

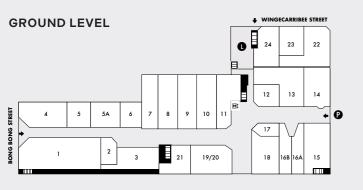
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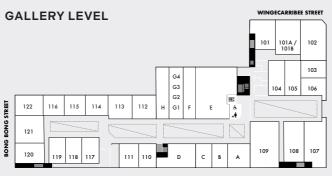
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Your Ultimate Guide to Festive Shopping & Joy



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# A heartfelt THANK YOU

As the festive season fills the air with joy and gratitude, we at Springett's Arcade would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you—our wonderful community.

Your continued support of our locally owned retailers and services not only keeps dreams alive but strengthens the vibrant heart of the Southern Highlands. Every visit, every purchase, and every shared smile helps our small businesses thrive.

Thank you for choosing to shop local, for embracing the spirit of connection, and for being an essential part of what makes Springett's Arcade—and our region—so special. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful Christmas.

Warm regards,

The Management Team Springett's Arcade



# Celebrating a Century in Southern Highlands

The Springett Family established themselves in Bowral when they opened a general store in 1926. Two decades later, the Springett Family expanded this general store into a bakery and soft-drinks plant. These buildings were the first to distribute soft drinks and sliced bread in the Highlands, and the soft drinks plant was the first plant to make the soft drink Passiona in Australia. In 1972, the Springett Family moved to its current address on Bong Bong Street and opened Springett's Arcade as we know it now.

Springett's family members are still managing this beautifully preserved historic arcade that hosts 53 retail businesses and services for the area to this day. As we enter 2026, Springett's celebrates 100 years in the Southern Highlands – stay tuned for events and activities to celebrate this landmark anniversary.



Springett's Australian family-owned company since 1926 – celebrating 100 years in 2026!

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#### Celena

Celena has introduced the well-known GERMAN pant company Gardeur (founded in 1920 in Monchengladbach, Germany) to its fashion line. Gardeur fits perfectly on the body and completes your look along with our other premium German brands Gerry weber and Basler.



#### **Just Jeans**

Just Jeans is the Australian denim destination. Shop Men's, Women's & Kids jeans in all your favourite brands.

#### **Tempt Me**

Christmas shopping is a joy at Tempt Me. Be enticed by the range of exclusive, locally handmade jewellery, unique gifts and a mix of eclectic and affordable fashion. You will also find the widest range of handbags available in The Southern Highlands and make sure to get into the festive spirit with some fun Christmas accessories. There is something to suit everyone's style and budget and with new stock arriving weekly you can be certain to find the perfect piece for yourself or someone special.



#### **Au Rubis**

Discover timeless treasures at Au Rubis Antique Jewellery and Designer Jewellery, proudly owned by Jacqui McManus and celebrating 10 years in the Southern Highlands. With roots in 1930s Nice, France, Au Rubis offers rare antique, vintage, and designer pieces sourced from across Europe. Perfect gift ideas for that special someone! Find them in Shop 2, Ground Levelopen seven days.



#### The Athletes Foot

Shop one of Australia's largest ranges of footwear from all categories - Run, Walk, Hike, Work, School, or Travel. Trust the Athletes Foot team to help you find the perfect fit for the sports enthusiast in your life.



#### **Active Foot Clinic**

Keep your feet happy and healthy this holiday season at Active Foot Clinic. Whether you need orthotics, treatment for a specific condition, or general foot care advice, our experts are here to help. Plus, a wide array of foot-friendly footwear including Archie thongs, Frankie4, Klouds and more.



#### Men's Avenue

Looking stylish this Christmas is easy at Men's Avenue with their extensive collection from brands like Armani Exchange, Hugo Boss, and Ben Sherman. A family-run business with 22 years of experience, they also offer the finest in formal and casual menswear, as well as stylish options for kids. Specialising in weddings, they carry suits, shirts, ties, shoes, and accessories from top brands like Cambridge, Gibson, and Uberstone. From groomsmen to matching kids' outfits, they ensure everyone looks their best. Plus, explore Quality, service, and style-perfect for your Christmas shopping!



#### **Phone Spot**

For the phone lovers in your life, visit Phone Spot at Springett's Arcade for all your mobile phone needs. We offer a wide range of accessories, including stylish covers, reliable chargers, car chargers, screen protectors, and batteries. Ensure your devices are holiday-ready with our expert repair services for all phones, including Apple Electronics and Samsung plus iPhone glass and Mac Book repairs. Perfect for gifts or personal use, Phone Spot provides everything to keep you connected and protected this festive season.



#### **Tres Jolie**

Perfect Christmas bespoke gifts are available at Tres Jolie, their line of gorgeous, vibrant hand-painted pottery from the South of France PLUS beautiful original artworks by the owner Hugh are the ideal gift this season.

OPEN SEVEN DAYS in Shop 10 through early 2026.



#### **Castle Handmade**

Castle Handmade is a boutique yarn store offering quality natural fibre yarns, creative supplies and inspiring classes. Find beautiful yarns, projectready kits and gifts for knitters and crocheters. Perfect presents for makers, from stocking fillers to special treats. Winner - Local Yarn Store of the Year 2025.



#### Mr Fixit

This year Mr Fixit has added a line of leatherman items including premium brands Opinel and Victorinox. Consider a personalised Christmas gift - bring in your own item or select from their array of silver gifts for engraving including mugs, key chains plus, a line of watches for men.

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#### Simon's Gourmet Butchery

Simon's Gourmet Butchery offers premium meats, 35+ award-winning sausages, value-added products, and fresh seafood every Friday.
Festive favourites include free-range hams, porchetta, stuffed turkey breast, marinated lamb, seasoned chicken, pork pies, and fresh oysters, prawns, and salmon. Locally owned and open seven days. Free home delivery to Bowral, Mittagong & Moss Vale. Call (02) 4861 6005.



#### **Gourmet Affair**

Indulge in tasty delights with Gourmet Affair. Whether taking time out for coffee break or lunch the menu features a selection of sandwiches, wraps, coffee, soups, milkshakes, plus homemade cakes, muffins and cookies. For catering enjoy gourmet sandwich/wrap platters, family size lasagnas and exquisite baked delicacies to make your festive season deliciously memorable. For catering call (02) 4861 4043.



#### **Biscotti Coffee Store**

Open Monday to Saturday, Biscotti Coffee Store is a dine-in café nestled in the centre of Springett's Arcade offering fresh-roasted Industry Beans coffee, delicious Matcha drinks, gourmet pies and pastries plus healthy cold-pressed juices. Enjoy a full breakfast and lunch menu featuring fresh delicious options including Korean-inspired Kimchi Waffle, Katsu burger + traditional brekkie sandwiches, salmon cakes and more!



#### Freedom Hair

Approach this festive season in style at Freedom Hair Design. Whether you want a fresh cut, vibrant colour, or a glamorous updo, they've got you covered with a team of highly qualified professionals who are constantly updating their skills and techniques and a passionate commitment to providing an individual look to our diverse clientele. Gift ideas include their extensive line of Keratase hair care products.



#### **The Vogue Room**

This Christmas, pamper yourself or a loved one with a visit to Vogue Room. Their full menu of luxurious beauty treatments and relaxing spa services are the perfect way to unwind during the festive season. From rejuvenating facials to soothing massages, they offer a sanctuary of tranquillity during the silly season. And the ideal present is of beauty and indulgence with a gift certificate for treatments or products.

Christmas promotions available.

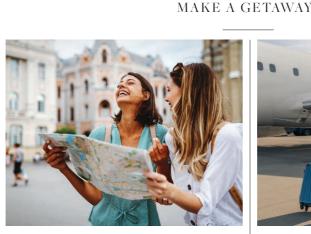




#### Deebs Café & Patisserie

Make your Christmas celebrations extra special with delicious offerings from Deebs Café & Patisserie. Their selection of homemade soups, pies, fine meats, cheeses, and gourmet treats is perfect for festive feasts and gatherings. Create memorable holiday moments with their takeaway or catering services.

For all your catering needs go to www.hellocatering.com.au or call 1300 360 867.



#### **Helloworld Travel**

This Christmas, give the gift of travel with Helloworld Travel. Whether planning a family vacation, romantic getaway, or solo adventure, our experienced agents can craft the perfect itinerary. From exotic locales to local treasures, we have destinations to suit every traveller. Visit us in shop 24 on Wingecaribbee Street access and make your travel dreams come true.



#### Flight Centre

Plan the ultimate Christmas getaway with Flight Centre. Our expert travel agents can help you find the perfect holiday destination, whether you're looking for a snowy escape or a tropical paradise. From flights to accommodations, we handle all the details so you can relax and enjoy. Visit us in Shop 23 on Wingecaribee Street Access and start your holiday adventure. Open six days.



#### LDM Skin & Beauty

Offering a wide range of beauty treatments: Laser Tattoo Removal, Skin Pigmentation Removal, Acne Reduction and full menu. Be at your best when prepping for holiday celebrations or consider the gift of beauty.

Now in Suite G6 on Gallery Level. Visit www.ldmskinandbeauty.com.au.



#### **Amcal Pharmacy**

In addition to trustworthy pharmacy services, Amcal offer wide ranges of skin care, make-up, fragrances plus stocking stuffers and gift ideas including a wide variety of beauty products including the full line of McBeauty cosmetics, plus socks, Bamboo underwear and essential oils.

Conveniently located on ground level at the Bong Bong Street entrance, Amcal is open seven days. For inquiries call (02) 48611875.



#### **Cut & Dried**

Get ready for the festive season with Cut & Dried Hairdressing, a full-service hair salon catering to men, ladies, children's haircuts plus styling, blow-outs, perming, and colour treatments. DeLorenzo products are used on site and available for sale along with a variety of additional retail products. For appointments call 02 4861 4404

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#### PLUM PUDDING

#### FROM THE SOURCE

1.1kg Australian mixed dried

100g dried apricots (roughly chopped) 150g pitted prunes (roughly chopped)

- 1 cup Australian brown sugar 1 ¼ cups Australian banana flour
- 2 tsp bicarbonate of soda 1 tbs ground cassia cinnamon

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Place dried fruit, brandy, jam and spices into a bowl. Mix well. Cover and let stand overnight, stirring occasionally.

Using extra coconut oil or butter, grease a 10-cup capacity pudding basin. Refrigerate for 15 minutes. Brush with oil again then line the base of the bowl with baking paper.

1 tbs ground nutmeg

(or 250g coconut oil)

250g butter, melted and cooled

1 cup brandy (or orange juice)

½ cup 'fruits of the forest jam' (any dark berry jam will work)

4 eggs, at room temperature

1 tbs mixed spice

**EXTRA** 

Whisk eggs and 250g butter together. Add to the fruit mixture, along with the sugar, flour, 4 tbs oil and bicarbonate of soda. Stir with a wooden spoon to combine. Pour into the prepared basin.

Cut two large sheets of baking paper and brush one side with butter to stop it sticking. Make a 3cm pleat in the middle to give the pudding room to expand. Place over the top and lock down with the pudding lid or tie tightly around the outside with string, it needs to create a good seal.

Cook in either in a slow cooker or on a stove top. A slow cooker is easier as less checking is required.

#### **SLOW COOKER**

Place pudding basin into the slow cooker and fill three quarters the way up with water. Turn on high for 5 to 7 hours.

#### STOVE TOP

Set the basin onto an upturned saucer on the base of a large, deep saucepan and pour hot water into the saucepan so it comes one-third of the way up the side of the basin. Cover with a tight-fitting lid. Bring to the boil, then reduce to low. Keep checking water level so that it doesn't evaporate. Simmer for 5 hours or until a skewer comes out cleanly. Take care as it will be very hot.

To serve, remove from water and let stand for 30 minutes before turning out onto a platter. Alternatively, cool completely and then store, tightly wrapped in an airtight container, for up to two months in the fridge.

Note: To make individual puddings, grease cupcake pans, pour in mixture and bake at 180°C for 30 to 40 minutes.





#### Andrea's Chocolate Emporium

Make Christmas even sweeter with bespoke festive hampers with the finest chocolates and delicious goodies in reusable baskets. This chocolate boutique shop features handcrafted chocolates, biscuits, condiments, fudge & lollies thoughtfully sourced and Australian made.



## Delights for every table

This festive season, Bakers
Delight is spreading joy with
Christmas delights. From
signature bread loaves and
artisanal sourdoughs to festive
favourites like Seasonal Tart
6 Packs and Christmas Cakes.
There's something to bring
cheer to every table!

Bakers Delight

Open seven days from 7am

# EXPERIENCE THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT





Rare Cancers Australia (RCA) do whatever it takes to change the story of rare and less common cancer, through improved diagnosis, limitless support and relentless advocacy. They stand side by side with people diagnosed with cancer, and their families, with knowledge, energy, and an unwavering determination to create a better world for people diagnosed with rare and less common cancers. Headquartered on Gallery Level of Springett's.



As the holiday season approaches, a growing number of people are choosing to celebrate Christmas with more intention and less excess. Christmas 2025 sees a powerful shift away from the hustle and bustle and toward a more mindful and minimal approach. In place of jam-packed calendars, many are embracing simpler joys: meaningful connection, rest, and presence.

Mental wellness is also front and centre in this evolving festive landscape. With so much pressure often placed on the "perfect" holiday, many are choosing to step back from the noise. Digital detoxes are increasingly popular - putting the phone down, turning off notifications, and reclaiming space for genuine human interaction. Quiet, screen-free evenings filled with conversation, sharing a meal, books, or games are replacing the constant scroll of social media.

#### Springett's Arcade is home to a stable of mental health professionals including:

- Aware Psychology & Coaching
- · Enlighten Collective offering women's health physiotherapy, musculoskeletal physiotherapy, nutrition, psychology, speech pathology and osteopathy
- Jenny Ingleton Psychologist
- · Katie Perry Counselling -Mental Health Social Worker

- · Laura Wilson Psychotherapy
- · Lindy Dowe, Counselling & Psychotherapy
- · Lucy Parker-Jawabreh, Clinical Psychologist
- · The Well Lived Life
- · Wonderland Counselling Services
- · Yvonne Beugeling, Psychologist



#### Completely Aligned



Our caring team is here to help you stay active and feel your best this festive family gatherings, or summer adventures, we'll help you stay limber and pain-free. Drop in for expert care, a friendly chat, or just to say hello. Wishing you a healthy, happy holiday, from our family to yours.

- Active Foot Clinic (Podiatry)
- · Amplifon Hearing Care
- · Dr Martin Sebastian di Nallo, Orthopaedic Surgeon
- · Neurospine Clinic



Learn more on springettsarcade.com.au



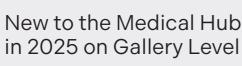








SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS







It's our first Christmas in Bowral! season. Whether you're tackling shopping,

#### Arcade Medical professionals also include:

- · Dr Alexander Georges, General Surgeon

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Celebrate with Heart: Sustainable Gifting & Support Local during the Holidays at Springett's Arcade

This Christmas, the spirit of the season is shifting towards meaningful moments, conscious choices, and community support—and Springett's Arcade is at the heart of it all. As shoppers embrace more thoughtful and responsible ways to celebrate, our retailers are stepping up with gifts and experiences that reflect the values of sustainability, local love, and home-grown joy.

One of the standout trends for 2025 is local and sustainable gifting. At Springett's, you'll find an abundance of gifts that support local businesses from fashion to footwear

Sustainable options include organic, local and gourmet food specialties, beauty gift certificates to bespoke home crafting ideas, every purchase becomes a gift that gives twice-bringing iov to the recipient and bolstering the local economy. Supporting local isn't just a feelgood choice-it's a powerful way to create a stronger, more resilient community.



### **GIFTS TO MAKE AND GIVE**

Sustainable & Handmade

Gifting with Castle Handmade

**COMMUNITY & CHARITY** 

There is something deeply meaningful about a handmade gift. Castle Handmade offers beautiful natural yarns ideal for crafting simple and practical presents-think crocheted or knitted dishcloths, face washers, hot water bottle covers, or cosy tea cosies. These thoughtful makes are perfect for giving a little comfort and care this Christmas.

#### DIY KITS FOR CREATIVE SOULS

For those who love to make, Castle Handmade stocks a wide range of DIY kits and yarn packs to inspire creativity over the holiday season. Whether it's needle felting, hand-stitching, or diving into a curated colour palette box, these kits offer a joyful and sustainable



#### THOUGHTFUL, SUSTAINABLE GIFTS **READY TO WRAP**

Not everyone has time to make—but that doesn't mean gifting can't be meaningful. Castle Handmade also carries a thoughtful selection of Australianmade, eco-conscious gifts. Discover the lanolin-rich Lucamar range, crafted with care, or the beautifully fragrant Bell Art Aroma Blogs-perfect for stockings, drawers, or travel.

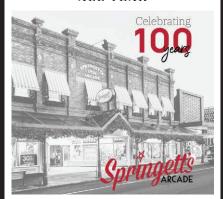
At Springett's Arcade, the holidays are about connection, creativity, and conscious celebration. Whether you're shopping for gifts with a purpose or preparing your home for a heartwarming celebration, our local businesses have everything you need to make this Christmas truly special-sustainably, stylishly, and joyfully.

### LOOKING AHEAD

### What's Happening at Springett's in 2026



#### ALL YEAR



Century Celebrations – look for updates and events surrounding the celebration of 100 years of Springett's in the Southern Highlands.



#### JANUARY - APRIL



Come in to see the Be Part of the Art aerial installation in Springett's central arcade. Showcasing talented young local Year 6 artists' art plus the adaptation of the grand prize winner on the chalk art mural.



#### MARCH - MAY



Easter activities and sweepstakes for Mother's Day event. Also, look out for tasty pop up food demonstrations.



#### JUNE - JULY



Winter Appeal – to help those in need we select a charity and donation drive to support local charities.



#### AUGUST - OCTOBER



Enjoy the chance to shop and win Sweepstakes for Father's Day and help a local men's charity. Plus, the festive décor during vibrant Tulip Time and the arcade goes "pink" for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.



#### NOVEMBER - DECEMBER



Festive Christmas décor, community gift giving, gift wrapping, North Pole Post, and Santa visits – all to raise festive spirits!

 $\Lambda LL\ YE\Lambda R\ -\ Enjoy\ the\ revolving\ chalk\ art\ murals\ on\ gallery\ level\ created\ by\ talented,\ professional\ chalk\ artists'\ works.$ 



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