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# EAT + DRINK

Canberra Guide

Canberra is packed with **more than** a few great bars, cafes and restaurants. This guide represents a slice of what you can expect.

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[covid19.act.gov.au](https://covid19.act.gov.au)

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*The RUC at Turner.*



*Croissants at the Capital Region Farmers Market.*



# Best of the brunch

Brunch is serious business in Canberra. Think French toast that melts in your mouth, açai bowls featuring all the colours of the rainbow, and scrambled eggs with a twist. Whether you head to a beloved suburban café or to foodie paradise, Lonsdale Street in Braddon, make sure you arrive hungry.

*Pollen Cafe at the  
Australian National  
Botanic Gardens.*

## EAST ROW SPECIALTY COFFEE

### CITY

Be greeted by the aroma of freshly brewed coffee at this city café. The menu features classic brunch fare and Insta-worthy dishes – the beetroot salmon gravlax and donut French toast are popular choices. The all-day breakfast includes multiple vegetarian, dairy- and gluten-free options.

[eastrowspecialtycoffee.com.au](http://eastrowspecialtycoffee.com.au)



*Mocan & Green Grout.*

## POLLEN CAFE

### ACTON

Surrounded by birdsong in the Australian National Botanic Gardens, Pollen Café's healthy breakfasts are best paired with a stroll around the gardens. Try the chilli scrambled eggs or the waffles with lemon curd as you gaze out over native flora.

[pollencafe.com.au](http://pollencafe.com.au)

## MOCAN & GREEN GROUT

### NEWACTON

Watch the chefs prepare your feast in the cosy kitchen as you sip a coffee. Clad with refurbished wood and thoughtful design features, this café sports the style and elegance the NewActon arts precinct is known for.

[mocanandgreengrout.net](http://mocanandgreengrout.net)

## DOUBLE SHOT

### DEAKIN

Unwind and indulge at this suburban café loved by locals. Live acoustic music often fills this welcoming space on a Sunday morning as acai bowls and hotcakes are devoured. The cold pressed juices and ristrettos are highly acclaimed.

[doubleshotdeakin.com.au](http://doubleshotdeakin.com.au)

Grab brunch to go  
as you wander the  
Saturday morning  
Capital Region  
Farmers Market  
at EPIC and talk to  
regional producers.

## LOCAL PRESS CAFÉ

### KINGSTON FORESHORE

A wholefood-based café committed to procuring and providing local and ethical produce, this eatery is renowned for fresh, healthy and flavoursome eats. Located on the Kingston Foreshore, explore the local shops or captain a GoBoat on Lake Burley Griffin after your meal.

[localpresscafe.com.au](http://localpresscafe.com.au)

## THE CUPPING ROOM

### CITY

This concept café was designed by the caffeinated geniuses at Ona Coffee, winners of an impressive array of awards for both their beans and baristas. The food is delicious, the pastries are excellent, and the coffee is unparalleled. Try different blends and brews over breakfast.

[thecuppingroom.com.au](http://thecuppingroom.com.au)



# Get caffeinated

Canberra's coffee culture exceeds **more than** a simple caffeine hit. With local roasteries and cafés inspiring each other to experiment with new blends and beans, there are too many great coffee spots to count.

Redbrick Roastery

Canberra has said no to single use plastics with our cafes embracing more environmentally friendly takeaway packaging.

Barrio Collective Co.



## KYO COFFEE PROJECT

### BRADDON

Tucked in a quiet corner of Braddon in an architect-designed complex, KYO Coffee Project pours their own roast and are known for their filtered coffee. Boasting an Asian-inspired menu with a kimchi toastie and bento breakfast, KYO is a local favourite.

[kyocoffeeproject.com](http://kyocoffeeproject.com)

## BARRIO COLLECTIVE CO

### BRADDON

People watch at Barrio Collective Co, a great spot known for its homemade nut milks and roasted coffee. Whether you pair it with a morning coffee or glass of wine at the other end of the day be sure to order one of their epic toasties. Pick up a bag of beans to also enjoy at home.

[barriocollective.com](http://barriocollective.com)

## REDBRICK ROASTERY

### FYSHWICK

Designed to celebrate the process of roasting, brewing and enjoying coffee, this café has the whole process on display. Choose between sweet, complex, rich and classic flavours with the well-named 'coffee coffee' a popular choice.

[redbrick.coffee](http://redbrick.coffee)

## COFFEE LAB

### CITY

The friendly team at this CBD café are always experimenting to find the best brew and tastiest beans. Chat to the barista about their favourite blends before exploring the neighbouring Canberra Centre, the capital's largest shopping centre.

[f](#) [@](#) [@coffeelabcanberra](#)

## LONSDALE STREET ROASTERS

### BRADDON

One of this street's – and Canberra's – roasting originals, Lonsdale Street Roasters' secret weapon is infrared burners to make that caffeine irresistible. Match it with brunch delights like their French toast with mascarpone cheese, plum sauce, plus shredded coconut and you're in heaven.

[lonsdalestreetroasters.com](http://lonsdalestreetroasters.com)

## ONA COFFEE HOUSE

### FYSHWICK

This café and roastery has one goal – to make great coffee. Housed in industrial area, Fyshwick, the baristas take their art seriously and compete to be the best nationally and internationally. The Black Betty blend is popular for its smooth almost caramel taste.

[onacoffee.com.au](http://onacoffee.com.au)

# Savour a long lunch

Whether you're looking for a long lunch while out exploring the wine district or delicious eats in the heart of the city, Canberra's chefs are already preparing a feast for you.

*The Italian Place.*

## **POACHERS PANTRY**

### **SPRING RANGE**

Founded on a love of good food, this restaurant, cellar door and farm shop showcases the produce from their cool-climate vineyard and smokehouse. Nestled in the Canberra Wine District just 30-minutes' drive from the city towards Murrumbateman, this is a great spot to enjoy a picnic spread or a slow-cooked meal.

[poacherspantry.com.au](http://poacherspantry.com.au)

## **REBEL REBEL**

### **NEWACTON**

From its décor to its drinks menu, this restaurant is unapologetically cool. Beloved for its refined seafood dishes, Rebel Rebel is led by masterful chef Sean McConnell and is open from breakfast to dinner. Small batch gins and natural wines are available to take home from their bottle shop.

[rebelrebeldining.com.au](http://rebelrebeldining.com.au)

## **THE ITALIAN PLACE**

### **BRADDON**

Dishing up rustic Italian classics, expect great food and great service. Committed to using local, seasonal produce, this restaurant specialises in 'cucina povera' – making the most of what is available. Pick up every sort of cured meat, tinned fish and dried herb an Italian home cook could want at their bottega next door.

[theitalianplace.net.au](http://theitalianplace.net.au)



If you're a serious foodie visitor, you'll enjoy a food tour with operators like Canberra Secrets, Canberra Eats, Van du Vin and Dave's Tours.



Rebel Rebel.

### HIGH ROAD

#### DICKSON

Take a seat at a booth table carved out of waves of layered pale timber and bask in the sun as an award-winning barista makes your coffee. With a menu that heroes unlikely but delicious flavour combos it's hard to go past the parmesan and pickled jalapeno waffle.

[highrd.com.au](http://highrd.com.au)

### MOLTO ITALIAN

#### KINGSTON FORESHORE

Long-time restauranteur, Carlo Tosolini, knows his stuff when it comes to great Italian fare. You'll taste classic Italian dishes – including tasty woodfired pizza – at this restaurant with a modern seaside trattoria vibe overlooking the water.

[moltoitalian.com](http://moltoitalian.com)

### PIALLIGO ESTATE

#### PIALLIGO

This estate is the definition of paddock-to-plate, housing a vineyard, olive grove, market garden, orchard and smokehouse. Sit back and enjoy a leisurely lunch and enjoy the view over pastures to Parliament House and Telstra Tower.

[thepialligoestate.com.au](http://thepialligoestate.com.au)



*Brodzburger.*

Expect **more than** mac and cheese on the kids menu in Canberra. Enjoy fresh fish by the lake, mini burgers overflowing with local produce, affordable Turkish feasts and more.

# Lunch with the family



*CBD Dumpling House.*



**PIALLIGO FARM SHOP CAFE****PIALLIGO**

If sampling Australian award-winning artisanal bacon is not reason enough, there's a playground nearby where the kids can safely play while you savour your meal. From the Pialligo Smokehouse Charcuterie for the big kids to a well-priced selection of all day kids meals, this is a great place for an outing. Have a sneaky shop at the Plot at Pialligo while there.

[thefarmshopcafe.com.au](http://thefarmshopcafe.com.au)

**SNAPPER BY THE LAKE****YARRALUMLA**

Nestled on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin and newly refurbished is a fish and chip shop that serves up spectacular lake views. Nab an outdoor table or relax under the trees and enjoy a box of crumbed, battered or grilled fish and chips. The little ones will love watching boats sail by with ample space to roam.

[csc.com.au/snapper](http://csc.com.au/snapper)

**YARRALUMLA  
TURKISH HALAL PIDE  
HOUSE****YARRALUMLA**

Well known for their generous portions, this eatery will see your family feasting on a Turkish banquet. The kebabs and halal snack packs at this Yarralumla institution are legendary. Dig into the falafel and borek to enjoy traditional Turkish flavours.

[halalpidehouse.com.au](http://halalpidehouse.com.au)

Many of Canberra's larger clubs offer kids play areas. Ask a local for a recommendation of their suburban local.

**BRODBURGER****FYSHWICK/KINGSTON/  
PHILLIP**

Serving up the city's favourite burgers and hotdogs, Brodburger has something for everyone, from the meaty deluxe to the OMV (Oh My Vegan) and mini options for kids. Sharing a building with the Canberra Glassworks enjoy a burger after seeing glass artists in action, or pop in to one of their three other venues across Canberra.

[brodburger.com.au](http://brodburger.com.au)

**PATISSEZ, TYPICA AND  
URBAN PANTRY****MANUKA LAWNS**

Head to the Lawns where the family can enjoy all their favourites. Typica's baristas will have your Ona caffeine hit sorted while you enjoy their all day menu. Pop into Patissez for their Instagram famous tacos and freakshakes. Satisfy your craving for fresh, seasonal produce including gourmet pies and colourful salads at Urban Pantry.

[typica.com.au](http://typica.com.au)  
[urbanpantrymanuka.com.au](http://urbanpantrymanuka.com.au)  
[patissez.com](http://patissez.com)

**CBD DUMPLING HOUSE****CITY**

The menu is huge with more than 100 options, so buy yourself some time and start by ordering their signature prawn and pumpkin dumplings. Be awed by the skills of the chefs as a frenetic team fill and fold dumplings with extraordinary speed.

[f @CBDdumplinghouse](https://www.facebook.com/CBDdumplinghouse)



# Sweet treats

If you're not indulging in something sweet and lovingly hand-crafted are you even on holiday? Enjoy **more than** your standard sponge cake at these eateries which turn making ice cream and cakes into an art form.



*Space Kitchen.*

**HIGH TEAS****VARIOUS VENUES**

Canberra does high teas well. Soak up the ambience of the 1920s from the Hyatt Hotel's Tea Lounge high tea or take in the city views with a high tea from the QT Sky Lounge. Perhaps one at Parliament House is more your style? Other options include Buvette, Adore Tea and the Beef and Barley (burgers included!).

**GELATO MESSINA****BRADDON & KINGSTON**

Scooping up colourful gelato either side of the lake, in Braddon and Kingston, Gelato Messina has a dedicated following. Choosing from more than 40 flavours, plus bespoke gelato cakes, can be a tough decision so order a triple scoop and get all three of your top selections.

[gelatomessina.com](http://gelatomessina.com)

**SPLILT MILK BAR****DICKSON**

Did someone say Greek yoghurt with berry jam ice cream? Known for their eclectic range and signature 'cow to cone' ethos, this gelato bar, hailing from Orange in NSW, makes their flavours on-site each day from fresh ingredients. And they do home delivery.

[spliltmilkbar.com](http://spliltmilkbar.com)

**KYNEFIN CAFE****HALL**

Here you'll encounter bombolini donuts, Welsh cakes and seriously divine homemade caramel slice, jams and more showcasing local ingredients. If it's a sugary treat your craving, a little drive to the Hall Village to the British-influenced Kynefin Cafe won't disappoint. Pronounced kin-ev-an, it's the Welsh name for one's habitat.

[kynefin.com](http://kynefin.com)

**SPACE KITCHEN****PHILLIP**

The desserts at Space Kitchen are out of this world amazing – think unicorn waffles and nutella hot chocolates. In the cake cabinet you'll spy such delights as the Peach Melba – an actual peach containing peach custard, raspberry jelly, white chocolate crumble and passionfruit curd. Their sister café, Ricardo's at Jamison, is also well worth a visit.

[space-kitchen.com.au](http://space-kitchen.com.au)

**ENIGMA FINE CHOCOLATES****BRADDON**

Watch as perfect chocolates are crafted before your eyes. Here chocolate is an ingredient full of character and complexity, not just a coating for a confectionary bar. Pick up hand-crafted truffles, chocolate flowers, and colourful blocks. There's even a bar that looks like Jackson Pollock's Blue Poles artwork.

[enigmafinechocolates.com.au](http://enigmafinechocolates.com.au)

Bruno's Truffels in Mawson is a coffee shop and bakery offering a range of more than 50 handmade chocolates plus enticing pastries.



# Hot restaurants

Did you know?  
Canberra has more  
hatted restaurants per capita  
than any other Australian city?  
Book a table early to visit these  
popular restaurants that are  
all dedicated to creating  
exquisite dining  
experiences.

## **INKA** **CITY**

With eye catching art and colourful lamps, both Inka's Japanese and Peruvian influences are on show. Dishing up Nikkei style cocktails and ceviche that will please your taste buds and your camera roll, INKA has fast become a favourite in the city – book well in advance.

[inka.com.au](http://inka.com.au)

## **XO** **NARRABUNDAH**

Grounded in a commitment to unpretentious, honest food and the highest standards of service this south-east Asian restaurant is always a wonderful night out. Located moments from the Parliamentary Zone, feast on a set menu that includes lotus soup and whipped tofu.

[xo-restaurant.com.au](http://xo-restaurant.com.au)

## **RAKU** **CITY**

Named after the hand-crafted style of Japanese pottery that is fired in open flames, the same skilled approach is applied to their dishes. Be amazed by the sushi team's exemplary sashimi and nigiri while the robata grill specialists create meat, seafood, and vegetables that sing with flavours of the flames.

[rakudining.com.au](http://rakudining.com.au)

## **MORKS** **KINGSTON FORESHORE**

Benn and Mork Ratanakosol are second-generation restaurateurs – their family venture Sukothai breaking new ground when it opened in 1990. Morks is Thai cuisine through a modern lens – traditional flavours served with creativity and flair, with plenty of vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options.

[morks.com.au](http://morks.com.au)

## **CORELLA BAR** **BRADDON**

Fine dining with a decidedly Australian bent – where else would you go for a starter of sourdough and butter mixed with a hint of Vegemite? The native and bush flavours are incorporated right through to desserts and work beautifully in the small space with interiors which echo the bush palette.

[corellabar.com.au](http://corellabar.com.au)

## **EIGHTYSIX** **BRADDON**

The restaurant that signalled Braddon's reinvention into a dining hotspot, eightysix's Caramel Popcorn Sundae graced the cover of Gourmet Traveller in 2016 and is still a firm favourite. Order from the blackboard wall before the dish you want runs out, or put yourselves in the hands of the chefs with their tasting menu.

[eightysix.com.au](http://eightysix.com.au)





eightysix.



Morks.

Canberra's popular restaurants are often booked out so make sure you **check their availability** to avoid disappointment.

# Date night

Planning a special night out? From intimate small bars to fine dining and ever-pleasing food and service, elevate date night with these picks that will leave **more than** a lasting impression.

*Ottoman.*

**RIZLA****BRADDON**

The team at this tiny outdoor bar with an affinity for Riesling (hence the restaurant slang Rizla) also know their way around other varietals. Their bespoke menu features starters such as charred corn with chilli, coriander and lime butter and an excellent tuna tartare on potato crisps.

[drinkrizla.com.au](http://drinkrizla.com.au)

**BRADDON MERCHANT****BRADDON**

Part of the Midnight precinct, this European deli-style eatery operates from breakfast to dinner. Soak up the sun during the morning and enjoy a weekend brunch. Too hard to choose? Try the Braddon Merchant Experience and let the chef choose for you.

[braddonmerchant.com.au](http://braddonmerchant.com.au)

**ITALIAN AND SONS****BRADDON**

Owner Pasquale Trimboli has set the bar sky high at this iconic eatery. Italian and Sons puts a touch of finesse on rustic Italian fare and is so popular you'll need to book early. If you don't leave room for the tiramisu — a digestif at Bacaro bar out the back — then you have no one to blame but yourself.

[italianandsons.com.au](http://italianandsons.com.au)

**BAR ROCHFORD****CITY**

Upstairs on London Circuit, the award-winning Bar Rochford is ever on point with cocktails and food to match. Ask for one of the team's favourites, a delicious blend called the Lucien Gaudin, featuring Ironbark Cascara Gin, Marionette Curacao, Okar Tropical Bitter and Dry Vermouth.

[barrochford.com](http://barrochford.com)

**OTIS****KINGSTON**

Chef Damian Brabender's Otis pepper steak of an aged fillet, brandy jus and silkwood pepper has gained many a repeat visitor. Seasonal produce is the core of this elegant restaurant's modern Australian cuisine that is well deserving of its Good Food Guide Hat award.

[otisdininghall.com.au](http://otisdininghall.com.au)

**PILOT.****AINSLIE**

This small venue seats only 22 in its dining area so it's wise to book ahead. Offering a set 7 course degustation menu with nostalgic flavours, complex dishes and produce the chefs are excited by, Pilot. has picked up numerous foodie awards since opening.

[pilotrestaurant.com](http://pilotrestaurant.com)

Choose local. The Canberra District's cool climate wines can be found on restaurant wine lists across the city.





# Elevated dining

With a long established reputation for quality service and consistently delicious and great food, these hatted restaurants will not disappoint.

*The Boat House.*

## SAGE

### BRADDON

In 2020 it was voted Trip Advisor's number one restaurant in the fine dining category for all of Australia. Located in the historic Gorman House arts precinct, it prides itself on the use of locally sourced produce and relationships with local producer and vintners. Pop by Mint Garden Bar for a pre or post dinner drink.

[sagedining.com.au](http://sagedining.com.au)

## AUBERGINE

### GRIFFITH

Griffith's unassuming shopping strip is home to Canberra's only two-hatted restaurant, Aubergine. Helmed by talented local and chef Ben Willis, this elegant venue offers a five-course menu and continues to pick up accolades for its modern Australian food and wine list.

[aubergine.com.au](http://aubergine.com.au)

## THE

## BOAT HOUSE

### BARTON

Waterfront dining doesn't get much better than The Boat House. Chef John Leverink offers Australian cuisine using fresh, local ingredients. In summer enjoy a drink at the outdoor Armada Bar.

[theboathouse.restaurant](http://theboathouse.restaurant)



*Chairman & Yip.*

## Both The Boat House and Waters Edge restaurants offer fine dining and stunning sunset views across Lake Burley Griffin.

### **CHAIRMAN & YIP BARTON**

Part of the Hotel Realm precinct, this long-established restaurant is the flagship of the Chairman group that also includes Lanterne Rooms (Campbell) and Mu Omakase (City). Serving modern Pan-Asian cuisine, their duck pancakes are a right of passage if eating here.

[chairmangroup.com.au](http://chairmangroup.com.au)

### **OTTOMAN BARTON**

A stalwart of the Canberra dining scene, this elegant art deco pavilion is an escape from the political machinations which surround it. Inspired by Chef Serif Kaya's Turkish heritage, Ottoman's dishes are consistently hatted – simple, with a complexity of flavour that speaks to a mastery of the genre.

[ottomancuisine.com.au](http://ottomancuisine.com.au)

### **RUBICON GRIFFITH**

A hidden gem at Griffith shops, Rubicon has been a dining destination for nearly 20 years. The best zucchini flowers in the city, a superior wine list and service that is almost as sparkling as the ceiling of fairy lights—there's a reason this place has retained its status as a special-night-out venue.

[rubiconrestaurant.com.au](http://rubiconrestaurant.com.au)



# Family-friendly dining

Skip the usual kids' menu featuring chicken nuggets and head to these family-friendly eateries that offer **more than** just a welcoming atmosphere.

Grease Monkey  
with @botanistcreative.



**GREASE MONKEY****BRADDON**

A crowd-pleasing and often thumping burger joint with a Brooklyn-style bar and massive beer-garden right opposite the Rainbow Roundabout, Grease Monkey has a very loyal clientele. If burgers aren't your thing, there is a deep-pan Detroit pizza to keep you satisfied.

[greasys.com.au](http://greasys.com.au)



*Agostini's at East Hotel.*

**KINN THAI****CANBERRA CITY**

Fast, friendly service, consistently good food in a light and airy space, Kinn Thai is a popular spot offering fresh and expertly prepared Thai dishes in a space that feels decidedly fun. Grab a balcony seat and order favourites like the green chicken curry and a fiery beef salad. A good pre-movie or theatre choice.

[kinnrestaurant.com.au/canberra](http://kinnrestaurant.com.au/canberra)

**BRISCOLA PIZZERIA****CANBERRA CITY**

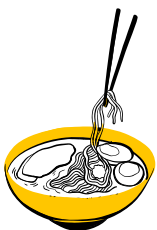
Unpretentious and delicious, what more could you want in a local Italian restaurant? Briscola focuses on all the traditional favourites – from bruschetta to an array of pastas with Nona Enza's Ravioli getting a special mention. Finish off with some gelato or Sicilian lemon tart and feel like you've just been to Rome.

[briscolapizzeria.com.au](http://briscolapizzeria.com.au)

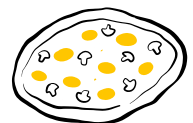
**AGOSTINIS****KINGSTON**

From its pink neon sign exclaiming 'you had me at pizza', to wine on tap and leopard-print booths, Agostinis is reinventing the traditional Italian restaurant. Located in the East Hotel, Agostinis serves authentic regional cuisine made with love. Don't leave without trying a pizza fresh from the state-of-the-art Marana Forni oven.

[agostinis.com.au](http://agostinis.com.au)



Goodberry's Creamery in Erindale and Belconnen is a locals' fave. Their creamy custard ice cream is well worth a visit.



# Cool casual dining



People watch while enjoying more of a casual dining flavour at these restaurants which hit **more than** the right note for both flavour and atmosphere.

*Kokomo's.*

Contemplating where to eat?  
Do it over a glass of vino or  
bubbles at the Pop Inn or House  
of Bubbles which pop up at  
different locations across the  
city over weekends.



Verity Lane Market.

### TEMPORADA CITY

Clever, contemporary and cool. From the edgy interiors to the pared back menu, Temporada shows confidence in its ability to hit all the right notes – which it invariably does. Even the music is extra. From the citrus marinated king prawn, furikake, and lime to the charcoal grilled lamb rump, Merguez sausage, tahini yoghurt, and sugarloaf cabbage, each dish is bold and delicious.

[temporada.com.au](http://temporada.com.au)

### AKIBA CITY

A crowd-pleaser from the get-go, Akiba consistently serves 'New Asian' food in its best form. The Bite and Bolt and Feed Me menus are a great way to sample AKIBA's best. The king prawn fried rice and the soft shell crab buns are beyond compare. Pair with a cocktail or something off the extensive sake menu.

[akiba.com.au](http://akiba.com.au)

### VERITY LANE MARKET CITY

Verity Lane has turned a disused section of the heritage-listed Sydney Building into a European-style food hall bringing people together over different styles of cuisine and a series of cooler-than-cool bars. Live music, a giant deck into a laneway and a soon-to-be-opened fine diner upstairs means this place has everything you might need for a night's entertainment.

[veritylanemarket.com.au](http://veritylanemarket.com.au)

### VINCENT BARTON

Expect the unexpected when it comes to wine bar cum restaurant Vincent. Its interior is dark and moody, its table layout unconventional and serpentine. One wall is devoted to a Scrabble tile menu of eleven dishes: six small plates, five large and three desserts to finish. A carefully curated list of local and international wines is designed to complement each dish.

[vincentrestaurant.com.au](http://vincentrestaurant.com.au)

### KOKOMO'S CITY

This ambitious two-storey restaurant and watering hole occupies a central corner of the city and always draws a crowd. There's a tropical oasis meets disco theme where the décor is concerned but the trans-Pacific food takes itself very seriously – and the kingfish crudo is seriously good. Here is a place that really gets going after dark.

[kokomos.com.au](http://kokomos.com.au)

### THE INN AT EDGAR'S INN AINSLIE

A spot on the Terrace is where you'll want to be to toast a Canberra sunset over this inner north suburb. Part of the larger Edgar's pub, the Inn's large Asado grill produces wholesome and delicious dishes – you can't go past the eye fillet.

[edgarsinn.com.au](http://edgarsinn.com.au)



# Craft breweries + distilleries

Canberra's craft brewery and distilling scene packs some punch. Their products now regularly appear in award lists.



*Big River Distillery.*

*Capital Brewing Co.*

## **BIG RIVER DISTILLERY FYSHWICK**

Slightly less wholesome but no less delicious, Big River Distillery is one of Canberra's many excellent micro distilleries. Offering a curated selection, including the tempting Cinn Gin (cinnamon), 3 Grains Pepper Leaf Vodka and Fig Gin Liquor, check opening hours and head to their 'distillery door' at Dairy Road for a tasting.

[bigriverdistilling.com.au](http://bigriverdistilling.com.au)

## **ZIERHOLZ FYSHWICK**

An original of the Canberra craft beer scene since 2005, Zierholz's following remains fierce. Its German Ale, Amber Ale and Pale Ale are popular with lovers of German-inspired beer. Zierholz is one of the breweries on Dave's Tours' CanBEERa Explorer tour — a great way to sample Canberra's breweries.

[zierholz.com.au](http://zierholz.com.au)

## **CAPITAL BREWING CO. FYSHWICK**

Capital Brewing Co's locally-owned brewery is a weekend delight, with expansive outdoor and indoor seating (including a dedicated family courtyard), a taproom, and even a Brodburger van serving delicious eats. With a motto of 'good natured brews', it's the ultimate Sunday session destination.

[capitalbrewing.co](http://capitalbrewing.co)

The Canberra  
Region Visitors  
Centre stocks a  
range of  
local distillery  
products  
including  
Underground Spirits,  
The Canberra  
Distillery and Big  
River Distillery.

## **THE CANBERRA DISTILLERY MITCHELL**

Open for tastings on weekdays and Saturdays, The Canberra Distillery has a loyal following for its gins, negroni and coffee liqueur. From its popular French Earl Grey gin to its truffle infused gin as a collab with The Truffle Farm, you'll find a gin to your liking. The tasting packs are ideal gifts.

[thecanberradistillery.com.au](http://thecanberradistillery.com.au)

## **BREW NATION CANNBERA CITY**

Tucked in the city's Sydney building, this cosy bar has 12 taps rotating through some of the country's most interesting brews, with tasting paddles available. You can order food in from Verity Lane Market, just around the corner. Not into beer? Sample from their curated wine and spirits list.

[brewnation.com.au](http://brewnation.com.au)

## **BENT SPOKE BREWING CO BRADDON**

BentSpoke Brewing Co. pours award winning brews from their Brewpub (18 of them, all brewed on the premises too). Want to taste Australia's top craft beer? Order the Crankshaft IPA. Love cider? Taste the region with a cracking cider made from Batlow apples. There's tempting pub grub, too.

[bentspokebrewing.com.au](http://bentspokebrewing.com.au)



# Winery dining

Enjoy cool climate wines of the Canberra District, paired with a meal. With more than 40 vineyards within 35 minutes, here's a selection of places where you can linger longer.

*Lerida Estate.*

## **CAFÉ LERIDA** **LAKE GEORGE**

Snack on a cheese and charcuterie plate or a dish from the daily lunch menu such as Cajun Spiced Barramundi. In winter keep warm in the cosy barrel room and in summer enjoy the views of the Lerida Estate vineyard and Lake George from the outside deck.

[leridaestate.com.au](http://leridaestate.com.au)

## **WESTERING AT LAKE GEORGE**

### **LAKE GEORGE**

Formerly of a two hatted Bowral restaurant, chef James Titheradge brings beautifully executed comfort food to the table. Choose from two or three course set menus while enjoying a drop from the Lake George Winery range. A pretty dining dome in the vineyard is bookable for 10 guests.

[westering.com.au](http://westering.com.au)

## **CONTENTIOUS CHARACTER**

### **WAMBOIN**

Popular with the locals as well as visitors, Contentious' restaurant offers a blend of Italian, Korean and modern Australian, with wood fired pizza nights on Thursday and Friday nights. You can also order a grazing board and book a pavilion amongst the vines.

[contentiouscharacter.com.au](http://contentiouscharacter.com.au)





Four Winds Vineyard.

Keep it casual with a wood fired pizza lunch at Four Winds Vineyard in the Murrumbateman wine region.



### **OLLEYVILLE MURRUMBATEMAN**

Traditional, rustic and shareable plates are on the menu at Olleyville, located at Shaw Vineyard Estate. Head chef Anthony Davis has devised a menu that's perfecting for pairing with Shaw's wine range, offering Semillon, Cabernet Sauvignon to Shiraz and Riscato.

[olleyville.com.au](http://olleyville.com.au)

### **D&K KITCHEN @ LARK HILL BUNGENDORE**

Treat yourself to a lunch or dinner at biodynamic winery Lark Hill's restaurant, D&K Kitchen. The set menu lunch includes the likes of sumac pan fried salmon served on potato roesti with market vegetables and lemon butter sauce followed by smashed meringues and house lemon curd for dessert.

[dandkkitchen.com.au](http://dandkkitchen.com.au)

### **BRINDABELLA HILLS VINEYARD CAFÉ HALL**

With views overlooking the Murrumbidgee River, Brindabella Hills is one of the prettiest wineries in Canberra. Sweet Pea Catering offers a two-course set lunch with two sittings on weekend and public holidays. All you have to do is select your wine.

[brindabellahills.com.au](http://brindabellahills.com.au)

# Suburban gems

You'll find dining gems throughout the city. From a late-night eatery in Narrabundah to an iconic Fijian Indian eatery in Pearce, take the time to explore **more than** the city centre.



Two Before Ten Aranda.



## LILOTANG BARTON

With share plates of Japanese-influenced cuisine, Lilotang has flavoursome offerings plus fun vibes. Delights include the slow cooked wagyu brisket with soy glaze and popcorn shrimp, chilli mayonnaise and yuzu nanban sauce. The Feed Me and Feed Me More options are a great way to sample the most popular dishes on the menu.

[lilotang.com.au](http://lilotang.com.au)

## A BITE TO EAT CHIFLEY

Its shabby chic-retro fit out is part of the appeal of this café open from breakfast through lunch. Yummy options include their smashed avocado, which features its namesake plus beetroot relish, rolled feta spiced nut crumb and pea and rocket salad on sourdough.

[abitetoeat.net.au](http://abitetoeat.net.au)

## TWO BEFORE TEN ARANDA

One of many Two Before Ten's across the city, this café has morphed into so much more with a bar, roastery, yoga studio, mushroom growing rooms, beehives and veggie garden. A tasty all-day menu swaps over at night when 10 Yards takes over. A real winner.

[twobeforeten.com.au](http://twobeforeten.com.au)

## KITA NARRABUNDAH

A café for night owls, Kita keeps nocturnal hours Wednesday through to Sunday morning, catering for those hankering for good food, coffee and company in the wee hours. Day-dwellers don't miss out, though — on weekends it extends its hours until midday, serving up breakfast staples alongside Indonesian classics.

[kitakafe.com.au](http://kitakafe.com.au)

## RAMA'S FIJI INDIAN RESTAURANT PEARCE

This family run restaurant at the Pearce Shops has been running since 1991, with the effervescent maitre'd and part-owner Mini known and loved by generations. Offering a wide selection of dishes, you'll have trouble deciding what dish to order.

[ramas.com.au](http://ramas.com.au)

## LAMSHED'S FOOD AND WINE YARRALUMLA

A menu of simple, high-quality seasonal dishes and quality ingredients. What's not to love about dessert when it comes in the form of spiced quince, Anzac biscuit and cardamon cream? There's also an extensive wine menu.

[lamsheds.com.au](http://lamsheds.com.au)



You'll never go hungry searching for great vegetarian or vegan food in the capital. Here's a sample of restaurants dishing up ample meat free delights.



# Great vegetarian eats

## **EIGHTY/TWENTY BRADDON**

The deal with the name and philosophy is that clean, natural and unprocessed food should be eaten 80 per cent of the time so that the remaining 20 per cent of food can be a little more cheeky. Either way, the meals here are beautifully presented and leave you feeling refuelled in the best way.

[eightytwentyfood.com.au](http://eightytwentyfood.com.au)

## **LAZY SU BRADDON**

One of Canberra's most popular restaurants, Lazy Su melds the best tastes of Japan, Korea and America in a fast-paced and delightfully kitsch setting. If you are in the market for fusion food like Wagyu Cheesesteak spring rolls or crispy smashed chicken, they have you covered.

[lazy-su.com.au](http://lazy-su.com.au)

## **LOCAL PRESS KINGSTON FORESHORE**

Local Press' menu is big on flavour and bursting with fresh, seasonal produce. There are vegan and vegetarian options available, and carnivores can rest easy knowing that their proteins are free range, pasture fed, chemical and hormone free. Choose to dine at the waterfront café or pop around the corner to shop (and eat) all things wholefoods.

[localpresscafe.com.au](http://localpresscafe.com.au)

## **MONSTER KITCHEN + BAR NEWACTON**

Come for the staircase, stay for the food and ambience. Monster has been consistently pushing the culinary boundaries in Canberra since it opened as the show-stopper venue within the Ovolo Hotel. Monster gets props for both its menu and wow factor with its luxe industrial fitout.

[monsterkitchen.com.au](http://monsterkitchen.com.au)

## **AU LAC ROYAL VEGAN CUISINE**

### **DICKSON AND WODEN**

In business for more than 10 years, Au Lac has a loyal and dedicated following at its restaurants both sides of the lake. It's known for its Asian-fusion meat and dairy-free menu. Soy-based protein is used in place of animal products and they do a mean laksa.

## **SWEET BONES BRADDON**

There's no doubt vegans are having their moment in the sun, but this little spot has been churning out delicious fare for more than a decade now, attracting a fan base from every religion. Their cakes and sweet treats are moreish while their savoury offerings rely on earthy Mexican flavours.

[sweetbonescompany.com](http://sweetbonescompany.com)



Monster Kitchen + Bar.



Local Press.



Locals love the vegan and vego menu at the casual **Fish Shack** off Bunda Street featuring plant based 'seafood' made from konjac, soybeans and rice flour.

Lazy Su.



# Pub grub

From inner city slick new pubs to rustic and down to earth venues, your search for a great schnitzty and craft beer is made easy.





## THE RUC TURNER

If you're looking for a schnitzty, steak night or burger and bowls deal, The RUC Turner is the place to be. The spacious club has revived the former Canberra North Bowling Club, offering a friendly and fun atmosphere with live music on Friday nights. Barefoot bowls anyone?

[theruc.com.au](http://theruc.com.au)

## GEORGE HARCOURT INN NICHOLLS

Named after a past landowner in the area, The George as it's affectionately known, has been around more than 40 years and continues to be a big supporter of live music (you can sing for your supper on some nights!). With 24 beers on tap, The George prides itself on great pub grub – everything from arancini balls to pulled lamb burgers and a chicken parmi.

[georgeharcourt.com](http://georgeharcourt.com)



Assembly.



## ASSEMBLY BRADDON

Home to the city's coolest beer garden, Assembly is a place to see and be seen. A huge bar runs down one side while booths and tables are spread across this expansive venue. The menu is more than your classic pub feed featuring kingfish, charcuterie boards, and rotisserie chicken or lamb shoulder to share. And there is no end of beverage options to keep you out until late.

[thepeoplespub.com.au](http://thepeoplespub.com.au)

BentSpoke Brewing Co  
in Braddon's Crankshaft  
IPA was named  
Australia's top drop  
at the 2021 Craft Beer  
GABS Fest Hottest 100  
awards. Sample it with  
a BentSpoke pub meal.

## DICKSON TAPHOUSE DICKSON

A relatively newbie on the scene – although with owners who know a thing or two about the local pub scene – the taphouse offers up to 18 beer lines and in contrast to its neighbouring Asian eateries, brings a menu of Italian delights for its pub goers.

 [@dickson-taphouse](https://www.facebook.com/dickson-taphouse)

## DUXTON O'CONNOR

This popular watering hole is a great spot to watch sport but also for its lunch, dinner and late night dining options. Offering the full range of food you'd expect to find in a pub, their pizzas are particularly popular, even offering a vegan pizza option.

[theduxton.com.au](http://theduxton.com.au)



*Brodburger at Capital Brewing Co.*

## OLD CANBERRA INN LYNEHAM

True to its name, the 1857 building housing this pub is older than Canberra itself and one of the oldest licensed venues. Across from the hockey and tennis centre, it's a popular live music venue offering hearty servings of pub food using locally sourced produce.

[oldcanberrainn.com.au](http://oldcanberrainn.com.au)

# Fancy a drink

Canberra region wines and spirits are more than well represented across the city's bars. Whether it be an intimate wine bar or venue where cocktails are the hero, there's no shortage of locals willing to share their favourite watering holes with you.



## **PARLOUR NEWACTON**

If you want to be swept away in the romance of old Canberra, Parlour is the place. A beautiful rich interior design – think velvet sofas, heavy drapes, art deco furniture – it really feels like you've entered a grand manor. But things get interesting when you find a cocktail in your hand and can choose from the Spanish-inspired tapas menu.

[parlour.net.au](http://parlour.net.au)

## **WHITE RABBIT COCKTAIL ROOM CITY**

If it's cocktails that you're after, this place delivers in spades. The comfy setting also offers weekend high teas (the Tippy Teas experience) and plenty of playful and delicious concoctions, such as the Wonderland – replete with strawberries, Frangelico, white chocolate liqueur, lemon and cranberry juice and a chaser of mini cupcakes.

[whiterabbitroom.com.au](http://whiterabbitroom.com.au)

## **DEAR PRUDENCE CITY**

Part of the Verity Lane Market precinct behind the Sydney Building along with Brew Nation, Dear Prudence offers a Euro vibe and is the place to sip a Negroni and dream of faraway places. Inspired by hole in the wall bars you'd find in Barcelona, it offers vermouths and aperitifs, unavailable anywhere else in Canberra plus an impressive wine list.

[dearprudence.com.au](http://dearprudence.com.au)



Add Amici Bar, The Highball Express, Molly, the Howling Moon and High Jinks to your must visit list.

White Rabbit Cocktail Room

Parlour.

### TIPSY BULL BRADDON

A perennial favourite for food and THE place in Canberra to taste gin. Snare a seat in the sun and deliberate on the gin selection – not only do you choose any one of a multitude of spirits, but they are accompanied by specific garnishes, all of which come artfully placed on a wooden paddle for you to mix and match.

[tipsybull.com.au](http://tipsybull.com.au)

### PARANORMAL CAMPBELL

This little wine bar inside a wine shop is a perfect way to sample drops from the surrounding district. Drop in for a pre-dinner drink before visiting nearby eateries: Intra, Les Bistronomes, Department of Pizza or Lanterne Rooms.

[instagram.com/  
paranormalwines](https://www.instagram.com/paranormalwines)

### QUEENIES KINGSTON

A wide selection of wines from the Canberra region, Australian wines and premium spirits look stunning sitting in the regal art deco bar that is Queenies. Take a seat at the bar, perch on a high table or take a seat on one of the velvet lounges while enjoying a native inspired bar snack you're your favourite tippie.

[queeniesatkingston.com.au](http://queeniesatkingston.com.au)



# Foodie festivals + markets

Get a taste of the region at our foodie festivals throughout the year. In addition to fresh produce markets in Fyshwick and Belconnen, you can visit farmers markets each weekend.

*Canberra Region  
Farmers Market.*

## NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL CANBERRA

The 'Multi Culti' as it's known by locals is a three-day food and cultural extravaganza celebrating diversity that is held each February. Stallholders sell their national dishes and specialities, with multicultural groups putting on a range of performances throughout the festival.

[multiculturalfestival.com.au](http://multiculturalfestival.com.au)

## CANBERRA REGION FARMERS MARKET

Held each Saturday morning, this is the largest farmers market held in the Southern Tablelands. More than 100 stallholders selling everything from honey to vegetables and nitrate free bacon converge at Exhibition Park in Mitchell. A great spot for breakfast, too.

[capitalregionfarmersmarket.com.au](http://capitalregionfarmersmarket.com.au)

## CANBERRA DISTRICT WINE EVENTS

With more than 40 cellar doors surrounding the city, you're guaranteed to find a wine event to suit you. From dinners paired with local wine to cabaret shows, art classes and moving feasts, be sure to check out what's happening on the Canberra District Wine Industry Association's website.

[canberrawines.com.au](http://canberrawines.com.au)

## SOUTHSIDE FARMERS MARKET

Locals south of the lake flock to Canberra College in Phillip where producers from the region sell their goods on a Sunday morning at this village market. Grab a coffee and bite to eat while you're there.

 [@southsidefarmersmarketcanberra](https://www.facebook.com/southsidefarmersmarketcanberra)

## HAIG PARK MARKETS

Canberra's newest produce market, this convenient city location in Braddon pulls in the crowds each Sunday. Shop for fresh market produce along with flowers, coffee and other great food options.

[haigparkvillagemarkets.com.au](http://haigparkvillagemarkets.com.au)

## THE TRUFFLE FESTIVAL

Held annually from June through August, the Truffle Festival celebrates the Black Perigord Truffles grown in the region. Truffle hunts, degustation dinners, tastings and cooking demonstrations take place over the truffle season.

[trufflefestival.com.au](http://trufflefestival.com.au)



# Indulge with a high tea

Imagine indulging on tiered plates of delicious cakes and tarts, sipping on award-winning tea in heritage-listed venues, or enjoying a glass or two of champagne in plush surroundings.



*High tea at Bwette.*



## **ALICE IN WONDERLAND TEA CITY**

Join Alice down the rabbit hole and enter a wonderland right here in Canberra at White Rabbit Cocktail Lounge for Tippy Tea, a high tea with a twist. Treat yourself to a signature cocktail or the finest French sparkling, perfectly accompanied by delicious sweet and savoury treats.

[whiterabbitroom.com.au](http://whiterabbitroom.com.au)

Celebrate a special occasion or simply enjoy an indulgent afternoon with a high tea in the capital.

## **BEEF AND BARLEY'S BURGER HIGH TEA KINGSTON FORESHORE**

A high tea with a difference. Feast on all your favourites such as pork and beef sliders, haloumi bites, popcorn chicken and an assortment of sweet treats. Wash it all down with a glass of bubbly before exploring the iconic Kingston Foreshore.

[beefandbarley.com.au](http://beefandbarley.com.au)

## **HIGH TEA AT BUVETTE KINGSTON**

Sunday morning high tea in Canberra is not complete without a mouth-watering selection of French pastries, cakes, and tarts. The high tea menu at Burbury Hotel's Buvette showcases just that and more with provencale quiches, buttery croissants, macarons, gateaux and tartes.

[burburyhotel.com.au/  
restaurants/high-tea](http://burburyhotel.com.au/restaurants/high-tea)

## **HYATT HOTEL'S TEA LOUNGE YARRALUMLA**

At Canberra's longest running high tea experience you can soak up the arc deco ambience as you tuck into high tea crowd favourites such as freshly baked scones, an array of finger sandwiches and a selection of tempting cakes and slices.

## **PARLIAMENT HOUSE WEEKEND HIGH TEA**

Tea and politics create a uniquely Canberra experience at the Queen's Terrace Café. After exploring Parliament House and taking in Australia's history, relish in savoury and sweet goodies crafted by the in-house pastry team using the best regional produce of the season.

[aph.gov.au](http://aph.gov.au)



*Adore Tea.*

## **ADORE TEA'S TEAHOUSE GUNG AHLIN**

Recharge after a day of sightseeing with a relaxing meal at Adore Tea's Teahouse in Gungahlin. From spicy chai to aromatic herbal blends, choose from a selection of over 200 extraordinary teas, including 30 blends exclusively created by Adore Tea.

[adoretea.com.au/high-tea](http://adoretea.com.au/high-tea)

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