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Fyshwick, Pialligo + Majura

In the area encapsulating Fyshwick, Pialligo and Majuris nothing if not diverse—a motley collection of, well, pretty much everything. Lush farmland on one edge an intriguing light industrial precinct on another, and an airport smack bang in the middle—but that's wha makes it so fascinating. Make sure you leave time to explore everything it has to offer.

Fyshwick





Nourish & Breathe Canteen Image: Pew Pew Studio

Pyshwick Fresh Food Markets Image: Pew Pew Smito

Not so long ago, Fyshwick had quite the reputation. Once dismissed as a light industrial hub filled with strip clubs, petrol stations, furniture stores and little else, Fyshwick's potential has been realised in recent years as it steadily builds a throng of trendy cafés, restaurants and fashion stores. While its charms may not be as obvious or readily accessible as Braddon or Manuka, they are plentiful—there's treasure just waiting to be discovered by those willing to dig beneath the gritty surface.

de Bialligo, Majura



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Majura

Majura Park offers an easily accessible retail oasis—making it the place to be each weekend for locals. Boasting Canberra's first (and only) IKEA store, Costco, Bunnings and a shopping mall with staples like Woolworths, Big W and Chemist Warehouse, Majura Park appears as a mecca for household goods and home improvement.

But look a little closer and you'll find hidden gems like Three Mills Bakery's flagship store and boutique offerings like Oxygen health food store, discount booksellers The Book Grocer and ever-popular Vietnamese street food yendor Miss Ba Cô.





It's no exaggeration to say that you could easily spend an entire weekend in this neighbourhood alone, ticking off all the boxes-nature, adventure, retail therapy, culture. That's right, from bird watching to skiing (well, kinda), this quiet achiever has plenty of surprises up its sleeve.

Are you a bargain hunter or a vintage-lover? You're in the right place. Fyshwick has evolved across the last 15 years from car yards and whitegoods stores to a haven for vintage and antique boutiques and independent food purveyors. In nearby Pialligo, you'll also find boutique offerings, this time in the form of artisanal homewares, ceramics and lush garden centres. A hop, skip and a jump away in Majura you'll also find home and garden nirvana, with a variety of big name brands you know and love like IKEA, Bunnings and Costco.

Maiura

COSTCO

If you haven't experienced the unique experience that is Costco, now is your chance. While there are plenty of deals to snag (by buying in bulk, of course), it's almost worth a visit just so you can see a diamond ring sitting alongside a 10-litre bottle of French champagne sitting alongside a luxe camping set. Just keep in mind you will need a membership to visit.

costco.com.au



Pialligo

BISON

Made in Canberra, loved far and wide. Visit the original Pialligo home of Bison's iconic homewares and experience the full range of sleek, colourful ceramics as well as glassware and hand loomed table linens. Founded in 1997 by Creative Director Brian Tunks, Bison's aim is to create beautiful, yet functional, pieces for everyday life.

bisonhome.com

BLISS GARDEN+ GIFTWARE

A specialty nursery that goes far beyond just plants, don't blame us if you walk away from Bliss with more inspiration than you can poke a hand-glazed pot at. You'll also find a wide range of indoor styling accents, jewellery, prints, homewares and more.

blissgardengiftware.com.au



IKEA

Home is where the Poäng chair is. And if that sentence made perfect sense to you, chances are you might fancy a visit to Majura Park IKEA. With parking a breeze and meatballs ready and waiting for you at the cafeteria-style restaurant, why not drop by and say hej?

ikea.com/au

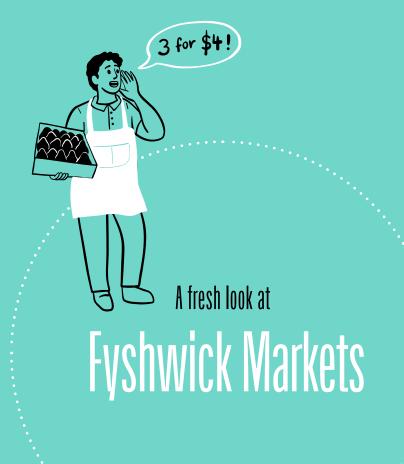


Bliss Garden + Giftware Image. 44

THE PLOT

This leafy enclave in Pialligo is home to a handful of stunning homewares boutiques, including Pink Flamingo interiors, Wren & Rabbit, and Crusoe and Co (the newest venture from Bison's Brian Tunks). A world of interiors inspiration in one small space, you'll find everything from quirky colourful restored pieces to modern and antique items sourced from around the globe.

theplotatpialligo.com.au



Canberran's devotion to sustainably and locally grown food is nowhere more evident than at the Fyshwick Fresh Food Markets. It's a vibrant melting pot of fresh food and curated culinary must-haves that will spark joy for any foodie. A staple of many locals' weekends, the covered markets bustle from sunrise to the late afternoon, offering visitors the chance to stock up on everything from French cheeses from the beloved Mart Deli to boutique spirits and craft beers from Canberra icon Plonk. And that's before they even get fresh seafood, highquality meats and oodles of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Go early for coffee, breakfast at one of the curbside cafés, the first pick of fresh produce and a relaxed vibe. Or head there later in the day for a bustling atmosphere complete with last-minute specials heralded by enthusiastic grocers, an afternoon pick-me-up from one of the many bakeries and oodles of dinner inspiration.

Don't miss the markets' newest addition—the Niche Markets. These airy and bright alleyways contain an eclectic mix of small businesses, from florists to coffee shops, handmade jewelry, street food stalls, a juice bar and an expansive second-hand bookstore.

Keep an eye out for Green Tea En's Japanese desserts (including their highly-Instagrammable green tea soft serve with gold leaf and handmade mochi), dumplings from fan favourite Ma Ma Dumplings, a killer latte from Piccolo Market Coffee, sushi from Umami and handmade textiles from Woven Designs.

Make sure to walk to the far end of the Niche Markets to visit Lifeline Canberra's Book Lover's Lane—a paradise of second-hand books where all proceeds go to fund Lifeline's essential services.









Shop

Fyshwick

CANBERRA OUTLET

Don't let the name fool you. Canberra Outlet lifts the game when it comes to outlet shopping, featuring a Premium Mall with brands like Tommy Hilfiger, Oroton and Ralph Lauren alongside an impressive array of beloved brands like Nike, Jo Mercer, Cue, TK Maxx and more. Our tip? Get there early.

canberraoutletcentre.com.au

HOMEMAKER HUB

Head to the opposite end of Fyshwick's sprawling Canberra Outlet centre to experience homewares heaven—much of it at outlet prices. From big-name brands at JB Hi-Fi to furniture at Freedom, James Lane and Early Settler, luxe bedding and décor at Sheridan, Adairs and Bed Bath N' Table and home essentials at Howards Storage World and Harris Scarfe, you'll be spoilt for choice.

canberraoutletcentre.com.au

HUMBLE HOUSE

A true hidden treasure, Humble House gallery is truly unique—part museum, part art gallery, part homewares shop. A must-see destination for lovers of authentic oriental antiques and contemporary art, this stunning space spans two levels devoted to both Chinese antique furniture and art from Canberra and further afield. There's also an extensive range of décor items and giftware.

humblehouse.com.au

INSIDE STORY

A magical haven of wallpapers, fabrics and furniture, Inside Story has cemented its place as a supplier of exclusive fabrics and soft furnishings to discerning Canberrans. Boasting brands like Sanderson, Romo, Villa Nova, Mulberry and Christian Lacroix, this compact but oh-so-chic space is a must for lovers of all things interiors.

theinsidestory.com.au

MIKO DESIGNS

If you're all about bespoke high-quality pieces, you'll want to beat a path to Miko Designs—here you'll find a beautifully curated range of local, Australian and international furniture, lighting, artwork and homewares. Expect to find works from Canberra's Curious Tales, Lisa Cahill, Olas Design, Studio Pip, Hunt Furniture, Copper Design, Muuto, and many more.

mikodesigns.com.au

SAUVAGE URBAIN

Ok, so a cookware store may not usually take pride of place on a traveller's 'to do' list—but passionate home chefs will love losing themselves in this sprawling kitchen warehouse filled with top brands—from tools and tableware to cookware and bakeware. Maybe save some room in the boot.

sauvageurbain.com.au



Vintage Trail

DESIGNER OP SHOP EMPORIUM

Starting as a small boutique on Braddon's Lonsdale Street, Designer Op Shop Emporium (or DOSE as it has been coined by acronymloving Canberrans) has expanded to an airy and oh-so-stylish warehouse in Fyshwick that serves not only as a showroom for high quality second-hand clothing (including many designer pieces) but also an emporium for other boutiques such as curated homewares store Luxe & Beau, vintage haven Twisting Vintage and florist Eight Stems.

dosemporium.com.au

DIRTY JANES CANBERRA

Bowral's dovenne of vintage treasures Jane Crowlev chose well when she selected Fyshwick for her first-ever satellite store. The expansive warehouse boasts more than 2000 square metres of tiny individual stores, each curating their own selection of vintage and retro goodness. After a long day of shopping, stop off for a coffee and a bite to eat at Billy T's Larder.

dirtyjanes.com

MATERIAL PLEASURES

Specialising in elevated second-hand clothing from staple and designer labels, Material Pleasures is a must-do for op-shopping lovers-and label hounds. Hand-selected by discerning staff, you'll find an eclectic mix of casual and workwear through to occasion outfits and an impressive selection of shoes and accessories.

materialpleasures.com.au

DOWN MEMORY LANE

A paradise for lovers of antique and vintage homewares, furniture, fashion and trinkets, Down Memory Lane is a rabbit warren of treasures. Keep an eye out for their ever-changing collection of mid-century furniture, kitschy Mad Men-era dinner sets and oodles of retro fashion.

downmemorylane.net.au

CANTY'S BOOKSHOP

Forgot to pack a holiday read? Make sure to put aside ample time when diving into the depths of Canty's. One of Canberra's most beloved hidden gems, Canty's offers 1.2 kilometres of shelves stuffed with every genre you can imagine, from leatherbound classics to a vast children's and young adult section.

cantysbookshopfyshwick.com



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Something a little different



AXXE

Want a group activity with an edge (pun intended)? Axxe offers a way to unlock your inner lumberjack, with 'lanes' where you can safely learn the art of axe throwing from their friendly staff. Make sure to wear covered shoes—checked flannelette shirt and beard optional. 18 years and over.

axxe.com.au

BREAKR

If Axxe is about unlocking your inner lumberjack, Breakr is about unlocking your hidden Incredible Hulk. Breakr is a 'break room'— an enclosed room where participants don protective gear and smash, trash and crash items like teacups, old printers and glassware—for fun. Ever wanted to take a baseball bat to your office printer? This is for you.

breakr.com.au

REVELATION PUZZLE ROOMS

Puzzle rooms or escape rooms offer a challenge of the intellectual kind—and Revelation Puzzle Rooms has challenges in spades. With three puzzle rooms (Doomsday, Toxic and Cold Case) groups of two-to-eight players work together to decipher the riddles and unlock the room—before it's too late. The perfect rainy-day activity.

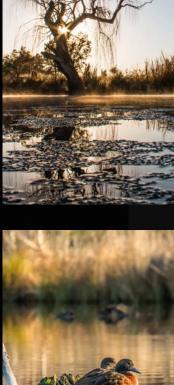
revelationpuzzlerooms.com

OUIZZIC ALLEY

Boasting Australia's largest range of licensed Harry Potter paraphernalia, Quizzic Alley offers the ultimate wizarding experience with a store and staff so dedicated to detail that you'll think you've travelled to Diagon Alley. Must dos include a selfie in the Weasley's flying Ford Anglia and a QBrew (hint: it's their take on butterbeer).

quizzicalley.com





Paul Jurak

aka Kayakcameraman

Paul Jurak is an avid kayaker who fell in love with photography after taking to Lake Burley Griffin and its many estuaries each morning to witness the dawn. His images of Canberra from the water are ethereal and beautiful, changing with the seasons and weather, and present the perfect inspiration for would-be early risers.

One of his favourite places to get out with his kayak and camera is the pristine and protected environment of the Jerrabomberra Wetlands. nestled in a quiet corner of Lake Burley Griffin's eastern shore. Here, Paul shares his favourite things about this very special spot.

'Located between the Kingston Foreshore and Fyshwick, this 'novel ecosystem' was formed when Lake Burley Griffin was created in the 1960s and damming the Molonglo river created a floodplain of water and eventually led to a wetland environment.

'Once you are there, you wouldn't know that this unique area is just a few kilometres from the city centre-I think it is one of Canberra's hidden gems.

'Wander through the wetlands on the many walking trails, either in the early mornings amidst the fog, or grab a picnic and settle in to see the habitats who call Kellys Swamp, Jerrabomberra Poll or the Jerrabomberra Billabong home. Unfamiliar with the area? Just download a free audio tour.

'While the natural landscape is awe-inspiring, this area is also rich with wildlife. More than 170 bird species call the area home, some using it as a breeding ground. And if you look closely, you will find turtles, water dragons and platypus.

'Small boats are allowed in the area, and to see the place from the water rather than the land will give you a while new perspective.

'My favourite way to soak it all up is to go at sunrise in winter. See swans covered in frost and sit still while you watch the fog give way to a golden light. Here you will witness some magical sights, and hear a symphony of birdsong. There can't be any better way to start the day!'

jerrabomberrawetlands.org.au



Jerrabomberra Wetlands

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Dairy Road

Now one of the most exciting precincts in Canberra,
Dairy Road started its life as a collection of warehouses at the end of one of Fyshwick's quietest streets. Brought to life by the visionary Molonglo Group—the people behind NewActon precinct—today it's home to an eclectic assortment of creative local businesses. While it's still polishing its industrial edges, Dairy Road is not to be missed.

dairyroad.com.au



While it might seem a little confusing in its layout, everything in Dairy Road is within walking distance, so just find a park and take a wander.

CAPITAL BREWING CO.

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

capitalbrewing.co

BIG RIVER DISTILLERY

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, head to their 'distillery door' at Dairy Road for a tasting. Make sure to check their website for opening times.

bigriverdistilling.com.au



BLOCHAUS

Canberra's original bouldering gym, Blochaus offers an exciting new experience for lovers of the outdoors—indoors. Climb, scramble and navigate over their unique climbing walls that are short enough to not need ropes or partners, giving greater freedom of movement. BlocHaus is suitable for anyone over 12 years old and for younger climbers there's a separate 'FamilyHaus'.

blochaus.com.au

JASPER & MYRTLE

Jasper & Myrtle's chocolate has to be tasted to be believed, and at their Dairy Road factory-workshop you can even see the team at work as they craft their cacao creations. It'll give you food for thought as you make the difficult decision between their Black & White Sesame Milk Chocolate and Brandy & Orange Dark Chocolate.

jasperandmyrtle.com.au

FLOW YOGA CANBERRA

Flow Yoga's brand new studio is a calming Scandinavian-inspired retreat of blonde wood and neutral tones. Owner Odona Farska fell in love with yoga in 2000 and never looked back, having taught and practised all around the world. Now she calls Dairy Road home. Why not drop in for a class?

flowyogacanberra.com



No snow? No worries!
Sharpen your downhill
technique or find your feet
as a beginner at Canberra's
premier indoor ski slope.
Their wide slopes are made
from soft nylon fibres that
operate like a treadmill,
meaning you can adjust
the speed and pitch of your
slope. Après ski, grab a drink
or wood-fired pizza from
Vertikal's alpine-themed bar.

vertikalsnowsports.com



AS NATURE INTENDED

The wholesome haven you didn't know you needed, As Nature Intended is a one-stop-shop for the ecoconscious, with a diverse range of environmentally friendly beauty products and homewares alongside an organic mini-supermarket. Their café serves up seriously decadent cakes and slices as well as hearty breakfast and lunch options and truly excellent coffee.



NOURISH & BREATHE

A naturopathy clinic and apothecary with its own 'canteen', Nourish & Breathe offers wholesome, delicious fare. Owner Renae Scott cares deeply about empowering her clients with knowledge around health and wellbeing and this shines through in the menu. Don't miss the brewed chai—some say it's one of the best in Canberra.

nourishandbreathe.com

KIDZPLORE

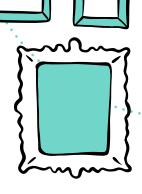
The ultimate wet weather (or we-need-to-burn-off-some-excess-energy) destination for young families, KIDZplore features a multi-levelled rainbow playground of epic proportions, complete with ballpit, swings, Zorb balls, slides and low-key areas for smaller kids. If the weather clears, head out front to play on the grass and splash in the very shallow kid-friendly stream that winds through the precinct.

kidzplore.com.au

THE MODERN OBJECT

Curated for discerning lovers of mid-century design,
The Modern Object's range encompasses a colourful array of furniture, glassware, objects d'art, tableware, sculpture and more.
While the store itself is small, don't be deceived—it contains multitudes of covetable objects.

6 @mymodernobjects



GRAINGER GALLERY

Tucked into a corner of Dairy Road you'll find Canberra's newest gallery. A purpose-built space that displays both owner Kacy Grainger's work and a revolving calendar of artists from across Australia and internationally, Grainger Gallery has become an essential destination for art lovers when visiting the capital. Split across two levels, this airy space will surprise and delight, with artists of all mediums gathered under the one roof. A vibrant and diverse space that puts the interests of creatives first and foremost.

graingergallery.com.au



Not so long ago, you'd have struggled to find more than an egg and bacon roll to sate your hunger in this neighbourhood, but the times they are a'changin'. These days there's everything from superior coffee to some of Canberra's best pastries at your fingertips.

Daytime dining

Fyshwick

MR PAPA

It started as a humble food van dishing out Peruvian cuisine and has since become one of Canberra's most popular street food destinations, just last year opening permanent digs in Fyshwick. We can't go past their signature Chanchito—grilled pork belly, golden sweet potato, onion salsa, 'Pan Frances' bread, 'Huancaina' cheesy cream—but pretty much everything is muy bueno!

mrpapa.com.au

ONA COFFEE HOUSE

A long-standing favourite among Canberrans—and for good reason. Boasting a delicious menu using locally sourced ingredients, this Fyshwick café delivers honest and homely food (and great coffee).

ONA Coffee House is also home to their wholesale roastery, so you can see the coffee roasting process first-hand or learn how to make the perfect coffee from the masters.

onacoffee.com.au

PELLEGRINO'S

Always busy (which says a lot about the food and coffee) Pellegrino's has been a leader in the Fyshwick food scene for what seems like forever. Serving up all day breakfast, as well as a diverse range of lunch options—think burgers, pastas and fully-loaded salads—this sunny industrial-chic café is the perfect place to refuel.

(i) @pellegrinos_cafe

REDBRICK

A slick light-filled space in the heart of Fyshwick, Redbrick's flagship store is part roastery, part coffee shop—an interactive space where you can learn more about specialty coffee production. A light food menu and freshly baked pastries complement a seasonally rotating filter and espresso offering. Free public coffee tastings are held at 10:30am every Saturday.

redbrickcoffee.com.au



WILDFLOUR

A charming café, shaded outdoor area and a dedicated (and fenced) playground for the kids—there are plenty of reasons why Wildflour is such a popular spot, and we haven't even got to the food! From sourdough fresh out of the oven to an array of gorgeous pastries, and a full breakfast and lunch menu, there's something for every tastebud.

wildflour.com.au

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Majura

MS BA CÔ

Majura Park's Ms Ba Cô has garnered a cult following for its authentic bánh mì—stuffed to overflowing with fresh greenery, vegetables, spicy tofu, pork belly or lemongrass chicken. On any given day, punters queue to experience the delights of this humble spot, which prides itself on generous portions of uber-fresh, home-style Vietnamese street food at very reasonable prices.

msbaco.com

THREE MILLS BAKERY

Canberra bakery Three Mills has a cult following—locals clamouring for their fix of sublime sourdough crafted by experts (they've even written a book about it!) The best part? You can get their flavourful coffee, pastries and pies from two sites—their original Majura Park digs or the brand new Fyshwick store, custom built to accommodate a state-of-the-art pastry room.

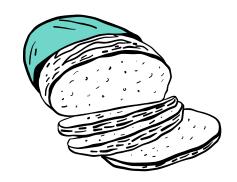
threemillsbakery.com.au

Pialligo

SPIT SHACK

As the name implies, it does look a little homely, but what this local favourite lacks in ambience it makes up for in flavour. Inspired by traditional Croatian flavours, this is the place to head for crusty rolls filled with juicy roasted meat—the Pork Classic is mouthwateringly good. Finish with a sweet handmade burek.

spitshack.com.au





Taste the Region



Canberra isn't well known as a foodbowl, but you may be surprised at the riches of regional produce just waiting to be discovered. From smallgoods to wine and even truffles, here's how to taste the region.

PIALLIGO ESTATE

Imagine a little slice of the countryside—lush green swathes of lawn lined with lavender, olive groves and orchards—just 10 minutes from the CBD.

This is Pialligo Estate—a sensational food and wine destination nestled on the banks of the Molonglo River. The sprawling property just begs to be explored, incorporating restaurants, dining pavilions, vineyard, academy, market garden and an award-winning smokehouse.

The food here embraces the Estate's paddock-to-plate ethos—fresh seasonal produce is simply prepared, showcasing regional flavours with minimal fanfare. Think an entrée of Figs From The Garden, Duck Ham & Hazelnut, or a main of Jack's Creek Flank Steak, Corn, Smoked Beef Fat Onions or Roast Pumpkin, Lentils, Smoked Cashew Cream & Sage.

The real showstopper, however, is the Estate's signature dish, their Smokehouse Charcuterie Board. Wooden planks are piled high with house made smoked meats—chicken breast, salmon gravlax, spicy pork and more—and served with farm-style condiments like pickled onions and marinated eggplant.

Sit back with a glass of Riesling, Merlot, Shiraz or Sangiovese from Pialligo Estate Vineyard and gaze across Canberra's skyline to Parliament House and Telstra Tower atop Black Mountain. It's an experience unlike any other.

pialligoestate.com.au

PIALLIGO MARKET GROCER

Initially conceived during the early days of COVID as a drive-through way for Canberrans to enjoy their local food fix. Pialligo Market Grocer proved so popular that it put down permanent roots at The Plot on Beltana Road. Offering gourmet, boutique products from around 60 local and regional producers, as well as products from Pialligo Estate's awardwinning smokehouse and estate gardens, it's a wonderful way to taste the region (quite literally).

pialligomarketgrocer.com.au



Urban Providore Food Boutique is a gourmand's dream—bursting with Australian regional artisan crafted delicious gourmet foods. Sourcing foods from urban, coastal, alpine and highland regions surrounding Canberra, fill your shopping cart with everything from salami to sauces, chocolates and cheeses.

urbanprovidore.com





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MOUNT MAJURA VINEYARD

A winery a short Uber ride from the city? Yes please. It's teeny (just nine hectares in total), but Mount Majura Vineyard punches above its weight when it comes to quality wines. You'll find familiar varieties like Chardonnay, Shiraz and Riesling here, but also some more exotic offerings such as Graciano, Touriga Nacional and Tempranillo. The cellar door is open seven daysbookings close the day prior, so it pays to plan ahead.

mountmajura.com.au

THE TRUFFLE FARM

Black Périgord truffles are one of the most coveted foods in the world, and Majura just happens to have its own trufferie, The Truffle Farm. During the winter months, you can rug up and join a truffle hunt, seeing the friendly truffle dogs in action and learning how to harvest and handle these little bits of 'black magic' before they make their way to market. Want to eat the fruits of your labour? Book in for a truffle hunt and degustation. Best be quick, though, weekend hunts often sell out.





