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# Live life's rich tapestry





The Fabric by Mirvac is a brand new community celebrating life's rich tapestry. Our new neighbourhood has been designed to effortlessly weave into the rich, existing community in the vibrant suburb of Altona North.

This is the kind of place where you will stop and chat to neighbours while grabbing coffee on the walk to the train station, rely on the talents of local makers to decorate your home, and spend weekends deciding whether you will visit the beach, the park or both.

A diverse and welcoming community, Altona North is defined by the people who call it home. Locals and visitors alike share in the same sense of discovery when they stumble across a newly opened spot to eat, or uncover a hidden gem that has been around for generations.

The blending of cultures and styles, of fresh ideas and established traditions, is sewn into the tapestry of Altona North.

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Experience The Fabric's 'Guide to the Inner West' as we share the go-to places and hotspots favoured by the locals, all within close proximity to the vibrant new community that is The Fabric.

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# **Newport Lakes** Primary prides itself on fostering a close-knit community

**Newport Lakes Primary School** 

Respect, responsibility, resilience, critical

thinking, compassion: these are the five

School, a prep to grade six public school

close-knit community environment while still being committed to growing in size,

scope of curriculum, and resources on offer. Offering language studies, physical

education, arts and e-learning, Newport Lakes Primary School believes all students

are capable of achieving, working with

'play pods', transforming the grounds

the green surrounds.

outside world.

altonanorthps.vic.edu.au

newportlakesps.vic.edu.au

Altona North Primary School

51 Cresser Street, Altona North

into a fun, creative space for students to play at lunchtime while overlooking

Located right by Newport Lakes Reserve,

the school also features innovative recycled

As well as a commitment to nurture students

academically, Altona North Primary has

a specific focus on empowering kids to become the best people they can be.

community in Altona North, teachers and staff place importance on decision-making,

critical and independent thinking, enabling

Serving the diverse and multicultural

students to translate the values taught

at school into conscious actions in the

core values at Newport Lakes Primary

located within The Fabric school zone.

The school prides itself on fostering a

40 Elizabeth Street, Newport

### **ARTZ Collective Performing Arts School**

1/37 Chambers Road, Altona North If your children love to tread the boards. the ARTZ collective is the perfect way to get them started. They can take classes in jazz dance, classical ballet, singing, tap, contemporary, breakdance, hip hop, drama, and singing (all the way up to VCE-level), taught by current and former stage professionals. Who knows, if you drive your kids down there every week, there could be an Oscars thank you speech in it for you! artzcollective.com.au

### Little Big Art

20 Lobelia Drive, Altona North Art-lover and former primary school teacher, Rachael has a simple philosophy to get people involved in her classes: 'Imagine, Create, Celebrate'. She has tailored classes for kids aged between one and twelve. There are also classes for adults, so if you are still not afraid to colour outside the lines, this is the place to test your creative potential. littleartbigart.com.au

Millers Road and McArthurs Road Altona North Library is a great reminder that libraries will always be the ground floor for learning and community. It was built in 2010, so it has been custom-fit for the information age with plenty of computers and work areas, as well as quiet nooks to stretch out and read. Library staff also run regular story times to help kids form early friendships and prepare their imaginations for pre-school. The fact it is conveniently located next door to the Bayside Secondary College means you can usually expect others and expressing themselves creatively. the place to be buzzing with curious high schoolers in the afternoons. libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ altona-north-community-library

Altona and Williamstown beaches are two of the loveliest in the city, and since 1955. Carlile Swimming has been there to help kids learn to enjoy them safely. Carlile Swimming employs over 500 staff across eight swim centres. Every week they help 20,000+ kids become safer and more confident in and around the water with programs tailored to pre-schoolers and kids aged five and above. They have also got squad swimming and regular competitions.

### **Emmanuel College**

Blackshaws Road, Altona North Emmanuel College's St. Paul Campus, located on Blackshaws Road, has been encouraging students to follow its motto, 'Live life to the full', since it was established in 1965. Formerly a Catholic boys' school, Emmanuel offers parents the choice between enrolling their year seven students into single-sex or co-ed classes. A highlight on the school's annual calendar is the camp, which in the past has seen students travel to Japan or visit NASA. Emmanuel prides itself on forming tailored pathways for its students. There are accelerated academic programs available for those keen to extend their learning, while students are also offered practical lessons such as woodworking, robotics, science and music, along with foundational language

### Altona North Library

### Carlile Swimming, Altona

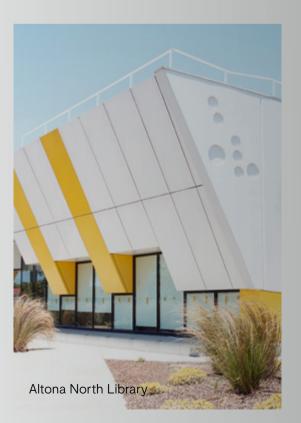
257 Mason Street, Altona North carlile.com.au

### Only About Children Childcare and Early Learning

ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

and maths.

37 Misten Avenue, Altona North The name says it all. Only About Children is invested in the development and progress of little ones, with dedicated rooms and programs for nursery, toddler and kinderaged kids. A variety of activities and games along with the freshly renovated outdoor play areas keep kids engaged and active. The staff of qualified educators work in partnership with parents to ensure each individual child's needs are met, and families can get updates from, and communicate with, the OAC team via its dedicated app.





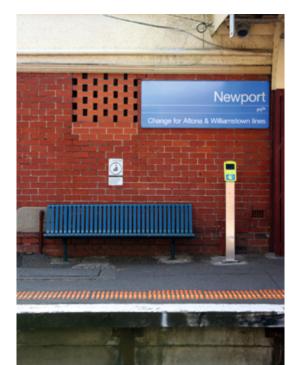
'Since moving to Altona North, we have spent a lot more time enjoying the outdoors. We are surrounded by hidden beauty and are still so close to everything we need.'

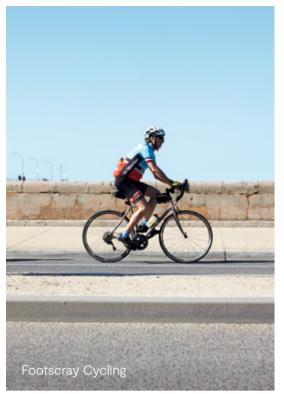
Jyselle and Viole





Life at The Fabric is a short ride to Newport Train Station, and only 20 minutes from the CBD





### **Newport Train Station**

Newport Train Station

Located 2.5km from The Fabric, Newport Train Station is the junction station for the Werribee and Williamstown lines. A premium metropolitan station, it is staffed from first train to last, and has more than 300 car parks plus storage for bikes on-site.

### **Spotswood Train Station**

Conveniently located 2.4km or 7 minutes cycling distance from The Fabric, Spotswood Train Station is serviced by both Werribee and Williamstown lines. A quick seven stops to the city, Spotswood is a bustling suburb, with thriving food and coffee spots on Hall Street and Hudsons Road, and Yarraville only a short stroll away. Spotswood Train Station is also only 800 metres from Scienceworks, the perfect place to take the family on a weekend.

### Blackshaws Road Bus Interchange

If you prefer not to drive, the buses along Blackshaws Road are like the threads that weave the West together. On weekdays they are scheduled to run every ten to twenty minutes. The 432 will take you to Yarraville Train Station, through Spotswood and South Kingsville. Or you can take it west past Altona Gate Shopping Centre or to Newport. The 412 will ferry you between Footscray and Laverton, and the 471 runs between Sunshine and Williamstown.

### Footscray Cycling

Many years of community-led planting projects have helped the Maribyrnong River become a huge success story for Victorian conservation, and the best way to appreciate it is by bike. Start at the Footscray Community Arts Centre and ride north along the river towards Essendon, or go south towards the beach at Williamstown. It's an easy ride past Scienceworks up to the Newport Lakes Reserve. If you connect up to the Federation Trail bike path, it will take you further west. A 'bicycle super highway' is planned, as part of the \$5.5 billion West Gate Tunnel Project, which will allow cyclists to travel express to the CBD, from Shepherds Bridge over Footscray Road. footscraycc.com.au

### Federation Trail Bike Path

Pump your tyres and tighten your chain before you take off, because this bike path weaves all the way through the west. Running 24-kilometres from Brooklyn to Werribee, the path connects the Hobson's Bay Coastal trail to the Werribee River Trail and follows the heritage-listed Main Outfall Sewer (MOS). You will pass under old arched masonry bridges, through Skeleton Creek Reserve, out under the shade of cypress trees and past the open-range zoo. All up, it should take between one to two hours to cycle the length of the path. There are plenty of exciting upgrades to check out too, including the Greening the Pipeline project, which is transforming the entire length of the 40-metre wide MOS into a linear park.

'Toby and I love playing at the dog beach or frog-spotting in the park at Newport Lakes.'

Sascha and Toby Altona Beach



# **Newport Lakes** Reserve is a secret oasis just a few minutes down the road

### Sun Theatre

8 Ballarat Street, Yarraville

Homemade choc-tops, suede upholsterv and art deco opulence fitted with state-ofthe-art screens and sound system. At the Sun Theatre, they commit to the cinematic experience of escaping for an evening out. They promote \$12 tickets on Mondays and Tuesdays too, perfect for an early week date night. The theatre is located on Ballarat Street in Yarraville, which means there are plenty of great restaurants to check out along the strip after the credits roll. suntheatre.com.au

### Altona Beach

A favourite for families and fishermen alike, Altona Beach is where locals love to unwind in warmer weather. You will find rods, reels and leisurely strollers dotted along the length of the heritage-listed pier, kite surfers hoping for a gust in the usually-still waters and life guards keeping watch during summer. Grab some fish and chips from one of the beachfront shops and settle in under the shade of the Norfolk pines or make use of the well-kept barbeque facilities for a sunset get-together with family and friends.

### Altona North Bayfit Leisure

257 Mason Street, Altona North A fitness centre for every body. Bayfit Leisure, on the corner of Mason and Mills Streets, is a family-friendly place in every sense of the word: there's a café, school holiday games and activities, they host kids birthday parties, as well as plenty of dedicated classes for brand new swimmers in the 25-metre lap pool and kids pool. In the gym you can sign up for group classes using the online booking system, make a plan with a trainer or go your own way. But the pools are the jewel in the crown: there are three of them, as well as a spa, steam room and dedicated hydrotherapy pool. bayfit.com.au

2 Booker Street, Spotswood

frog-spotting too.

Scienceworks

Newport Lakes Reserve

The Newport Lakes Reserve used to be a

into an ecological win for the west. The

33-hectare reserve sits just around the

corner from The Fabric, boasting plenty of

electric barbeques, picnic spaces, a dog-

walking park, play equipment, two big lakes and a nature trail to help you appreciate it all.

If you take a stroll at dusk you can expect to

find swans, Eurasian coots, blue fairy wrens,

ring-tailed possums and Pacific black ducks.

Keep your eyes open for some occasional

bluestone quarry, but it has been transformed

Newport

Scienceworks has been unlocking the mysteries of the universe since 1992. It's become a bit of a rite of passage for kids to gaze up at the changing constellations in the planetarium or chase Cathy Freeman down the track for the 100-metre dash. But the museum has stayed so vital because the brilliant staff are always searching for the best way to prove science does not always live in textbooks or on white boards. They have even tailored 'Ground Up', an award-winning exhibition, to kids aged five and under. It helps early learners practice their curiosity in brand new ways, and will likely teach parents a thing or two! museumsvictoria.com.au/scienceworks

### Altona Coastal Park and Dog Beach

Burns Reserve is most popular at lowtide when dogs have free reign in the shallows. Waste bag facilities are provided to keep the beach clean and there is a drinking fountain just near the cricket pitch, for fresh water and a doggy bowl for your pup. Altona Coastal Park is a nature conservation area and a wonderful place to explore, for you and your dog. Among the mangroves and historic boat sheds is 'Requiem for a Champion', a bronze sculpture in memory of the site's past as the Williamstown racecourse, where champions like Phar Lap used to race. Be sure to pay a visit in October when the pink pigface flowers bloom and areas of the park turn bright fuschia!

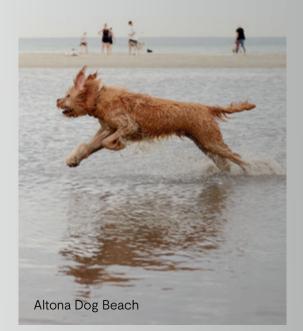
### Whitten Oval

417 Barkly Street, Footscray

The heart of the west. Named in honour of Ted Whitten Sr., a former player and coach of the beloved Western Bulldogs AFL team, this is the ground where the community comes together. It's home to the Doggies' expanding family, which now includes their women's and VFL teams, and it's also equipped with courts for netball, basketball. futsal, volleyball, badminton and handball games. Car parking is limited around the ground, but it's easily accessible by public transport, including a network of metro bus routes. The quickest way there is to jump off the train at West Footscray and follow the sea of supporters in red, white and blue. whittenovalstadium.com.au

### Cliffhanger Climbing Gym

61-65 Dohertys Road, Altona North Boasting the highest climbing walls in Victoria, Cliffhanger is serious when it comes to scaling, whether you're training for an intense outdoor climb or just looking to shake up your workout, you will find it in this community-minded club. You can stop in for a casual climb with gear ready to hire on the spot, book into one of the technical classes or keep coming back with a climbing membership, the in-house route-setters are always changing things up! cliffhanger.com.au

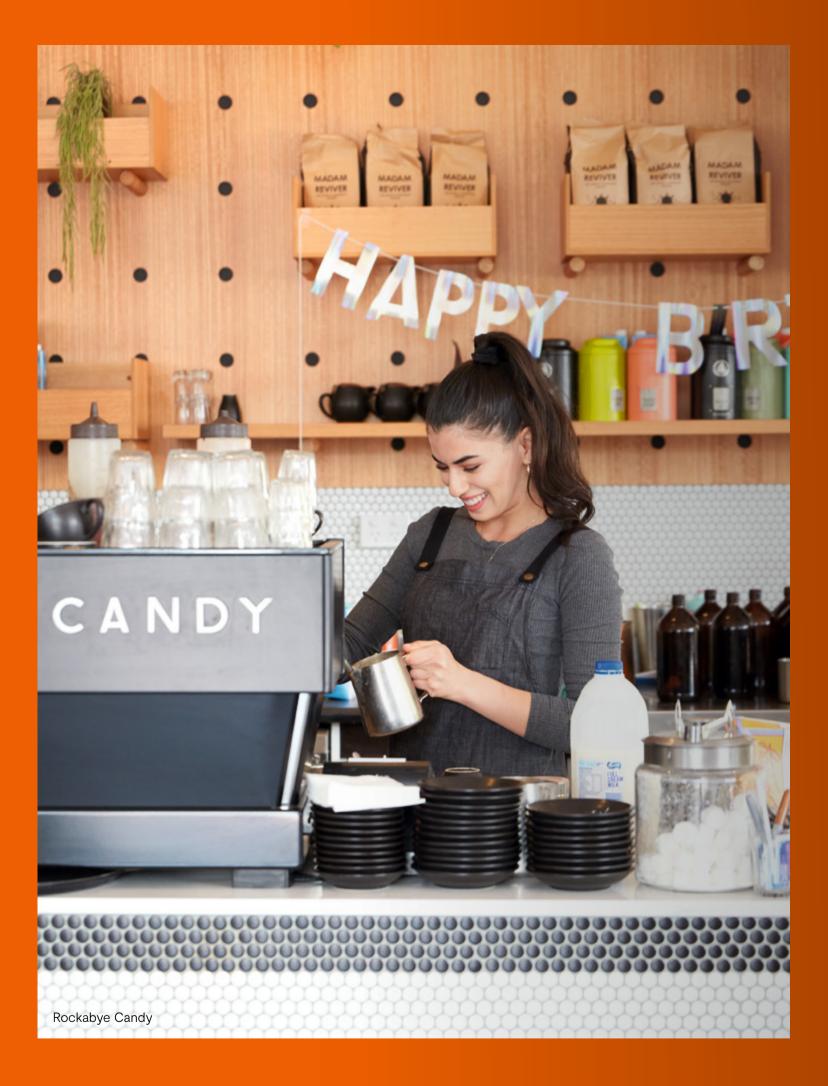




The Fabric by Mirvac Live life's rich tapestry 'I love exploring the area and finding new favourite spots to eat, shop and relax. Everything is fresh, but I feel like I've lived here forever.'

Emily
Newport Train Station





Rockabye
Candy is the
local favourite
for coffee,
right by scenic
Altona Beach

### Willow Wine Café

Inside the old Fisher cricket bat workshop is a bright and fresh café and wine bar. Owner Ellen opened up the space with blonde wood furniture and plenty of hanging plants, and made it a favourite with locals, for the decor and also the fact that she's great at matching the menu with wine. It's perfect for a nibble and a cheeky glass of rosé, but if you just want a quick breakfast you can't go past the zesty sardines on toasted rye, or baked eggs served with big mounds of goat's cheese.

willow-wine-cafe.business.site

### Altona Gate Shopping Centre

124-134 Millers Road, Altona North
Altona Gate isn't the kind of shopping
centre that requires a touch-screen map,
a photographic memory and an off-duty
trolley boy to help you navigate. It's all
about the essentials: the shops you need,
including Kmart, Coles, Australia Post, ALDI
and Bonds, plus plenty of underground
parking. Natural light streams through the
skylights onto the central walkways, which
lead to a big food court, play areas for kids
and a convenient medical centre. If you need
to check a recipe in aisle six, the free wi-fi
will save the day.
altonagate.com.au

### Black Sheep

25B Vernon Street, South Kingsville
A much-loved local, this neighbourhood
café is just a stone's throw from The Fabric.
You will find yourself there for coffee each
morning, and on weekends sampling from
its popular menu. With plenty of vego and
gluten-free options, a menu just for kids
and a range of frosty craft beers for happy
hour, there is something for every member
of the family. There is even space to play,
let the little ones explore the cubby house
outside while you sample a halloumi burger
in the shade, or treat yourself to a cake
or pastry from the rotating selection at
the counter.

### Rockabye Candy

38 Pier Street, Altona

Every great eatery needs a specialty dish, the kind of thing you wake up craving knowing nothing else will do. At this understated little café on Pier Street, the standout dish has to be The Rock-A-Bye; it's poached eggs on potato and herb rosties with grilled shortcut bacon, swiss and tasty cheese, and a generous dollop of homemade tomato relish. They have plenty of delicious options for vegetarians and vegans too. And if you are up for lunch, they've got you sorted with salt and pepper calamari, falafel salads, and a traditional roast lamb spread. Remember to save some room for dessert: Eye Candy gelato bar is just next door.

### Vince & Me

51A Blyth Street, Altona

Vince and Maryanne have found the right balance at their Blyth Street café. They have put together a nourishing menu with options such as the Japanese-style poké and breakfast bowls that are practically overflowing with fruit, berry puree and crunchy bits. The fact it's right near the beach means Vince & Me is the ideal place for a cool-down after a long walk or jog. If something light won't cut it after all that exercise, they are not short of more decadent options for lunch like the soft shell crab burger with creamy mayo.

### Sacca's Fine Foods

Altona Gate Shopping Centre, 124-134 Millers Road, Altona North

A family-owned business for over 30 years, Sacca's are the experts who know what's best for the local community. With a continental grocery and full-service deli with countless olive options, entertainers can find the best authentic and speciality European ingredients here. Track down the same passata that Nonna uses, or a speciality rose water you have been searching for to make Easter figoli. Make sure you keep an eye out for the regular tasting stalls and coffee bean specials. saccas.com.au

### The Sun Bookshop

10 Ballarat Street, Yarraville

Located right next to Yarraville's iconic Sun Theatre, The Sun Bookshop has been helping locals pick page-turners since 1998. Owner Deb Force and her team are really passionate about the idea that a good bookshop is your passport to a lifetime's worth of deep reading. They are particularly good with gift ideas and recommendations for Aussie authors and non-fiction and young adult titles. Watch out for kids' story times on Mondays too at their dedicated kids bookshop, The Younger Sun, located only 60 steps away. <a href="mailto:sunbookshop.com">sunbookshop.com</a>



Say It Sister is full of gift ideas and homewares, plus a well-curated kid's and men's range

### Altona Fresh Fine Foods

62-76 Second Avenue. Altona North People travel from all over the west for Altona Fresh. That's because Phil from the fruit and veg section can be relied upon to know what's in season, Sandra from the deli will always shave you off a test slice of ham if necessary, Enzo from grocery will point you towards the best continental ingredients, and John from the fromagerie always knows what cheese will tie the platter together. In other words you can always count on them for quality, right down to the last Brazilian nut. They have got a comprehensive health section too, and ample parking around front and side. And be sure to keep your eyes and nose open for their gourmet sausage barbeque on Saturdays. freshfinefoods.com.au

### Once More, With Feeling!

73 Charles Street, Seddon
Some things are so good they deserve
a second life, and Jo from Once More,
With Feeling knows how to dig for them.
The former theatre-maker has always had
an eye for flair, and she turned her skills
at hunting down op-shop excellence into
a vintage boutique that attracts fashionlovers from all over town (and beyond).
She stocks mostly Australian vintage labels,
as well as clothing and accessories from
local and independent designers. So expect
vibrant, original garments and curios you

### The Birdcage

7 Harrington Square, Altona

won't find anywhere else.

A big, bright café on Harrington Square, The Birdcage has a bit of rustic, driftwood charm to it paired with an eclectic, colourful menu. Owners Adrian and Cathy also run the popular Bezrik Café down the road, so they know westies. The Birdcage has a fun play area at the back, with games and a chalkboard, so there is no need to rummage for crayons for the little ones as you settle in for your second (or third) long black. birdcagecafe.com.au

### Say It Sister

30 Hall Street, Newport

The fashion-forward mums who run Say It Sister, pride themselves on creating a space that gives customers a certain feel-good factor. That means they are always up for a chat and some good advice. They regularly stock daywear from Foxwood, vibrant cuts from Elm and footwear from Rollies, some of the most comfortable shoes going around. There are well curated kid's and men's ranges, as well as homewares and gift ideas. sayitsister.com.au

## Post Industrial Design

Jons Van Holsen from Post Industrial Design isn't interested in work that fades into the background. At this quirky gift emporium, old objects are salvaged, polished and reworked into fantastic (and often fantastical) new shapes, so each piece of furniture and little knick-knack has a story to tell. You can expect to find a range of unique curiosities and surprises each time you visit this retail gallery space.

postindustrialdesign.com.au

### Tandoori Flames

Tandoori Flames will have you ordering way too much naan bread just so you can mop up the spices. Ask Deepti for recommendations and she will send your tastebuds travelling through the subcontinent and beyond. The Indo-Chinese menu is a crowd favourite, with Manchurian dishes prepared with garlic, soy and lemon. And if you are up for a bit of spice, the lamb vindaloo is known to tip the Scoville scale as far as most can handle. tandooriflamesmelbourne.com.au

### Between 2 Buns

28 Pier Street, Altona

Competition for Melbourne's best burger is fierce. Victory often comes down to the little things: sauce ratio, structural integrity, freshness of bun, quality of patty, melty-ness of cheese. Between 2 Buns takes the honours in all categories. Their loaded fries, onion rings, chicken wings, hot dogs and shakes are definite winners too.

between2buns-online.com.au

### Leroys

5 Mason Street, Newport

Leroys really does have something for everyone, including a sandpit for kids and a soil box for herbs. They are fully licenced, so settle in for a big breakfast and a Bloody Mary: they have got some of the spiciest and tastiest in the business, garnished with olives, pickles and beef jerky, because why not? It's just across from Newport Train Station, and Paine Reserve is next door too, in case the kids still have some energy to burn off after lunch.



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Burn City indulges diners in the Inner West, perfecting new recipes in their test kitchen

### Two Birds Brewing

136 Hall Street, Spotswood Put a face to the beer. Get familiar with the work of Javne Lewis and Danielle Allen, who became the founders of Australia's first female-owned brewery when they created Two Birds Brewing in 2011. The Nest is their approachable brewpub housed inside a heritage-listed warehouse in Spotswood, where you can also take tours of the brewery and fill up growlers and squealers to take home. Open Thursday through Sunday, The Nest has a reputation for putting on fuss-free functions for big groups. If you want to drop in for a drink and to sample from the menu of amped-up pub snacks. you are best off calling ahead to book a table, it gets pretty popular! twobirdsbrewing.com.au

### **Junction Hotel**

15 Hall Street, Newport You can't miss the Junction. This Art Deco gem has been stationed on Hall Street since 1924, serving pints and pub dinners to locals. A refresh of the space and menu a few years ago introduced us to a wealth of new craft beers, there are 16 taps and over 70 bottled varieties that rotate regularly, and global wines. While the standard wine list is plentiful, regulars know to ask for the Wine Room menu for even more choices. When it's time to eat, grab a couch or table in the Beer Hall to order elevated versions of pub meals, like pizzas, burgers or four different kinds of chips. For something more refined, book a table in the Wine Room and choose from chicken, fish or steak cooked expertly over a fire pit.

junctionnewport.com.au

### Heart of Hall Cookery School and Café

17 Hall Street, Newport

This building on Hall Street used to be a bank, but since Nicole Walker and Stacev Krbaleski took over, it has been working three times as hard on its mission to bring people and food together. By day, Heart of Hall is a café serving up delicious twists on brunch staples. It also operates as a store, selling cooking essentials, hard-to-find ingredients and a suite of cookbooks. After hours, it transforms into a cookery school, where you can sip on a glass of wine while learning to fold dumplings, pickle and preserve foods, master Vietnamese cuisine or roll fresh pasta. Plus, there are even classes designed for kids too. heartofhall.com.au

### Harley and Rose

572 Barkly Street, West Footscray Behind an unassuming facade on Barkly Street lies one of Footscrav's best-kept secrets. Style and substance come together perfectly at Harley and Rose, where the menu of wood-fired pizzas combines classic Italian flavours with spicy twists using locally produced toppings wherever possible. Step through the door behind the bar to shop for a bottle of wine to take home, or pick one from the wine list to pair with a decadent pasta and zingy side salad. Save room for dessert too, the very grown up Heart Breaker combines Bulleit Bourbon with Maltesers. harleyandrose.net.au

### Motorino

29A Vernon Street, South Kingsville
This traditional Italian spot on Vernon
Street is known for its Napoli-style thin
crusts and pitch-perfect home delivery
service but you discover its true heart
when you sit down for dinner with kids.
They will be given a small ball of pizza
dough to play with and shape. It is whisked
away when you all tuck into home-style
pizzas, pastas and salads for dinner. When
it is time for dessert, the kid's creation is
returned to them, cooked and topped
with chocolate sauce. Bellissimo!
motorinopizzeria.com.au

### Candied Bakery

81A Hudsons Road, Spotswood It is fitting that Candied is just a few steps from Scienceworks, because there is some serious sugar chemistry going on at this bakery. Inspired by a trip to innovative sweet shops in America, husband and wife owners Toula Ploumidis and baker Orlando Artavilla created a menu of Australian classics, like pies, lamingtons, milkshakes and spiders, and added unexpected twists and turns. The lentil and goat's curd pie comes with homemade ketchup, the most popular milkshake on the menu is blended up with apple pieces and shortcrust pastry, and the croissants are filled with either Nutella or blue cheese. Perhaps most important of all: the coffee is strong, hot and served with a smile. candiedbakery.com.au

### Burn City Test Kitchen

31A Vernon Street, South Kingsville Smoking meat takes commitment. The former sommeliers have a reputation for smoking out the city's best events and they have chosen South Kingsville to set up a permanent smokehouse. It is their headquarters for indulging diners and perfecting new recipes. Think: Texas-style brisket, smoked mushroom burgers or beef with peppery crust that falls apart on your plate. Plenty of garden-fresh and cheesy sides too.

burncitytestkitchen.com.au

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