

# Discover Brisbane Architecture

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Brisbane buildings reflect the boom and bust cycle of an economy driven by cultural and political change. The 20th century brought great change particularly to buildings of the Brisbane CBD. While this happened at a breathtaking pace we are fortunate enough to have a wide variety of 20th century buildings which exhibit significant architectural detail and are worthy of recognition. The aim of this guide is to provide a resource in the form of a guided walk through the CBD. This is not a comprehensive or accredited list, but simply a selection of buildings dating from the early years of Modernism in the 1930s, extending through to the 1980s, when Brisbane was being noticed internationally. Whether you spend time in the CBD making your way to work, hurrying down Albert Street to QUT, visiting the Riverside markets or taking in some retail therapy, look around you. The buildings and their designers deserve your attention.

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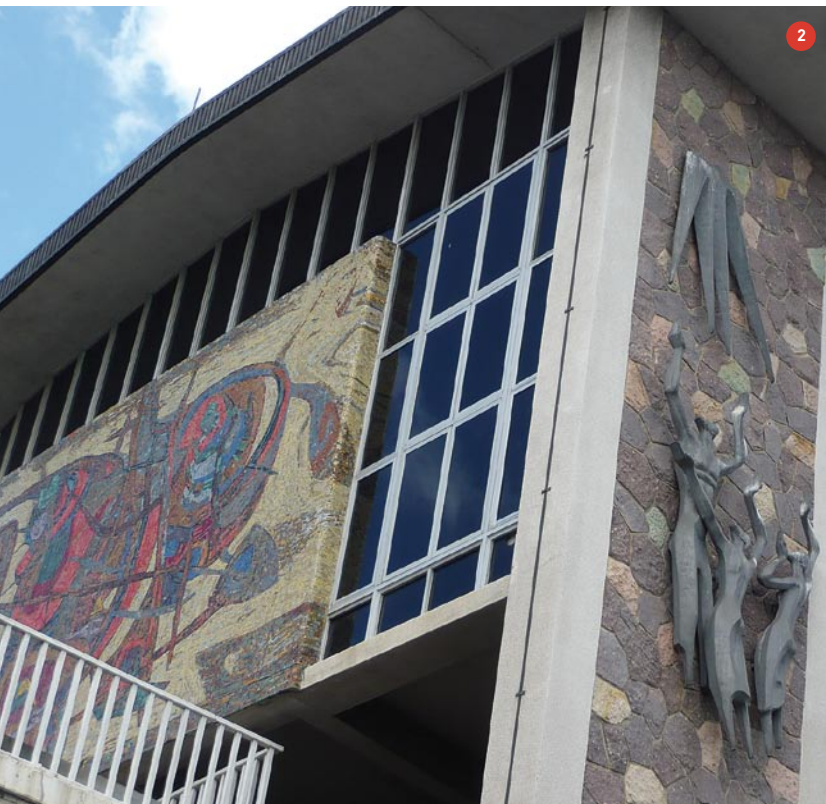
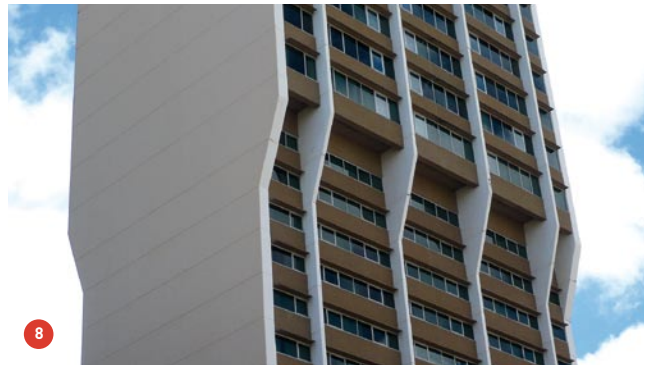
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Sculpture by Leonard Shillam  
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## WILLIAM STREET

- 1 State Works Centre**  
William St (Cnr Margaret St)  
Lund Hutton Ryan Morton 1987
- 2 State Library Extension** 159 William St  
Public Works Dept 1959  
(Features Glass Mosaic by Lindsay Edwards & Sculpture by Leonard Shillam)
- 3 Victoria Bridge** Victoria Bridge 1969

## GEORGE STREET

- 4 231 George St Building** 231 George St  
GA Blackburn & EF Devenport 1957  
(Former Friendly Society Building)
- 5 District Court Building** 304 George St  
Bligh Jessup Bretnall 1970  
**Supreme Court Building**  
Bligh Jessup Bretnall & Partners 1981
- 6 McDonnell & East Building** 414 George St  
Stage 1 Hall & Prentice 1912  
Stage 2 TR Hall 1928

## QUEEN STREET

- 7 Westpac Bank** 33 Queen St (Cnr George St)  
Hall & Devereux 1929  
(Former Bank of NSW)
- 8 The Chifley at Lennons** 66 Queen St Mall  
Littlemore & Associates 1973  
(Former Lennons Hotel)  
New Queen St Façade  
Conrad & Gargett 1988
- 9 Myer Centre** 91 Queen St Mall  
Malone Buchan Laird & Bawden 1988
- 10 Queen St Mall** (Stage 1) Queen St Mall  
Robin Gibson & Partners 1982  
**Queen St Mall** (Stage 2) Queen St Mall  
Malone Buchan Laird & Bawden 1988  
**Queen St Mall** Redesigned pavilions,  
shade structures & underground bus stn  
City Design John Mainwaring 2000
- 11 Brisbane Arcade** 160 Queen St Mall  
Richard Gailey 1928
- 12 Regent Theatre** (Foyer) 167 Queen St Mall  
Hollingshed & Gailey 1930  
Theatre Refurbishment:  
Powell, Dods & Thorpe 1979
- 13 Wintergarden** Stage 1  
171-209 Queen St Mall  
Robin Gibson & Partners 1984  
Stage 2 (and Hilton Hotel)  
Harry Seidler & Partners 1987
- 14 Tattersall's Club** 215 Queen St  
Stage 1 Hall & Prentice 1925  
Stage 2 Hall & Phillips 1938 and Stage 3  
Hall & Phillips 1949
- 15 MacArthur Chambers** 229 Queen St  
Hall & Cooke 1934  
(Former Australian Mutual & Provident  
Society Building)
- 16 Westpac Bank Building** 260 Queen St  
Cook & Kerrison with Prangley & Crofts 1970  
(Features Sculpture by Lennard Shillam 1970)
- 17 Post Office Square** 280 Queen St  
Robin Gibson & Partners 1982
- 18 Manor Apartments** 289 Queen St  
Hennessy, Hennessy & Co 1931

- 19 Central Plaza** 345 Queen St  
K Kurokawa & Associates with  
Peddle Thorp 1988 (Features swinging crane  
mechanism rooftop)
- 20 Singapore Airlines** 344 Queen St  
Thynne, Denham & Associates 1967  
(Former MMI Building, New street facade)
- 21 ANL Building** 379 Queen St  
Prangley & Crofts 1966  
(Former Pearl Assurance Building)

## EAGLE STREET

- 22 Riverside Centre** 123 Eagle St  
Harry Seidler 1987  
(Features Foyer Sculpture, 'Winter Wind'  
by Norman Carlberg)
- 23 AMP Place** 10 Eagle St  
Peddle Thorp & Harvey 1979
- 25 Waterfront Place** 1 Eagle St  
Cameron Chisholm Nicol 1989

## CREEK STREET

- 24 Comalco Place** 12 Creek St  
Peddle Thorpe & Harvey 1987

## ADELAIDE STREET

- 26 Commonwealth Chambers** 313 Adelaide St  
Douglas Daly Bottger 1984
- 27 Desmond Chambers** 303 Adelaide St  
Atkinson & McLay 1913
- 28 National Bank House**  
255 Adelaide St (100 Creek St)  
Conrad & Gargett 1976
- 29 Commonwealth Government Offices**  
232 Adelaide St  
JS Murdoch, Commonwealth Works  
Department Architect 1931-1933-1949
- 30 Queens Plaza** 149 Adelaide St  
Atkinson & Conrad 1930-1936  
(Former Finney Isles Dept Store)
- 31 Grant Thornton Building** 102 Adelaide St  
Commonwealth Dept of Works 1973  
(Former Reserve Bank Building)
- 32 Brisbane City Hall** King George Square  
Hall & Prentice 1930
- 33 Commonwealth Bank Building**  
71-89 Adelaide St  
Conrad & Gargett 1966  
(Former Reserve Bank Building)

## ANN STREET

- 34 State Law Building** (Gotham City)  
Cnr Ann & George Sts  
Conrad & Gargett 1977  
(Former Comalco House. Reclad 1993)
- 35 Sebel King George Square**  
Ann St & Roma St  
Prangley & Crofts 1972  
(Former Mayfair Crest Hotel)  
Stage 2: Peddle Thorpe & Harvey 1984
- 36 Law Society House** 179 Ann St  
Bligh Robinson 1987
- 37 Shrine of Remembrance**  
Anzac Square, Ann St  
Buchanan & Cowper 1930

- 38 Rothbury on Ann** 301 Ann St  
Hall & Phillips 1932  
(Former Shell House)

## EDWARD STREET

- 39 Rows Arcade Redevelopment**  
235 Edward St  
Conrad & Gargett 1984
- 40 MLC Building**  
243 Edward St (Cnr Adelaide St)  
Bates Smart & McCutcheon  
with Conrad & Gargett 1965
- 41 Trilby Misso Lawyers** 288 Edward St  
Bligh Jessup & Bretnall 1975  
(Former Jetset Building)
- 42 Kenlynn Centre** 457 Upper Edward St  
Noel Robinson Built Environ 1983

## WICKHAM TERRACE

- 43 Wickham Terrace Carpark**  
Wickham Tce (Cnr Upper Edward St)  
James Birrell, Brisbane City Council  
Architect 1961
- 44 Craigston** 217 Wickham Tce  
Atkinson & Conrad 1924
- 45 Metro Hotel 'Tower Mill'** 239 Wickham Tce  
Fulton Collin Trotter 1968

## ASTOR TERRACE

- 46 Fulton Collin (Trotter & Moss) Offices**  
96 Astor Tce  
Fulton & Collin 1960

## LEICHHARDT STREET

- 47 Glencrag** 119 Leichhardt St  
F.Oswell 1960 (Features 3 level  
commercial space with flats above)

## TURBOT STREET

- 48 Suncorp Building & Theatre**  
Turbot & Albert Sts  
Conrad & Gargett 1970  
(Former SGIO. New External Cladding)
- 49 Sofitel Brisbane** 249 Turbot St  
Conrad & Gargett 1985  
(Former Sheraton Hotel)

## ELIZABETH STREET

- 50 Hilton Hotel** 190 Elizabeth St  
Harry Seidler & Associates 1987

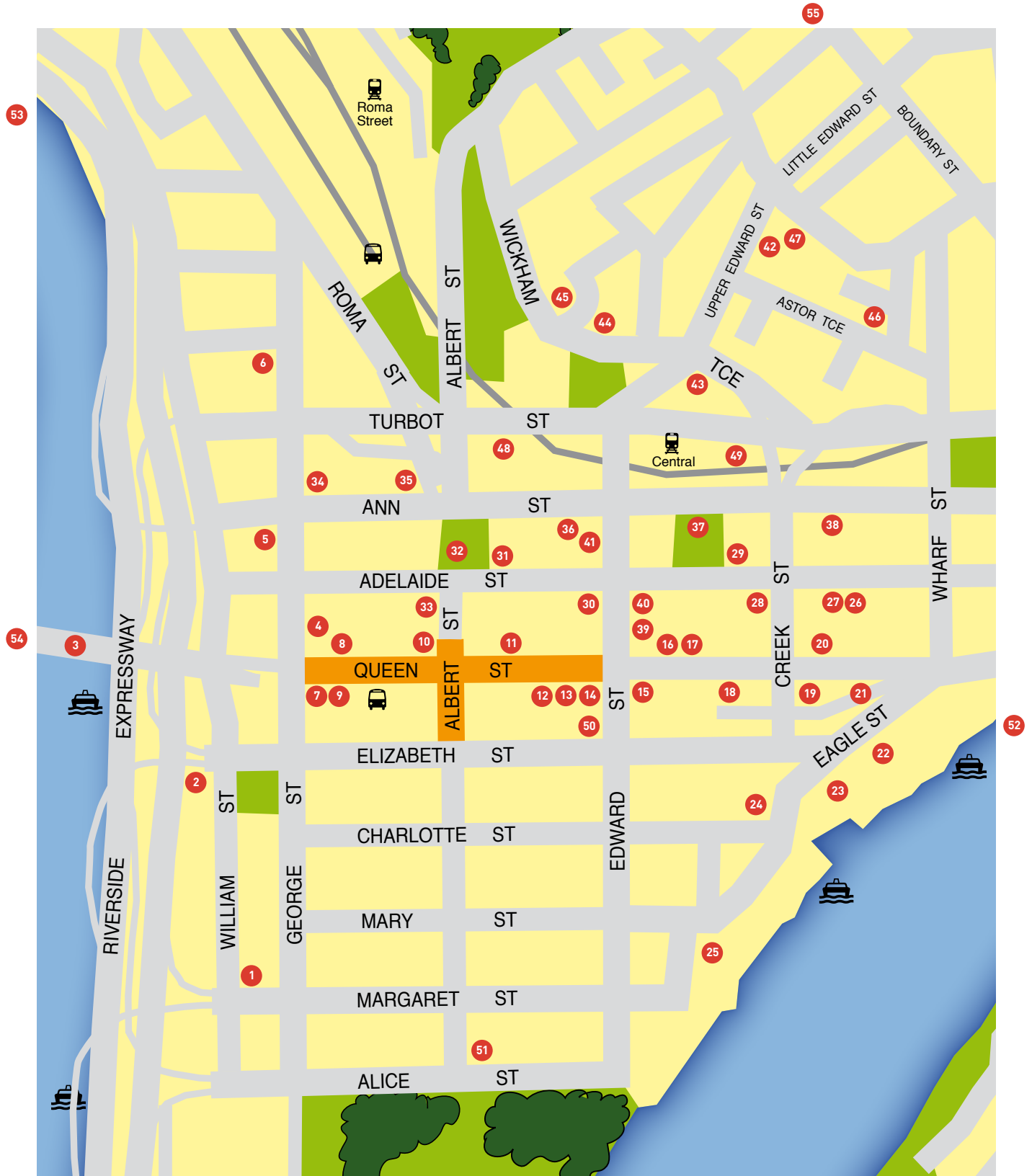
## ALICE STREET

- 51 Royal on the Park** 152 Alice St  
1969 (Former Park Royal)

## OTHER ITEMS OFF THE MAP

- 52 Story Bridge** Bradfield Highway  
Engineer: JC Bradfield 1940
- 53 William Jolly Bridge** Grey St  
Engineer: AE Harding Frew 1932
- 54 Queensland Art Gallery** Grey St South Bank  
Robin Gibson 1975  
**Queensland Cultural Centre** Grey St  
Robin Gibson & Partners 1982  
Stage 2- Performing Arts Ext 1986  
Stage 3- Museum 1987  
Stage 4- Library 1988
- 55 Main Roads Dept**  
Boundary St (Cnr Fortescue St)  
Karl Langer & Colin Tesch 1965

# Discover Brisbane City Map



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- 40 MLC Building  
243 Edward St (Cnr Adelaide St)  
Bates Smart & McCutcheon with Conrad & Gargett 1965
- 51 Royal on the Park: Balcony Detail  
(Former Park Royal)  
152 Alice St 1969
- 21 ANL Building  
(Former Pearl Assurance Building)  
379 Queen St  
Prangley & Crofts 1966
- 33 Commonwealth Bank Building  
(Former Reserve Bank Building)  
71-89 Adelaide St  
Conrad & Gargett 1966
- 43 Wickham Terrace Carpark: Concrete Detail  
Wickham Tce (Cnr Upper Edward St)  
James Birrell, Brisbane City Council Architect 1961

