

85TH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
6th to 17th July 2025
Brisbane Technology Park Conference & Exhibition Centre



Bulletin Editor: Julie Jeffries



Welcome to the Australian Butler Pairs Championships



Welcome Stepbridge Swiss Pairs: 1st Ruth Tobiin & Anita Curtis with QBA President Richard Ward

ABPC PROGRAM

Saturday & Sunday 12 & 13 July 9:30am

- TBIB Open Butler Pairs Stage 1

Monday & Tuesday 14 & 15 July 9:30am

- TBIB Open Butler Pairs Stage 2
- TBIB Mixed Butler Pairs Stage 1
- StepBridge Swiss Pairs A

Wednesday & Thursday 16 & 17 July 9:30am

- TBIB Open Butler Pairs Stage 3
- TBIB Mixed Butler Pairs Stage 2
- Stepbridge Swiss Pairs B

Thursday 17 July 5:00pm

- Butler Presentation

Entries:



ABPC OFFICIALS

Tournament Organiser:

Julie Jeffries

Chief Tournament Director:

Laurie Kelso

Reviewer:

Matthew McManus

Review Consultants:

Jodi Tutty and Sebastian Yuen

ABF On-Site Representative:

Matthew McManus

Recorders:

Dee Harley and Sandra Richman

ABPC Orange 2024



OPEN BUTLER Shane Harrison & Jessica Brake with ABF President Allison Stralow



RESTRICTED BUTLER Yiwei Ki & Edmund Li



WINNERS SWISS PAIRS A Pam Morgan-King & Therese Demarco



MIXED BUTLER: Maurits van der Vlugt & Dagmar Neumann with Allison Stralow



SWISS A RUNNERS-UP: Martin Doran & Chris Mulley

FROM THE ABF AND QBA PRESIDENTS



Richard Ward & Allison Stralow

On behalf of the Australian Bridge Federation, I look forward to welcoming all players and officials to the Brisbane Technology Park and Exhibition Centre, for the 86th Australian National Championships. Congratulations to the Queensland Bridge Association, Julie Jeffries and the ANC committee for the many hours of work that they have put into the planning of this event.

This year the young and the not so old will be representing their state and territories in the Interstate teams and vying for a place on the podium. It is especially pleasing to see an Open Team representing the Northern Territory. I am confident that all players will ensure that the event is an enjoyable experience for both their partners, the opposition, and the officials.

The ANC is an opportunity for fierce competition at the table as well as social interaction after the game. I look forward to welcoming a large group of the Australian bridge community from all states and territories and catching up with my bridge family.

The best of bridge to you all.
Allison

On behalf of the Queensland Bridge Association I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors. We look forward to a couple of great weeks of bridge. A number of sponsors and supporters have made it possible for us to host this event.

- TBIB Insurance Brokers;
- Stepbridge; and
- Fixed Income Solutions

We thank them for their generosity and encourage you to speak with them at some stage throughout the championships.

Making an ANC happen always involves a lot of work from the bridge community itself. Our organising committee has been led by Tournament Organiser, Julie Jeffries with assistance from the QBA Manager, Kim Ellaway, Ray Ellaway, Chief Tournament Director, Laurie Kelso and Chief Scorer, Peter Busch. The management of the Brisbane Technology Park Conference and Exhibition Centre have provided much valuable support in the lead-up to the ANC and will continue throughout the next two weeks. If you have any queries, please speak directly with me or Julie or to our volunteers at the Help Desk.

Details of the local restaurants, supermarkets and public transport to and from the Brisbane CBD are contained elsewhere in this Welcome Bulletin which will be the only Bulletin produced for this year's ANC. The results will be available as usual on the ABF website.

The Australian National Championships date all the way back to 1933 and have always been a time for plenty of interstate rivalries to be reignited and lifelong friendships to be revisited. May the cards treat you well throughout this memorable couple of weeks.

Cheers

Richard



Richard Ward, President
Queensland Bridge Association



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FOOD AND BEVERAGES obtained elsewhere may not be consumed in the venue.

There is an outside area with tables and chairs

SMOKING is not permitted within 6 metres of the entry to the venue.

The designated smoking area is near the tree over to the right as you exit the main door.

CHEWING GUM is strictly prohibited in the venue

LUNCHES

Standard Sandwiches @ \$10.00 each are available for purchase

Fillings:

- Egg & Lettuce
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato Dijonnaise
- Chicken, Mayo & Lettuce
- Ham & Seasonal Salad
- Roast Beef & Cheese
- Honeyed Silverside, Cheese & Pickles

Order & Pay by EFTPOS on arrival before 9:30am

Coffee Cart in the Atrium for the purchase of Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks & Snacks

If you BYO Lunch there is an outdoor area with tables and a few chairs



BUTLER PRESENTATIONS



**Join us for drinks and nibbles in the Atrium
after play on Thursday 17 July from 5:00pm for the
Butler Prize Presentations**

Butler events will have bridge credit prizes for major placings

CLOSING TIMES FOR BUTLER EVENTS

- **OPEN BUTLER PAIRS:** Entries close Friday 11 July at 12:00 noon
- **MIXED BUTLER PAIRS:** Entries close Sunday 13 July at 9:30pm
- **SWISS PAIRS A:** Entries close Sunday 13 July at 9:30pm
- **SWISS PAIRS B:** Entries close Tuesday 15 July at 9:30pm

Butler events have Bridge Credits prizes for major placings

Enter via



BTP EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

In case of fire please make your way to the nearest exit and assist others if it is safe to do so. Look for the fire wardens wearing the red caps as they will be directing you to the nearest safest exit

The evacuation area is located directly out the front of the main Atrium doors and down the front steps.

Please make your way there as quickly and safely as you can so the fire wardens can account for all members of your party

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Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers have been sponsoring bridge events around Australia since 2012. More importantly they have offered a wide range of insurance options to all players, their families and friends.

Steve Weil, a Senior Broker at TBIB has worked closely with the ABF for the last 13 years, making sure we have the best insurance cover for our clubs, volunteers and players. He also uses his vast knowledge to source the very best cover for your specific needs and travel plans.

After a long, successful career, Steve is going on extended long service leave in August. It has been my pleasure to work with Steve over the years, and I wish him health and happiness in his future endeavours.

Allison Stralow
ABF President

Gold Coast 2026 Gold Point Online Congress

Two days of ABF gold point events conducted by the Queensland Bridge Association under licence to the ABF.



Saturday 7th February: TBIB Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Sunday 8th February: TBIB Cross-Imp Swiss Pairs

Both Days: 🕒 Start 9 am AEST (Queensland Time)

🕒 Offer Open and Under 500* events

🕒 Entry Fee 40 MYABF Credits per player

* Both players to have been under 500 masterpoints as at 31/10/2025

* Requires an entry of 30 pairs to be certain to play as a separate event

Generous Prizes in MYABF
Credits thanks to TBIB



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Chief Director: Chris Snook

Tournament Organiser: Kim Ellaway 0412 064 903
manager@qldbridge.com.au



QBA DIRECTOR TRAINING DAY --ZOOM--

EVERYONE WELCOME from ALL STATES

Ideal for those with at least a little practical directing experience, those moving towards club/congress accreditation or as a refresher.

Laurie Kelso, Chris Snook, Peter Busch and Jan Peach have been engaged as presenters, subject to other obligations that may arise.


If there is an area of the Laws that you particularly wish to be covered then please email Jan Peach by the end of August.

A schedule will be available early September.

9 am to 4 pm AEST (Queensland Time)
Saturday 27th SEPTEMBER 2025

Fee: \$10 per person

Subsidised by the Australian Bridge Federation

Please register and pay on 

Enquiries:

Kim Ellaway 0412 064 903 manager@qldbridge.com.au

Jan Peach 07 3352 6929 janpeach8@bigpond.com

Looking Back to the Butlers Brisbane 2016



ANC TBIB Open Butler Pairs

32 / 32

Winners: Michael Courtney - Paul Wyr (absent) with Sean Bemrose



ANC TBIB Womens's Butler Pairs

30 / 32

Winners: Eileen Li - Janeen Solomon with Sean Bemrose

ABPC Brisbane 2016



ANC TBIB Seniors' Butler Pairs

28 / 32

Winners: Richard Jedrychowski - Bruce Neill with Sean Bemrose



ANC Restricted Butler Pairs

Winners: Martin Broome - Valerie Broome

ANC 2026

The 2026 ANC will be held in Canberra from 4 July 2026 to 16 July 2026. The venue is the Canberra Labor Club in the Belconnen Town Centre. Attached to the Labor Club is the Mercure Hotel. There are 81 restaurants, a large shopping mall and a bus interchange, all within walking distance. There is a bus service between the airport and the Belconnen bus interchange, running approximately every 15 minutes.

The ANC will include the usual national Gold Point events: the Interstate Teams and Pairs, and the Open and Mixed Butler events. However, we would like to make the ANC an event that welcomes all players, especially those from the smaller and regional bridge clubs, not just the elite players from the big cities! So, accompanying the national events in 2026 will be several pairs and teams events open to all categories of players. We aim for the ANC to be an event where everyone can enjoy the bridge and make or renew friendships with other players from the region.

A particular feature of the ANC will be the Australian Country Championships, where teams representing the regional and/or smaller clubs compete in a three-day event. There is also a two-day pairs event for regional and country players.

Information about the ANC, the venue and local accommodation is already available in MyABF and in social media posts. Entries open on 1 January 2026. There will be a major junior soccer competition in Canberra in July 2026, which may mean that accommodation in Canberra will be in short supply. We encourage players to book their accommodation early, if possible by the end of November 2025.

The ANC will be convened by Lyn Carter and Cathy Nichols. We are pleased to advise that Laurie Kelso has accepted the role of Chief Tournament Director.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CANBERRA
4 to 16 July 2026

Featuring the South-east Australia
Country Championships

Just a short
walk to accommodation,
more than 80 restaurants
and shopping.

All players welcome

Convenors: Lyn Carter 0468-677888
Cathy Nichols 0448-776888
anc@abf.com.au



**Canberra Labor Club/Mercure Hotel,
Belconnen Town Centre**

Join us for
the ANC Presentation Dinner

More details in MyABF
Entries open 1 January 2026
Early bird discount until 31 May 2026

*You'll also find out how to get there, where to
stay and eat, and other things to do. There is
so much to choose from close to the venue!*



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ANC 2026 PROGRAM
4-16 July 2026

Sat 4 July	Sun 5 July	Mon 6 July	Tue 7 July	Wed 10 July	Thu 8 July	Fri 10 July
INTERSTATE CAPTAINSHIP		INTERSTATE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP (Final rounds start on Tuesday evening)				
WELCOME SWISS PAIRS		AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP			AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP	
ROOKIE PAIRS	NOVICE PAIRS	THREE DAY TEAMS			AN C INDIVIDUAL	INTERSTATE SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP
		SWISS PAIRS I SWISS PAIRS II SWISS PAIRS III			PRESENTATION DINNER	

Sat 11 July	Sun 12 July	Mon 13 July	Tue 14 July	Wed 15 July	Thu 16 July
OPEN BUTLER STAGE 1		OPEN BUTLER STAGE 2		OPEN BUTLER STAGE 3	
RESTRICTED BUTLER		MIXED BUTLER STAGE 1		MIXED BUTLER STAGE 2	
BYRD TO IMP SCORING	MATCHPOINT PAIRS	SWISS PAIRS A		SWISS PAIRS B	
				PRESENTATION DINNER	

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND BRISBANE

Before the ANC – The Music of John Lennon at the Concert Hall [HERE](#)

Before the ANC – Queensland Reds vs British and Irish Lions at Suncorp Stadium [HERE](#)

Before the ANC - Triple Bill Queensland Ballet at the Playhouse [HERE](#)

Queen's Wharf Brisbane Precinct Public Art Tour [HERE](#)

Wonderstruck at Gallery of Modern Art [HERE](#)

Sjaella – Among the Branches – a cappella ensemble at the Concert Hall [HERE](#)

Jesus Christ Superstar at the Lyric Theatre [HERE](#)

Triple Bill Queensland Ballet at the Playhouse [HERE](#)

Lone Pine and Brisbane City Highlights [HERE](#)

Candlelight Concert – 90's Unplugged at St John's Cathedral [HERE](#)

River Cruises with lunch [HERE](#)

Marru I the Unseen Visible at Queensland Art Gallery [HERE](#)

Beethoven and Strauss at the Concert Hall [HERE](#)

New Light Photography at Museum of Brisbane [free] [HERE](#)

After the ANC – Candlelight Ballet – Swan Lake + - St John's Cathedral [HERE](#)

After the ANC – Wallabies vs British and Irish Lions at Suncorp Stadium [HERE](#)

After the ANC – Brief Encounter in concert at the Concert Hall [HERE](#)



ANC 2025 RESTAURANTS, FOOD AND SHOPPING



As the congress centre offers on-site catering services, food and beverages obtained elsewhere are not to be consumed inside the venue. There is an area with tables and chairs outside.

SMOKING is prohibited within 6 metres of the entrance. The designated smoking area is the tree to the right as you exit the main door. **CHEWING GUM** is strictly prohibited

LUNCHES: Standard Sandwiches will be available for purchase @ \$10.00; No cash; Payments by EFTPOS only
Coffee, tea and snacks will be available from the coffee cart in the Atrium. No cash; Payments by EFTPOS only

CAFES WITHIN BRISBANE TECHNOLOGY PARK:

BLACK INK CAFÉ: Opposite the venue. Open Monday to Friday from 6:00 am to 2:00pm for breakfast, lunch and coffee

HAKO SUSHI BAR: Opposite Black Ink Café. Open 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday to Thursday; 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Friday. Closed Saturday and Sunday

OKEY DOKEY CAFÉ & RESTAURANT: 1 minute walk at 7 Clunies Ross Court. Open Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 2:30 pm, breakfast, lunch & coffee

SIP ON 29: Coffee shop at 29 Brandl St, walk straight down McKechnie Drive & turn Right at Brandl St. 5 mins. Open Monday to Thursday 6:30am to 3:00pm, Friday 6:30am to 2:30pm. Sandwiches, wraps, salads.

TECHNOLOGY OFFICE PARK CAFÉ: 107 Miles Platting Road, 5 min walk Open Monday to Friday 7:00am to 3:pm

SUPERMARKETS & SHOPS:

ROCHEDALE VILLAGE:

1.8 kms, 30 min walk, 5 min drive

Coles, Liquorland, Chemist, Hungry Jacks, McDonalds, Guzman y Gomez

329-335 Gardner Rd, 438 Miles Platting Rd



EIGHT MILE PLAINS SHOPPING CENTRE opposite Sunnybank Star Motel corner Warrigal & Padstow Roads, 900 metres, 10 min walk

- IGA
- Chemist
- Bakery
- Fruit Shop
- Butcher
- Seafood Shop
- Newsagent
- Post Office
- Coffee Shop
- Korean Roast Chicken
- Subway
- Michael's Pizza & Italian Restaurant



WESTFIELD GARDEN CITY SHOPPING CENTRE: 2.5 kms, Coles, Aldi, Woolworths, Chemist, Restaurants, Banks

STARBUCKS & 7ELEVEN AT MOBIL SERVICE STATION: Logan Road, 500 metres, 5 min walk

CALTEX SERVICE STATION: 200 metres corner Logan & Padstow Roads, Service station shop

SUNNYBANK PLAZA (Coles) & SUNNY PARK (Woolworths) SHOPPING CENTRES: 3.2kms, on 2 of the corners of the McCullough St & Mains Rd intersection, Sunnybank. Banks, Chemist and other shops

WARRIGAL SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE: corner Warrigal & Underwood Roads, 2.1 kms, Woolworths, McDonalds, Chemist, Patisserie, Café, various Asian restaurants

RESTAURANTS & TAKEAWAY

MICHAEL'S PIZZA & ITALIAN RESTAURANT: Shop 17 Eight Mile Plains Shopping Centre opposite Sunnybank Star Motel corner Warrigal & Padstow Roads, 900 metres, 10 min walk.

SUBWAY: Eight Mile Plains Shopping Centre

KOREAN ROAST CHICKEN: Eight Mile Plains Shopping Centre

NOODLES & DUMPLINGS: Eight Mile Plains Shopping Centre

FISH & CHIPS: Eight Mile Plains Shopping Centre

THE GLEN HOTEL RESTAURANT: 24 Gaskell Street, Eight Mile Plains, 17 minute walk, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Phone: 3270 6666

GOLDEN KOREAN RESTAURANT (0424067887) & 3 BAMBOO SEAFOOD RESTAURANT (3452 8388): Gaskell Street, just past the Glen Hotel.

SUNNYBANK SPORT AND COMMUNITY CLUB: Bistro style meals, McCullough Street, 2.4 kms

MARKET SQUARE, SUNNYBANK PLAZA & SUNNY PARK SHOPPING CENTRE: 3.2 kms. On 3 of the corners at McCullough St & Mains Rd intersection, Sunnybank. Some of the best Asian restaurants in Brisbane

SUNNYBANK HOTEL: 3.2 kms, corner McCullough St & Mains Rd, Sunnybank. On the 4th corner of this large intersection

WESTFIELD GARDEN CITY SHOPPING CENTRE: 2.5 kms, Variety of Restaurants

PALMDALE SHOPPING CENTRE: 2120 Logan Road. 2.5 kms. Several restaurants.

KFC & STARBUCKS: 2433 Logan Road near Mobil Service Station and 7ELEVEN, 500 metres, 5 -10 min walk

WARRIGAL SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE: corner Warrigal & Underwood Roads, 2.1 kms, McDonalds, Patisserie, Café, various Asian restaurants

FOR GUESTS AT QUEST APARTMENTS

Visit: www.gemproomservice.com.au or scan the barcode in your room for information on:

- Courtesy bus,
- Restaurant Guide & Room Service Menu,
- Reception Bar & Snacks,
- Local Area Information

Continental breakfast packages are available for purchase. Quest also offers a Pantry Shopping Service



ANC 2025 TRANSPORT AND PARKING



PARKING: Discounted parking is available at BTP for \$6.50 per week day. Weekend Parking is **FREE**
For the discount rate download the **Parkable App** and set up an account and password.

Open the Parkable App, Tap the **Menu Button** (3 horizontal lines), Select **Voucher Codes**, Tap **Enter Voucher Code**, Input the code **BTP50%** The Voucher will be saved & only needs to be done once.

To Park: Sign in to the Parkable App, Start typing BTP Conference & Exhibition Centre 1 Clunies Ross Ct, Press the green building icon, Select your parking bay (purple, grey, green), Scroll down to see Map, Select Start Parking or Reserve Bay, Complete payment. Park in your assigned bay. Press **Stop Parking** to leave

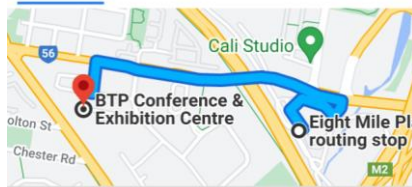
Recommended you Reserve your Parking Bay before 9:00am. Parkable help: (07) 3135 7429

- DIVVY Parking operates a paid parking station at 45 McKechnie Drive. **Visit:** divvyparking.com
- On weekends free street parking available in McKechnie Drive, Brandl St & other local streets
- On weekdays free street parking 800 -900m away in Bleasby Rd & O'Meara St behind the 7Eleven and in Bolton St & Chester Rd off the western side (left inbound) of Logan Rd

TAXI FARE from Brisbane Airport to Eight Mile Plains is approximately \$70.00 - \$80.00 plus tolls. The trip takes around 19 minutes and the road distance is 25.3km

PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

The Eight Mile Plains Bus Station is located 1km from BTP,
a 15 minute walk.



Regular bus services run approximately every 15 minutes from Brisbane CBD to Eight Mile Plains Busway Station. The fare on all Brisbane City Council buses is currently 50 cents per trip.

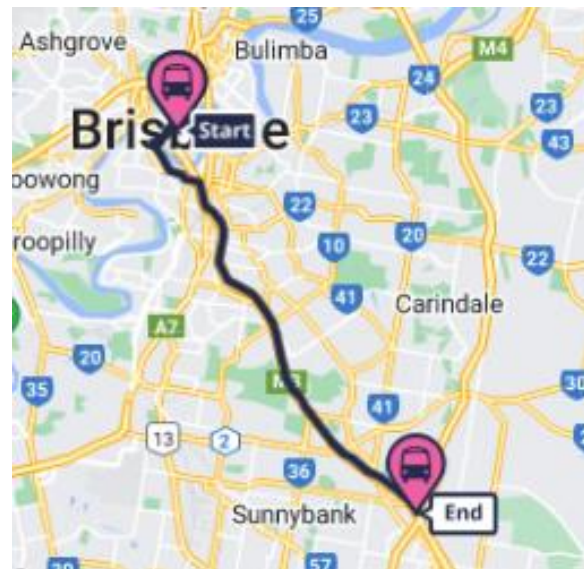
Bus Route 111

- Roma St Busway Station
- King George Square Bus Station
- Cultural Centre Busway Station
- South Bank Busway Station
- Mater Hill Station
- Buranda Busway Station
- Holland Park West Station
- Griffith University Station
- Upper Mt Gravatt Station

Eight Mile Plains Station

Bus Route 555 (Brisbane City to Loganholme)

- Elizabeth St Stop 82 Brisbane City
- Creek St Stop 149 near Adelaide St Brisbane City
- Cultural Centre Busway Station
- ... then same stops as Bus route 111 ...
- **Eight Mile Plains Station**



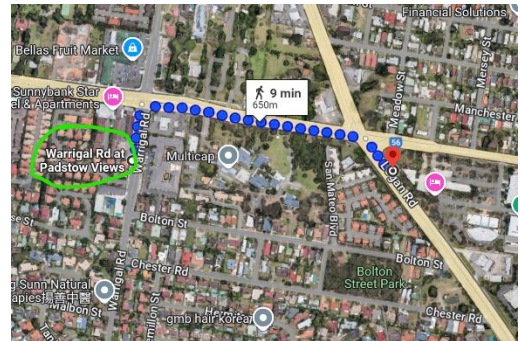
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Bus Route 77: Runs every 15 minutes from Chermside to **Eight Mile Plains**

Bus Route 169: Runs from UQ Lakes, via Dutton Park & PA Hospital to **Eight Mile Plains**

Bus Route 150 – Runs every 15 minutes including weekends

- Queen Street Bus Station
- Cultural Centre Bus Station
- South Bank Bus Station
- Mater Hill Station [Express Mater Hill to Griffith University]
- Griffith University Station
- Upper Mount Gravatt Station (Garden City)
- Macgregor Street at Garden City Bus Depot
- Warrigal Road Green Link
- **Warrigal Road Padstow Views** (9 minute walk to BTP)



Then use the pathways behind Bus Stop 82 (Logan Road) to access the Convention Centre

WEEK DAYS ONLY OPTION - Bus Route 150, transfer to Bus Route 152

- Catch Bus Route 150 (see above) and get off at Macgregor Street Garden City Depot (the stop **after** Upper Mount Gravatt Bus Station (Garden City) Stay at the same bus stop and get on Bus Route 152 (leaves Garden City once an hour on weekdays. **No night time service**)
- Get off at Bus Stop 82 (Logan Road, near Miles Platting Road)
- Behind Bus Stop 82 take the path between the Mazda building and Quest Apartments to the front of Quest Apartments (1 Clunies Ross Court). The Convention Centre is visible from here.
- **OR** – From Bus Stop 82, walk 100m south along Logan Road and use the concrete steps into the Convention Centre Car Park. Exit from the near end of the car park into Clunies Ross Court.

The Glen Hotel is at Stop 84 on Bus Route 152

The Mercure Hotel is at McGregor Street Garden City Depot Stop on Bus Route 152



Path between Mazda Building and Quest Apartments

Path down steps through Convention Centre car park



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