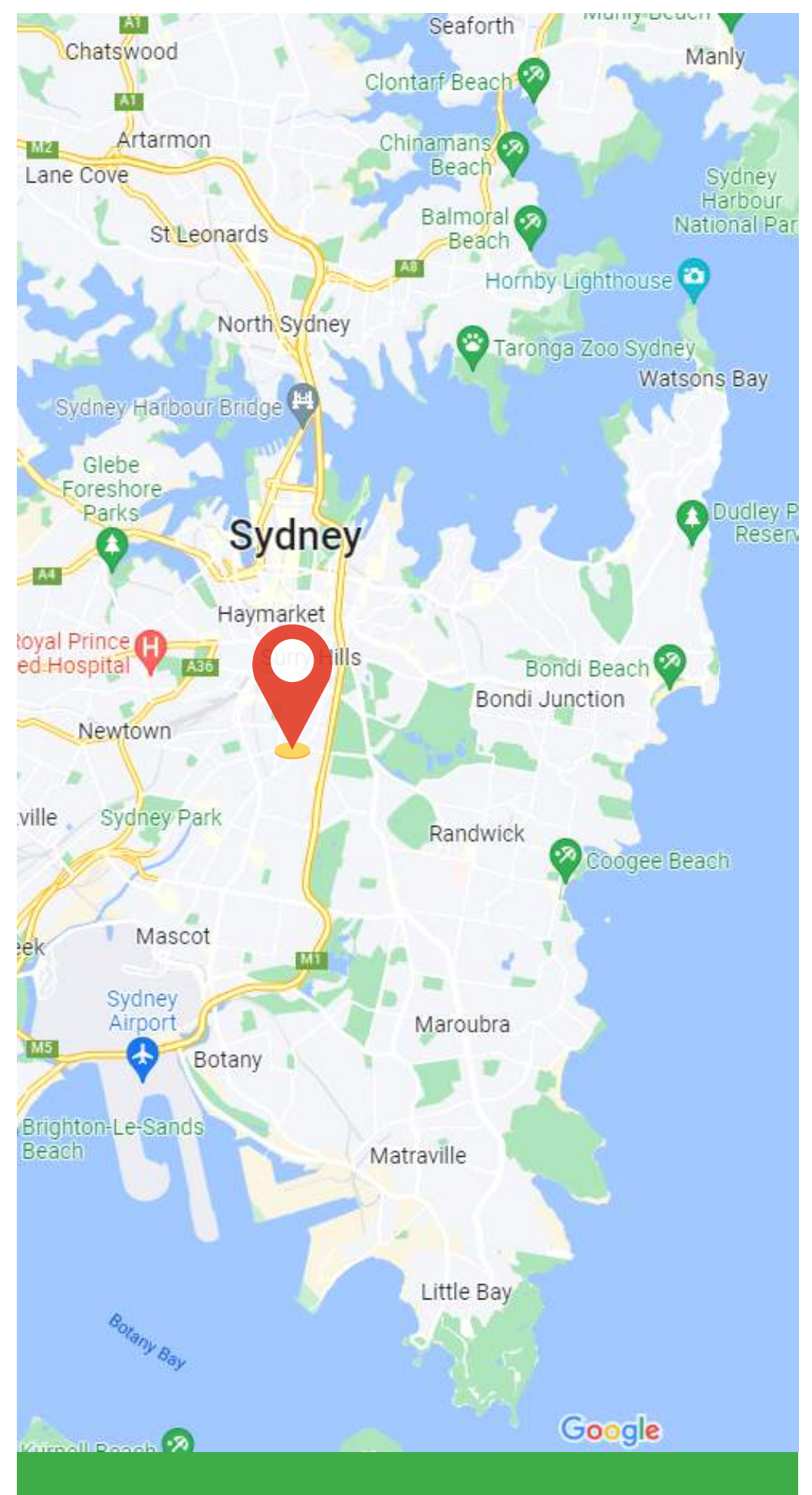
Waterloo

- Close to CBD
- Public transport links
- Parkland
- Popular with English & Irish expats

Offering an industrial-like charm Waterloo boasts a range of great restaurants, museums, parks and more. It's no wonder expats from the UK can't stay away.

Waterloo's central location makes this an easy commute, be it via bike, bus or car to Sydney's CBD and surrounding suburbs.

Situated right next to Moore Park, which features golfing, matches at the Sydney Cricket Ground and concerts and rugby at the Allianz Stadium.





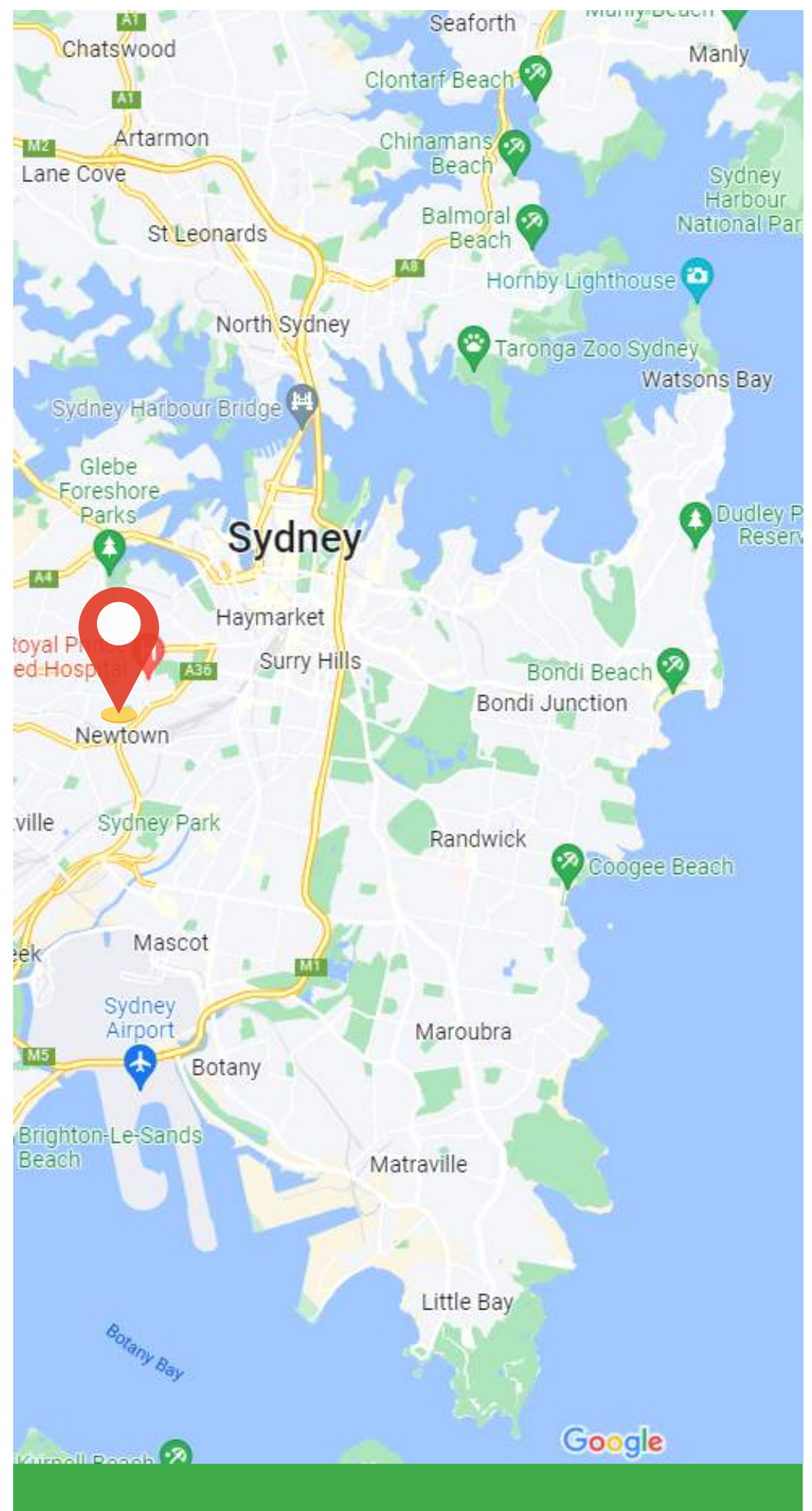
Newtown

- **Close to CBD**
- **Pubs, restaurants & nightlife**
- **Expensive to rent**
- **Popular with English & Irish expats**

Newtown is Sydney's, Shoreditch London – a neighbourhood with speciality coffee, restaurants, craft breweries, vintage stores and street art on every available patch of concrete.

Newtown is a melting pot of ethnicities, cultures and socio-economic backgrounds. From university students to young professionals, creatives, young families and a strong gay community. Bringing a unique authenticity to this inner-city neighbourhood.

The main street in the area is King Street, famous for its densely clustered offering of bars, restaurants, café and pubs.





Manly

- Catch the ferry into the CBD
- Expensive to rent
- Popular with English & Irish expats

Manly has a laid-back vibe. However, it does attract lots of tourists, but they tend to disembark from the ferry and walk along a pedestrian mall to their destination: Manly beach.

The popular surfing beach attracts people from all over the world, from sunbathers to body boarders and surfers. Volleyball nets are permanently positioned on the beach and a promenade borders the sand. Occasionally whales and dolphins come into the shallows to say hello to swimmers.

Driving during rush hour can be frustrating as there's only one main road in or out and it's generally tied up with traffic. But ferries are in ample supply, including a fast ferry during rush hour that only takes 20 minutes to get you to Circular Quay in the CBD.

