

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER- DECEMBER 2023

**Bengali Society of
Queensland**



একদিন আমরাও সবাই বুড়ো হবে সে কথা যেন ভুলে না যাই...

চায়ের ঠেকে আড্ডা মারেন
দশবারো জন বুড়োর দল,
আশীর কোঠায় পৌঁছে সবাই,
আজও অনেক প্রাণোচ্ছল।
কেউ বা ছিলেন ইঞ্জিনিয়ার
কেউ বা ছিলেন অধ্যাপক,
কেউ কাটাতেন কলম পিষে,
কেউ বা আবার সংগঠক।
কেউ তোলে না সেসব কথা,
এখন সবাই আড্ডাবাজ,
ঘন্টা দুয়েক আড্ডা মারা,
এখন সবার মস্ত কাজ।
বার চারেকের চায়ের জোগান
পাশেই দোকান চলতে এক,
কেউ জানে না দাম কে মেটায়,
কেউ বলে না আমায় দেখা।
নানান বিষয় তর্ক চলে,
ঠিক না বেঠিক নেই খেয়াল,
আসল কথা ঘন্টা দুয়েক,
ভুলেই থাকা চার দেয়াল।
কারুর চলা ডান দিকেতে,
কেউ বা চলেন বাম দিকে,
কিন্তু তাতে ঝড় না ওঠে,

খেয়াল রাখেন সবটাতে।
দিন কেটে যায় এমনি ভাবেই,
বারোটা মাস ছয় ঋতু,
যে যেখানে যেমন থাকেন,
আড্ডা আসল, সেটাই হেতু।
একটু করে বয়স সবার বেড়েই
চলে দিনকে দিন,
চতুর্দিকে রঙের বাহার,
মনগুলো তাই খুব রঙীন।
এই বুড়োরা যাবেন চলে,
আসবে নতুন বুড়োর দল,
তখন আবার বৈশিষ্ট্যলোর,
করতে হবে রদবদল।
কতো বুড়োই এলেন গেলেন,
বেনশিষ্ট্যলোই থাকলো তাই,
আর ক'টা দিন আড্ডা চলুক,
আমরা সুখেই দিন কাটাই।

আড্ডা। কবির নাম আমার
জানা নেই তবে বুড়োদের এই
কবিতাটি ফরওয়ার্ড না করে
পারলাম না



CELEBRITIES BORN IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



Raima Sen
Nov 07, 1979

**Rituparna
Sengupta**
Nov 07, 1971



Bappi Lahiri
Nov 27, 1952





CELEBRITIES BORN IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



Jhulan Goswami
Nov 25, 1983

**Suman
Mukhopadhyay**
Nov 20, 1966



BSQ DIWALI CELEBRATION

Some glimpses of our recent Diwali celebration.
Please find the photo link for our Diwali Event
captured by Pablo from Pablo Lanata
Productions.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gyuPXfpB5XfEi4ShlhR3NOaGmvv5riNu?usp=sharing>



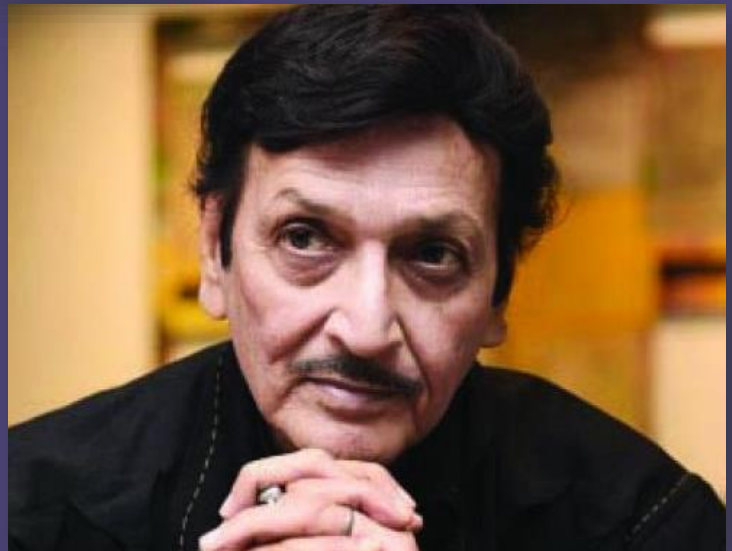
BSQ DIWALI CELEBRATION



CELEBRITIES BORN IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER




**Pranab
Mukherjee**
Dec 11, 1935



**Biswajit
Chatterjee**
Dec 14, 1936



Babul Supriyo
Dec 15, 1970



CELEBRITIES BORN IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



Mouli Ganguly
Dec 15, 1982

Ajoy Chakrabarty
Dec 25, 1952



লুচির রোজনামচা

নিজেকে সবসময় বুঝিয়ে চলেছি যে মনের মধ্যে সবসময় ওই লুচি-চাই লুচি-চাই ভাবটাকে জিইয়ে রাখতে হবে। লুচি-চাই লুচি-চাই ভেবে যাওয়া মানে অবশ্য গাণ্ডেপিণ্ডে লুচি গিলে যাওয়া নয়। শরীর-স্বাস্থ্য বলে একটা ব্যাপার আছে তো; সমুদ্র ভালো লাগে বলেই তো আর রোজ বিকেলে স্বর্গদ্বারের সমুদ্রে গোড়ালি ডুবিয়ে গামছা কাচতে বসব না। তাছাড়া বয়স ব্যাপারটা উড়িয়ে দেওয়ার মত নয়, হজম-শক্তি আর আগের মত নেই। পোড়া তেলে কাউকে চপ-ফুলুরি ভাজতে দেখতেই গলার কাছটা কেমন জ্বালাজ্বালা করে। এ'সব রুচ সত্যকে তো পাশ কাটিয়ে যাওয়ার উপায় নেই। তবে ওই লুচি-চাই লুচি-চাই ভাবটা হচ্ছে মনের তরতাজা থাকার লক্ষণ। সে'টাকে টিকিয়ে রাখাটা আমার দায়িত্ব। ছোটবেলায় শরীর কেমন যাচাই করতে হলেই দাদু বলত, "জিভ বের করো দেখি ভাই"। জিভের রঙ বিচার করে দাদু অ্যানালাইজ করতেন শরীরস্বাস্থ্য কেমন আছে।



সে'ভাবেই, মনের হাল-হকিকত বুঝতে হলে নিজেকে জিজ্ঞেস করি, "কী ব্রাদার, লুচি হবে নাকি খান কয়েক"? যদি মনের মধ্যে "একটু লুচি পেলে বড় ভালো হত" গোছের আনচান শুরু হয়ে যায়, তা'হলে বুঝতে হবে সমস্ত ঠিক আছে, সূর্য-চন্দ্র ঠিকঠাক ওঠানামা করছে, মানুষ এখনও কবিতা লিখছে, শ্যামল মিত্রের গান এখনও বুকে ছুঁ জেনারেট করছে, ইয়ারদোস্তুরা এখনও টিকে আছে, প্রেমের চিঠি লেখার ক্ষমতা এখনও খতম হয়ে যায়নি, বাজে চুটকিতে এখনও হো-হো করে হাসতে হাসতে খাট থেকে গড়িয়ে পড়তে পারি। কিন্তু, যদি কখনও মনে হয়; নাহ্, এই অবেলায় লুচির কোনও দরকার নেই। তা'হলে বুঝতে হবে সর্বনাশ। লুচি-না-চাওয়া-ভ্যাপসা মন-মেজাজ দিয়ে এ দুনিয়ায় কোনও কাজের কাজ করা সম্ভব নয়। যে মন লুচি সম্বন্ধে নিঃস্পৃহ, তাকে ভরসা করলে ঠকতেই হবে যে। কাজেই, যদি মনের মধ্যে লুচি-চাই লুচি-চাই ভাব, তদিনই জ্যান্ত।

A Bengali in Kolkata at Christmas

No Indian city celebrates Christmas with as much gusto and joy as Kolkata. All corners of the city are lit up; and though the aesthetics in many cases may be questionable, the spirit is wonderfully genuine. The festooned lights of Park Street are of course famous—a century-old tradition, and hundreds of thousands throng the road just to look at them. The various monuments in and around the maidan are also lit up, and a late-night drive along the wide avenues there can be a near-magical experience. No one in Kolkata considers Christmas to be a purely Christian festival. It is a long Bengali custom to bake cakes on Bada Din, and for those who don't want to make the effort, every grocery in the city stocks up on cakes of every variety a week ahead. By the morning of Christmas, the inventory is sold out. The magnificent—and huge—St Paul Cathedral is jam-packed for midnight mass, and the crowd there to rejoice in the birth of Christ are from all faiths and denominations. The full ceremony is telecast live on Doordarshan Bangla. At the beautiful riverside campus at Belur where the Ramakrishna Mission is headquartered, the bushes have been trimmed to resemble giant Christmas trees, with yellow and white chrysanthemums as the stars. The prayer hall is decorated specially for the occasion with a small chapel erected on one side with a tableau of the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus. Interestingly enough, Christmas Eve is one of the days of the year when Belur sees the highest number of visitors. The hall is as packed as St Paul for the evening prayers. Kolkata at Christmas time will give any visitor hope that true secularism is still possible in our country. Wish you all Merry Christmas

Compiled



Reindeer Cake Pops



INGREDIENTS

1 Large Traditional Christmas Cake

2 180g blocks milk chocolate

Pretzels

Mini M&Ms (red)

20 cake pop sticks

1 tube black writing icing

METHOD

STEP 1 : Cut your pretzels in half, right down the middle so that each half resembles an antler. You will need 20 sets (and a few extras just in case).

STEP 2 : In a large mixing bowl, crumble your Large Traditional Christmas Cake. Melt 1 block of milk chocolate and stir this through the Christmas Cake crumbs.

STEP 3 : Line 2 baking trays with parchment paper.

STEP 4 : Take a large spoonful of the cake mixture and shape into a ball, add a cake pop stick into the middle until secure. Repeat with all the mixture, making roughly 20 cake pops.

STEP 5 : Chill the cake pops in the freezer for 20 mins.

STEP 6 : Melt the second block of milk chocolate. Once properly chilled gently coat each cake pop with the melted chocolate and return to the lined trays. The chocolate should set very quickly on the cold cake pops.

STEP 7 : Using the left-over melted chocolate, attach 2 pretzel antlers to the top of each pop and a red M&M as a reindeer nose. Use the black writing icing to draw 2 black dots for eyes.

STEP 8 : Enjoy straight away or store gently in an airtight container.

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TRAVELS OFFER

- BSQ members, do you want to win a chance to win 2X \$50 travel vouchers to India. To grab these vouchers presented by AusIndia travels, you just need to:

Write a small article in English about our the BSQ Diwali Event.

OR

Send us a photo from BSQ Diwali event

The most interesting article and the best photo will be nominated for the vouchers.

Last date to submit your article and photo is

31st of December 2023.



December in Australia ushers in a festive holiday season that is distinctly Down Under. Along with welcoming summer, we also say hello to school holidays and the festive season. Beaches beckon, adorned with festive lights, where families gather for outdoor barbecues. Instead of snow-covered landscapes, we embrace the warmth of the season with picnics in the sun, bushwalk adventures, and of course, friendly cricket matches on the sand. The tangible festive energy unites us in a charming fusion of Australian traditions, crafting an atmosphere that is genuinely unique and special. So, as December unfolds, join in the joyous festivities, relishing the warmth, laughter, and shared moments that define the festive holiday season in Australia.

Find the best Christmas Lights in Brisbane depending on where you live, how much time you have and how old your kids are in the next few pages.

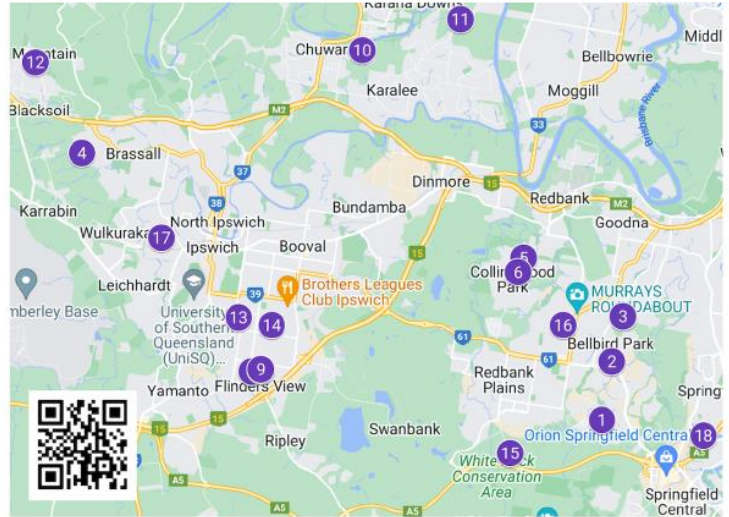




Christmas Lights BRISBANE

Ipswich

- 1.99 Santa Monica Drive, Augustine Heights
2. Avalon Close, Bellbird Park
3. Wyeth Street, Bellbird Park
4. Alexandra Street, Brassall
- 5.1 Paul Tully Avenue, Collingwood Park
- 6.45 Paul Tully Avenue, Collingwood Park
- 7.46 Cowley Drive, Flinders View
- 8.1 Nova Court, Flinders View**
- 9.19 Discovery Street, Flinders View
10. 39 Louisa Place, Karalee
11. Greenview Court, Karalee
12. 3 Pringle Place, Pine Mountain
13. 36 Mahogany Street, Raceview
14. 1 Explorer Street, Raceview
15. 14 Vantage Place, Redbank Plains
16. Yarrow Court, Redbank Plains
17. 24 Thomas Street, Sadliers Crossing
18. 31 Congo Circuit, Springfield
19. 35 Grindelia Drive, Springfield Lakes



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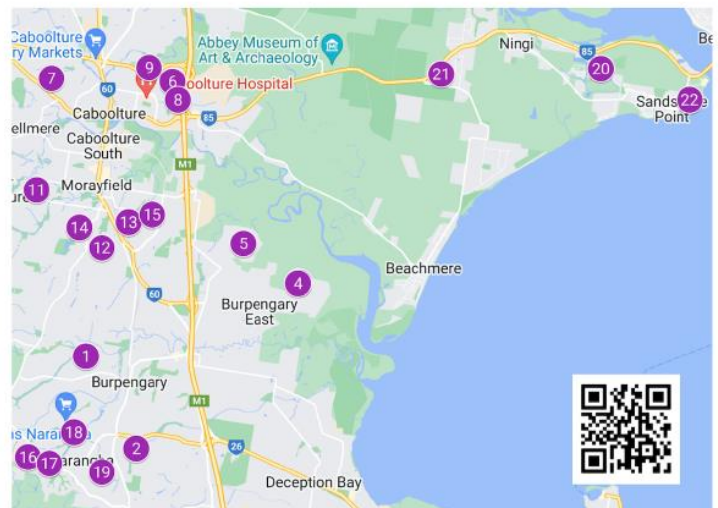
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Moreton Bay (North)

- 1.15-17 Garden Drive, Burpengary
- 2.85 Osborne Drive, Burpengary
- 3.5 Stockport Court, Burpengary East
- 4.3 Stockport Court, Burpengary East
- 5.12 Bedarra Crescent, Burpengary East**
- 6.6 Crawford Street, Caboolture
- 7.20 Adrian Street, Caboolture
- 8.98 Hodgskin Street, Caboolture
- 9.17 Bluestar Circuit, Caboolture**
10. 7 Amy Street, Donnybrook
11. 14 Crestwood Avenue, Morayfield
12. 32 Telopea Place, Morayfield
13. 20 Treedale Street, Morayfield
14. Buntine Avenue, Morayfield
- 15. 2 Forestlea Place, Morayfield**
16. 4 Penda Street, Narangba
17. Boobook Court, Narangba
18. Bendee Court, Narangba
19. 83 Jinibara Crescent, Narangba
20. 17 Sandstone Boulevard, Ningi
21. 15-17 Barr Place, Ningi
22. 14 Clark Terrace, Sandstone Point



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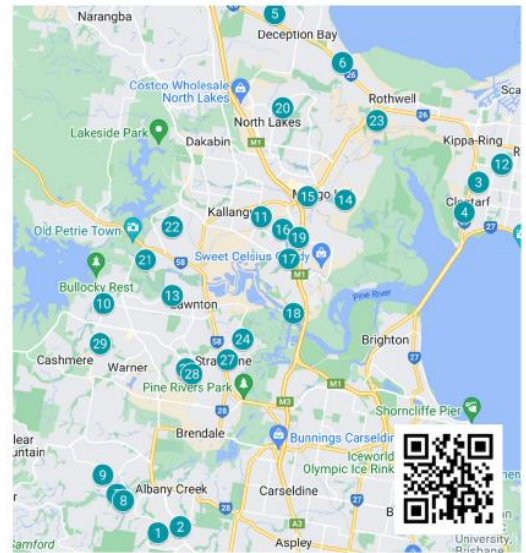


Christmas Lights BRISBANE

- 1.10 Longreef Court, Albany Creek
- 2.24 Somerset Court, Albany Creek
- 3.275 Elizabeth Avenue, Clontarf
- 4.1 Long Street, Clontarf**
- 5.14 Magpie Court, Deception Bay
- 6.127 Cross Street, Deception Bay**
- 7.60 Drapers Road, Eatons Hill
- 8.10 Bend Court, Eatons Hill**
- 9.10 Bassino Court, Eatons Hill
10. 27c Gordons Crossing Road East, Joyner
11. 5 Summer Court, Kallangur
12. 10 Abelia Crescent, Kippa-Ring
13. 4 Platypus Court, Lawnton
14. 29 Mercury Parade, Mango Hill
15. 26 Limosa Court, Mango Hill
16. 34 Goodwood Road, Murrumba Downs
17. 3 & 4 Hillcrest Court, Murrumba Downs
18. 1 Derwent Street, Murrumba Downs
- 19. 40 Twin Lakes Drive, Murrumba Downs**
20. 122 Nicklaus Parade, North Lakes

21. 43 Hunter Circuit, Petrie
- 22. 11 Eacham Street, Petrie**
23. 6 Whitlock Drive, Rothwell
24. 37 Brennan Parade, Strathpine
25. 37 Hillsdale Street, Strathpine
26. 24 Navua Street, Strathpine
27. 11 Patmar Street, Strathpine
- 28. 19 Jasmine Street, Strathpine**
29. 19 Hemlock Street, Warner

Moreton Bay (South)



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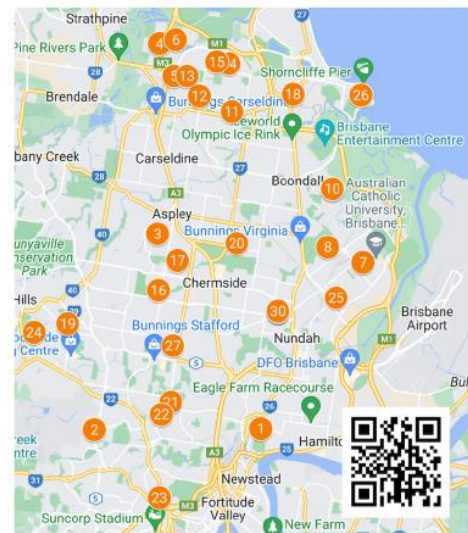


Christmas Lights BRISBANE

- 1.74 Crosby Road, Albion**
2. Broadbent Street, Ashgrove
- 3.11 Stonycroft Street, Aspley
- 4.6 Topham Street, Bald Hills
5. Paladin Place, Bald Hills
- 6.23 Arnica Crescent, Bald Hills
- 7.8 Witt Street, Banyo**
- 8.4 Huron Street, Banyo**
- 9.86 College Way, Boondall**
10. 88 College Way, Boondall
11. 20 Pilgrim Place, Bracken Ridge
12. 10 Whyalla Close, Bracken Ridge
13. Annie Street, Bracken Ridge
14. 28 Gawain Road, Bracken Ridge
- 15. 72 Gawain Road, Bracken Ridge**
16. 2 Dalkeith Street, Chermside West
17. 5 Graymond Street, Chermside West
18. 116 Board Street, Deagon
19. Hornby Street, Everton Park
20. 36 Blackwood Road, Geebung

21. 37 Myrtle Street, Grange
- 22. 48 Daisy Street, Grange**
23. 7 Victoria Street, Kelvin Grove
24. 25 Essex Street, Mitchelton
25. 33 Parker Avenue, Northgate
26. 36 Swan Street, Shorncliffe
- 27. 27 Minimine Street, Stafford**
28. 34 Sugarloaf Street, Wavell Heights
29. 36 Sugarloaf Street, Wavell Heights
30. 38 Sugarloaf Street, Wavell Heights

North Brisbane



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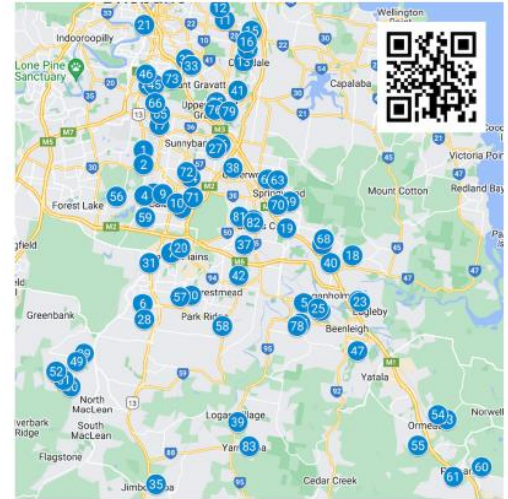
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- 1.33 Mannington Road, Acacia Ridge
- 2.42 Longford Crescent, Acacia Ridge
- 3.55 Cupania Street, Algester
- 4.32 Cordia Street, Algester
- 5.32 King Arthur Boulevard, Bethania
- 6.3 Ferndale Street, Boronia Heights
- 7.6 Alrak Avenue, Browns Plains**
- 8.22 Golden Avenue, Calamvale
- 9.211 Benhiam Street, Calamvale
- 10. 52 Orania Crescent, Calamvale**
- 11. 242 Stanley Road, Carina
- 12. 18 Banbury Street, Carina
- 13. 3 Linwood Street, Carindale
- 14. 88 Kilmorey Street, Carindale**
- 15. 76 Cadogan Street, Carindale**
- 16. 35 Grosmont Street, Carindale**
- 17. 10 Keeling Street, Coopers Plains**
- 18. 24 Torulosa Street, Cornubia
- 19. 9 Farr Court, Daisy Hill
- 20. 4 Gregory Close, Drewvale**
- 21. 21 Tillot Street, Dutton Park**
- 22. 38 Copperfield Drive, Eagleby
- 23. 14 Burrum Court, Eagleby
- 24. 50 Loane Drive, Edens Landing
- 25. 11 Loane Drive, Edens Landing**
- 26. 16 Bordeaux Street, Eight Mile Plains
- 27. 29 Dandelion Street, Eight Mile Plains
- 28. 4-6 Hepburn Street, Greenbank
- 29. 37 Bignell Circuit, Greenbank
- 30. 15-17 Blue Wren Place, Heritage Park
- 31. 4 Cyril Court, Hillcrest
- 32. 9 Victor Street, Holland Park
- 33. 1049 Logan Road, Holland Park West
- 34. 11-13 Dwyer Place, Jimboomba
- 35. 85 Manning Street, Jimboomba
- 36. 119 Myrtle Road, Jimboomba**
- 37. 48 Redford Street, Kingston
- 38. 9 Paloma Place, Kuraby**
- 39. 44-48 Pioneer Drive, Logan Village**
- 40. 73 Timor Avenue, Loganholme**
- 41. 30 Tandanya Street, Mansfield
- 42. 23 Homestead Street, Marsden**
- 43. 15 Manor Road, Maudsland**
- 44. 10 Derrick Street, Moorooka
- 45. Rachael Street, Moorooka
- 46. 12 Citrus Street, Moorooka
- 47. 43 Linning Street, Mount Warren Park
- 48. 23-27 Wallaby Way, New Beith

South Brisbane & Logan #1



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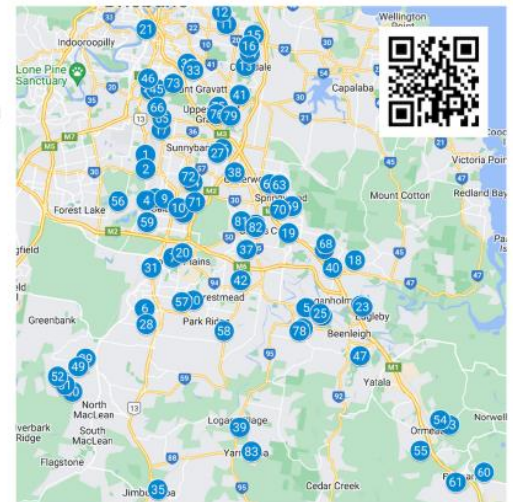
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Christmas Lights BRISBANE

- 49. 28-34 Equestrian Drive, New Beith
- 50. 69-71 Border Crescent, New Beith
- 51. 7-9 Gum Nut Court, New Beith
- 52. 62-64 Wallaby Way, New Beith
- 53. 9 Boydaw Road, Ormeau
- 54. 13 Katandra Crescent, Ormeau
- 55. 13 Ashburton Street, Ormeau Hills
- 56. 43 Ferdinando Street, Pallara**
- 57. 40 Gem Circuit, Park Ridge**
- 58. 27 Isla Street, Park Ridge**
- 59. 13 Byrny Place, Parkinson**
- 60. 1 Byfield Street, Pimpama
- 61. 2/7 Moss Terrace, Pimpama**
- 62. 34 Narelle Crescent, Rochedale South
- 63. 23 Fenchurch Street, Rochedale South
- 64. 47 Calliope Street, Runcorn
- 65. 112 Golda Avenue, Salisbury
- 66. 65 Chalfont Street, Salisbury
- 67. 20 Thistlerow Street, Shailer Park
- 68. 3 Hailar Street, Shailer Park**
- 69. 10 Tower Street, Springwood
- 70. 16 Merchant Court, Springwood**
- 71. 6 Poinciana Crescent, Stretton
- 72. 62 Hellawell Road, Sunnybank Hills
- 73. 34 Lisle Street, Tarragindi**
- 74. 4 Santa Clara Rise, Upper Coomera**
- 75. 101 Kempsie Road, Upper Mt Gravatt**
- 76. 74 Lindwall Street, Upper Mt Gravatt**
- 77. 60 Woodlands Boulevard, Waterford
- 78. 7 Benarkin Close, Waterford**
- 79. 4 Anise Street, Wishart
- 80. 39 Wagawn Street, Woodridge
- 81. 38 Orchid Street, Woodridge
- 82. 75 Jean Street, Woodridge
- 83. 109 Buxton Avenue, Yarrabilba**

South Brisbane & Logan #2



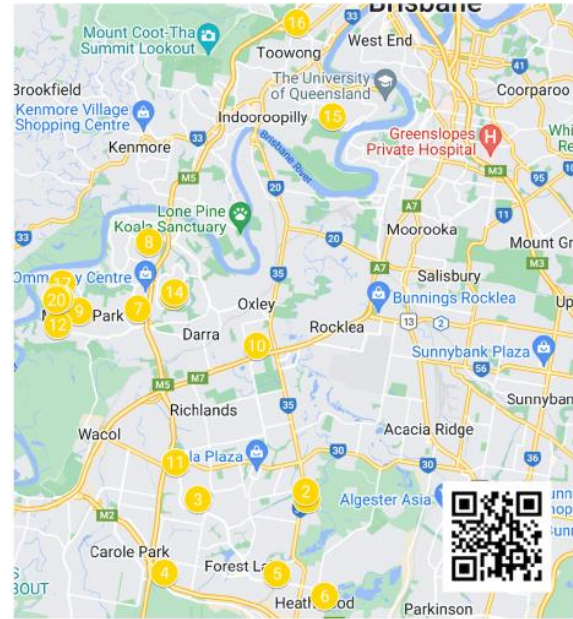
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West Brisbane



- 1.29 St Mary's Close, Doolandella
- 2.5 Peacock Street, Doolandella**
- 3. 55 Brushwood Circuit, Forest Lake**
- 4.38 Harrison Crescent, Forest Lake**
- 5.6 Rise Place, Heathwood**
- 6.12 Toorwood Street, Heathwood**
- 7.14 Mistral Street, Jamboree Heights
- 8.20 Curragundi Road, Jindalee**
- 9.4 Burwick Close, Middle Park**
10. Woodgate Street, Oxley
11. Shop 4/106 Garden Road, Richlands
- 12. 15 Bogong Street, Riverhills**
- 13. 71 McPherson Road, Sinnamon Park**
14. Rosemount Street, Sinnamon Park
- 15. 68 Highland Terrace, St Lucia**
16. 8 Gilrey Street, Toowong
17. 31 Baikal Place, Westlake
18. Raeside Street, Westlake
19. Everard Street, Westlake
- 20. 17 Everard Street, Westlake**

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