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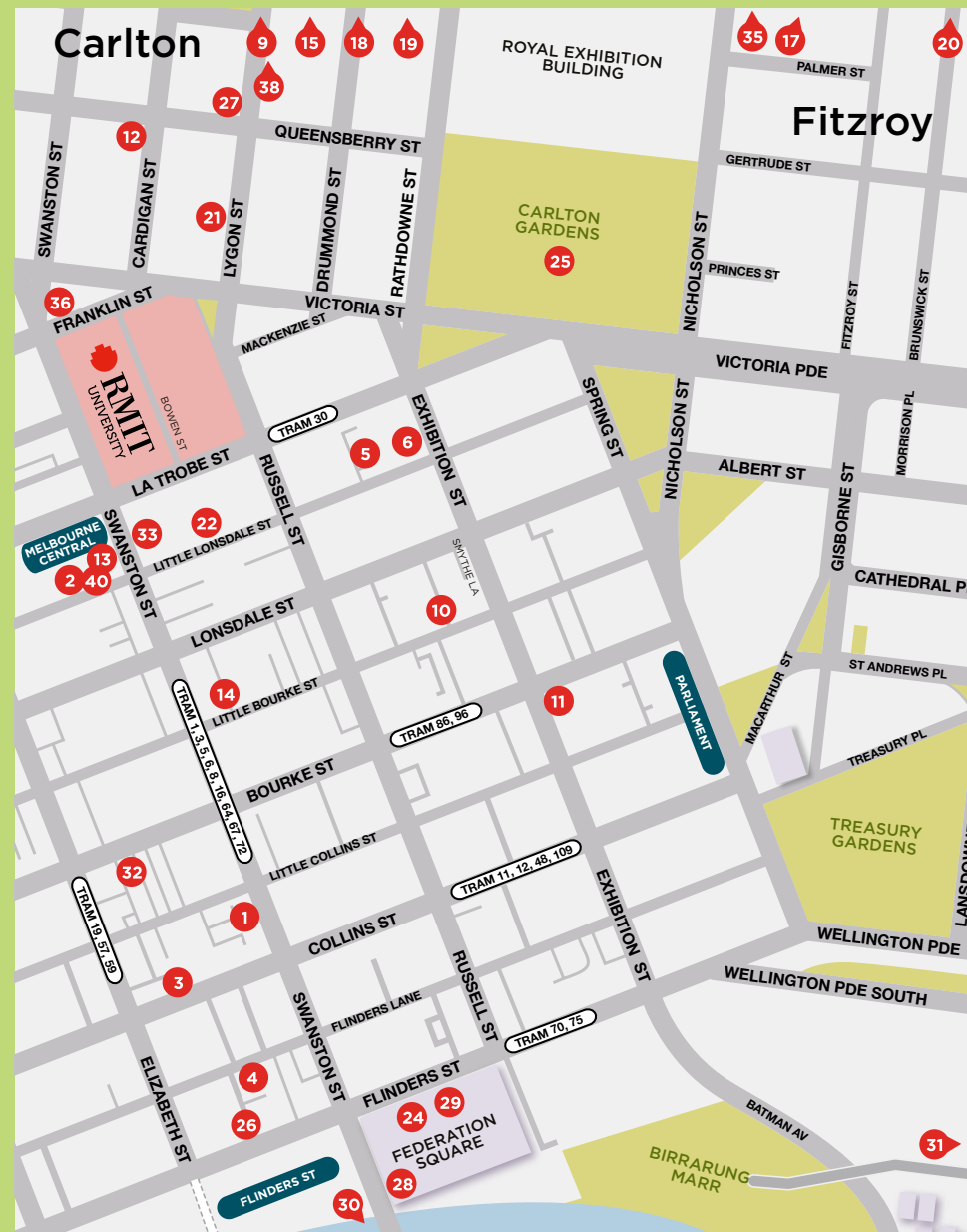
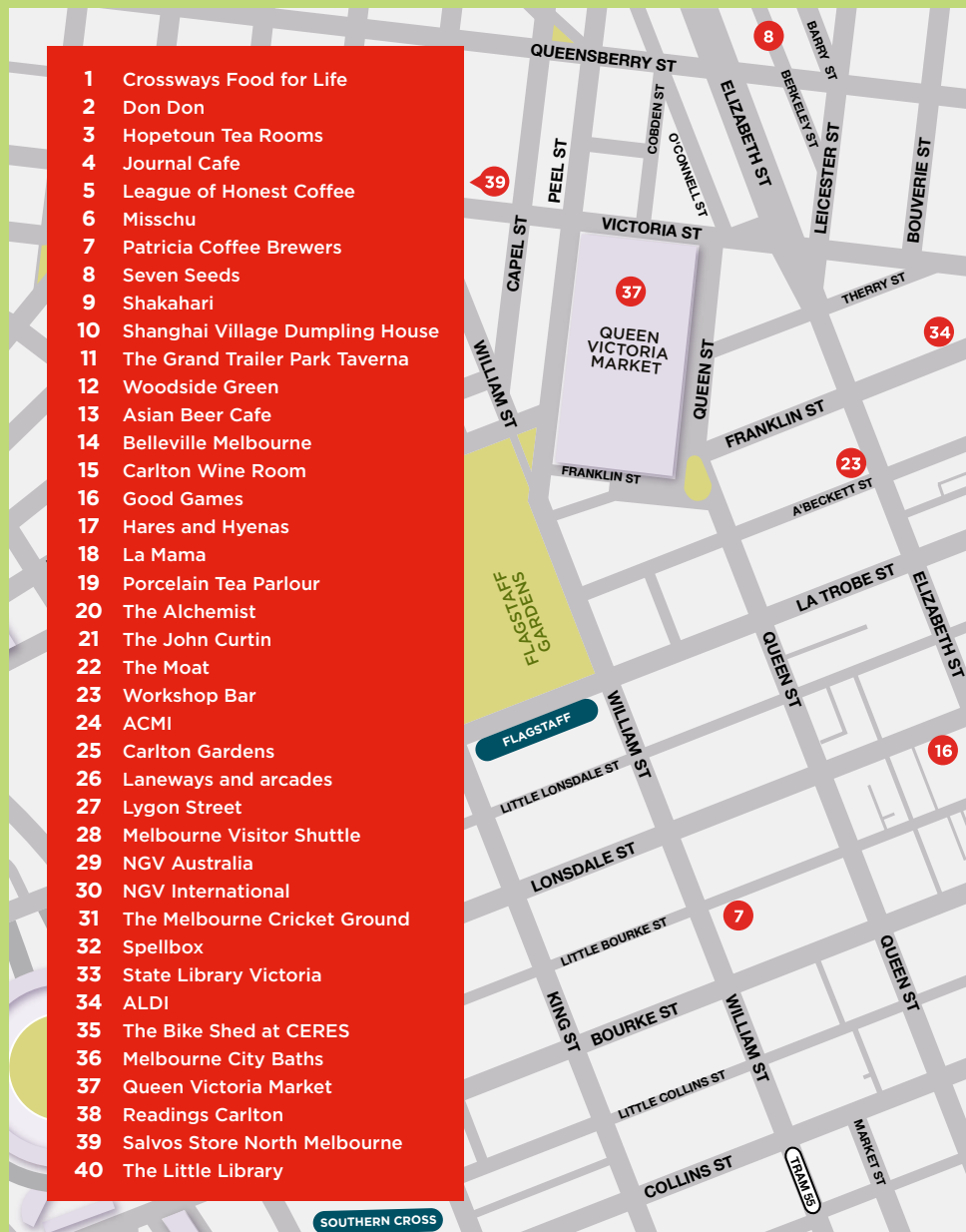
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Introduction

G'DAY and welcome to Melbourne!

As RMIT students, we know how to survive student life. While RMIT can fill you in on all the official stuff you need to know, we want to help you with the non-official stuff. So, we've put together this guidebook as your introduction to four important areas of living in Melbourne and grouped them under one of Australia's most recognised words—G'DAY.

GRUB

Hungry? **GRUB** is Australian slang for food. We've included some of Melbourne's favourite coffee shops and restaurants. Get there for your coffee fix, the company and the good grub.

DOWNTIME

Need to unwind after a hard day's study? **DOWNTIME** suggests great places to grab a drink, relax, have fun, meet friends and explore Melbourne's nightlife.

ADVENTURE

It's easy to explore Melbourne by public transport, bike or foot. In **ADVENTURE**, you'll discover some of the city's cultural treasures, grand gardens and hidden laneways.

YOU NEED

You never know what you'll need! From a good book to a great bargain, **YOU NEED** is full of useful stuff for students living on a budget in Melbourne.

There's also a list of other useful web addresses at the back of this guidebook and most importantly a map to help you find your way. So chuck those textbooks into a corner and get exploring—we'll see you there!

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P.S. Melburnians are crazy for colouring in—while you are thinking about what to do, colour in our cover!

GRUB



1

Crossways Food for Life

123 Swanston Street, Melbourne
Mon–Sat 11.30am–8pm • Sun Closed
www.crosswaysfoodforlife.com.au

If you're a university student living away from home, it's almost inevitable that you're going to spend some days living off supermarket noodles. We cannot live on mi goreng alone, so we have to supplement it with something else if we want to avoid a nutritional deficiency.

One of the more cost-effective alternatives is Crossways, a small vegetarian restaurant located up a staircase at the southern end of Swanston Street. For a mere \$5.50 (make sure you produce your concession card, as it's a couple of dollars extra for non-students), they offer a full meal—curry with rice and pappadams, dessert and a glass of lassi. It's a good and appetising meal and staff will happily refill your plate if you want more.

Being a Hare Krishna restaurant, you can always expect friendly service. Should you find yourself hypnotised by the music and experience a sudden desire to convert, there's plenty of reading material scattered about. Otherwise, atheists and adherents of other faiths need not worry—everybody is welcome. The only requirement is that you enjoy yourself!

FACT

Hare Krishna and yoga go hand-in-hand. Bakti-yoga focuses on dedication and love for the Hare Krishna divinity.

2

Don Don

198 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne
Mon–Sat 11am–9pm • Sun Closed

Don Don might not be rich in atmosphere, but the high-quality food definitely makes up for it. It's just a short walk from RMIT and suited to budget-conscious students, with prices ranging from \$6 to \$9 for mains. Serves are more than generous and the food is delicious.

Try the Beef Curry Don (\$6.90) for a meal that never disappoints or the Don Don Box (\$8.70) if you feel like a bit of variety. The Shashi Don is a great choice if raw fish is your thing, and vegetarians won't go hungry with the Soba Salad (\$7.70). You can always add on a cup of Miso Soup (\$1.50) or Japanese tea (\$1.20) on those cold, grey Melbourne days. Soft drinks are \$1.80 a can.

There are a couple of large round tables out the back if you want to come with friends, or grab a stool if you're getting a quick lunch on your own between classes. Don Don delights are also one of the main take-away options for students enjoying a picnic spot in front of the State Library.

FACT

Over 38% of Melbourne's population was born overseas.

3

Hopetoun Tea Rooms

Block Arcade, 282 Collins Street, Melbourne

Mon–Sat 8am–5pm • Sun 9am–5pm

www.hopetountearooms.com.au

Hopetoun Tea Rooms are located in the Block Arcade in the heart of Melbourne’s business district. The charming late 19th-century style and window display of divine cakes stop the majority of passers-by and encourage them to either take photos or take a spot in the waiting queue—or both. Choices can be expensive, but that doesn’t stop people waiting up to half an hour every day, just to get a table.

There’s almost every tea flavour you can think of and the cake selection seems endless. The warm scones with cream and jam are a favourite. Enjoy breakfast, lunch or brunch or satisfy those sweet cravings with morning or afternoon tea. Great coffee is also on offer.

The Hopetoun Tea Rooms offer a High Tea option if you want more than a slice of lemon meringue pie or three-tiered sponge. Don’t just salivate with your nose pressed to the glass outside—make this Melbourne institution a must-do activity.

FACT

The Block Arcade used to be home to a larrikin gang called the Barcade Boys who sold drugs and hired sex workers. ‘Larrikin’ can be a word for lawbreakers, but it can also mean someone who is noisy but good-hearted.

4

Journal Cafe

253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
 Mon–Fri 7am–8pm • Sun 8am–6pm
www.journalcafe.com.au

Nestled in the same building as the City Library, Journal Cafe is the perfect place to escape and relax with a cup of scrumptious coffee or a pot of Journal chai latte. In summer it's worth trying the freshly squeezed granita with the option to add a splash of vodka for an extra kick. After dark, Journal takes on the ambience of a cosy bar where you can enjoy a glass of wine and share a platter of antipasto.

Journal does all-day bruschetta with a variety of toppings, most for just \$7. For something sweet, the mud cake is a winner for \$7.50. Prices are reasonable and you can expect to pay just under \$20 if you choose one of their mains for lunch or dinner.

There are two large communal tables where you can spread yourself out and get some work done if it's not too busy. If you're lucky enough to score one of the seats overlooking Flinders Lane, it's the perfect spot to people watch, or simply sit back and enjoy a good read.

Flinders Lane is a fascinating and bustling street. It's a short walk from Flinders Street station, or you can catch any tram along Swanston or Elizabeth streets.

FACT

The Centre for Adult Education (CAE) is in the same building as the Journal Cafe. If you are interested in extra learning about anything from flower arranging to cheese making have a look at the course options via www.cae.edu.au.

5

League of Honest Coffee

8 Exploration Lane, Melbourne
Mon-Fri 7am-4.30pm • Sat 8.30am-3pm • Sun Closed

The League of Honest Coffee is a hidden laneway cafe only a four-minute walk from RMIT's city campus. It features quality coffee blends, alternative drink options and delicious food at reasonable prices. An excellent range of packaged coffee and coffee-making equipment is also for sale and decorates the walls.

Drinks range from \$3.50 to \$6 and food from \$4 to \$12. Gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan menu options are available. Food options are limited, but good—avocado and feta on toast, Danish pastries, cinnamon scrolls, toasted ham and cheese croissants. It is the glorious coffee though that patrons queue for.

Regulars rave about the variety of coffee blends and the League's famous espresso. The cafe can be very noisy and crowded, but if you crave a caffeine hit, the League is recommended by sleepy students.

FACT

The volume of Melbourne's coffee bean imports has increased by around 780% in the past decade.

6

Misschu

297 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

Mon–Fri 11am–10pm • Sat 12.30pm–10pm • Sun Closed

www.misschu.com

Designed for the modern eater on the go, Misschu offers high-end Vietnamese-inspired take-away food at low prices. The founder and creative director of Misschu is Nahji Chu, aka ‘The Queen of Rice Paper Rolls’.

Everything from the menu to the interior design and decoration reflects the rich and complex history of Nahji’s life. Her early experiences struggling to learn a new language and culture at school have become a central focus of the interior and service design of Misschu. The menus resemble school food-ordering forms and the language is simple and playful, like schoolyard banter.

Vietnamese food is largely gluten-free and very tasty. Located a short stroll from the RMIT campus, you can walk in and get a beautiful banh mi (Vietnamese baguette) for \$9. Take a seat and order a delicious curry, a crunchy salad, the Peking duck pancakes or some dumplings and enjoy it all with a frozen coconut crushie.

Try this place in your lunch break for a quick take-away or treat yourself at the end of a hard study slog.

FACT

Refugees from the Vietnam War were the first large group of Asian immigrants to settle in Australia.

7

Patricia Coffee Brewers

493–495 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne

Mon–Fri 7am–4pm • Sat–Sun Closed

www.patriciacoffee.com.au

Did you know there is a Little William Street in Melbourne? Most people don't, until they have enjoyed a coffee at Patricia, on the corner of Little Bourke and Little William streets. In a very Melbourne-esque move, proprietor Bowen Holden has chosen a tucked away laneway for this standing-room-only espresso bar. You can sit outside on milk crates, but the mosaic-tiled 'standing room only' sign on the floor tells you that's not what the regulars do.

Coffee is served three ways—black, white or filtered and is always accompanied by a glass of sparkling water, which they have on tap.

The design of the space includes beautiful timber benches and brass fixtures. Look up when you order and you'll find a delightful neon 'Sunshine' sign. This is a proper espresso bar that is designed to get you in, recharge you in one quick coffee fix and on your way to your next class.

FACT

The 2015 World Latte Art Champion, Caleb Cha, is from Melbourne. He works at Cafenatics, 500 Bourke Street.

8

Seven Seeds

114 Berkeley Street, Carlton
Mon–Sat 7am–5pm • Sun 8am–5pm
www.sevenseeds.com.au

Melbourne is world famous for coffee. There is no shortage of restaurants and cafes serving a quality latte. Seven Seeds is another special find for coffee addicts.

The Berkeley Street converted warehouse is totally Melbourne-style—exposed brick walls and polished concrete floors, vertical bike racks, and a coffee menu longer and denser than your barista's beard.

The trick with Seven Seeds is to get in early. If you beat the morning rush you'll get your caffeine fix in a flash, but arrive anytime after 10am and you'll find yourself waiting in a line of heavy-limbed students, or squashed between a stranger and a wall while the wait staff struggle to notice you.

But the wait, and the crowds, are worth it. Seven Seeds really do serve a quality coffee. And the food isn't bad either—the smoked salmon bagels, toasted Bircher muesli and gluten-free brownies are crowd favourites.

FACT

Melburnians are caffeine addicts. Every day Melbourne imports 30 tonnes of coffee beans, which equates to about 3 million cups of coffee daily (factor in Melbourne's population of about 4 million).

9

Shakahari

201-203 Faraday Street, Carlton

Mon-Fri 12pm-3pm and 6pm-9.30pm •

Sat 12pm-3pm and 6pm-10.30pm • Sun 6pm-10.30pm

www.shakahari.com.au

Shakahari, which means ‘vegetarian’ in Hindi, has been serving nutritional and innovative meatless dishes for over 40 years. The restaurant is a pioneer of the Australian East-West cuisine movement, incorporating Japanese, Chinese and Thai styles.

Shakahari is unlike any other vegetarian restaurant you’ve ever been to. Super fancy and not cheap, it’s perfect for a special treat. You might need to call and make a booking if it’s a prime night or you are organising a special occasion. Try the incredible baobab rice gnocchi with sweet potato and swede or famous scent of green papaya salad (both \$15.50 entrees) or the laksa hebat or urban spaghetti (\$21 mains).

Melbourne has a variety of quality vegetarian cafes and restaurants covering a huge spectrum of price ranges, from donation to top notch. There’s The Vegie Bar, Yong Green Food, Crossways and Gopal’s, Loving Hut, Moroccan Soup Bar, Smith & Daughters and Lentil as Anything.

Shakahari is one of the oldest vegetarian restaurants in Melbourne and still one of the best.

FACT

The history of vegetarianism has its roots in the civilisations of ancient India and ancient Greece.

10

Shanghai Village Dumpling House

112 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne
Mon–Sun 11am–10pm

Known by regulars simply as Shanghai Village, this Chinatown restaurant is three levels of dumpling heaven and a great place for a cheap bite between classes.

The decor of the first two levels is reminiscent of a traditional Chinese tavern. The third level is like a 1980s primary school canteen. Regardless of where you sit, however, the headline act at Shanghai Village is the abundance of fresh cheap dumplings. They are available steamed or fried, with both meat and veggie options, and are so reasonably priced you could feed a table of ten for under \$100. And though the service can be slow, once you've ordered the dishes come out fast.

If you like a sideshow with your main act, there are plenty of other options on the menu. The salt and pepper squid is particularly good.

Centrally located with bars, clubs and cinemas nearby, it's a great place to start or end an evening.

FACT

Chinese settlers first rushed to Victoria in large numbers hoping to find gold. By 1861, the Chinese community was already thriving, making up nearly 7% of the Victorian population.

11

The Grand Trailer Park Taverna

87 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Tue–Sun 11.30am until late • Mon Closed

www.grandtrailerpark.com.au

Forget the dusty, faded caravans of family camping holidays, The Grand Trailer Park Taverna is a haven of shiny retro trailers where deliciousness awaits. Pick a trailer-shell booth and enjoy a cosy space for four, or opt for the indoor-outdoor picnic area and check out the food next door.

Once seated, you have a couple of dilemmas—which burger to choose, and should you have a milkshake or a cocktail? Of course, the bar is stocked with a range of local and international beers and a couple of wines. There are slushy options too, but try a milkshake. These are the adult versions of warm childhood memories with flavours that include Kinder Surprise with Frangelico and Baileys.

The burger menu looks small, but the deliciousness is large so choose carefully to avoid food envy when your neighbour's burger comes out—and don't skip the fries. Not for the health-conscious, sweet crunchy brioche buns encase all manner of meaty, cheesy goodness. The burgers don't come dripping with condiments, but they pack in flavour that lasts until the last bite. Gluten and vegetarian options are available. And don't get us started on the desserts. This place is perfect for rewarding yourself—just make up a reason.

FACT

Food van culture can be found everywhere in Melbourne—next to parklands, near railway stations, sports venues and tourist attractions. Melburnians love to queue for a snag, a burger, a taco—any fast food.

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Woodside Green

87 Cardigan Street, Carlton
 Mon–Fri 5.30am–3pm • Sat–Sun Closed

Woodside Green cafe is a home away from home—great coffee and home-made food served by a merry band of helpers directed by the ever cheerful Dot and Albert. From their almost pre-dawn start at 5.30am, the cafe is full of office workers, tradies and students who can't get enough of barista John's fabulous coffee, Albert's hamburgers and Dot's home-made cakes and savoury pies.

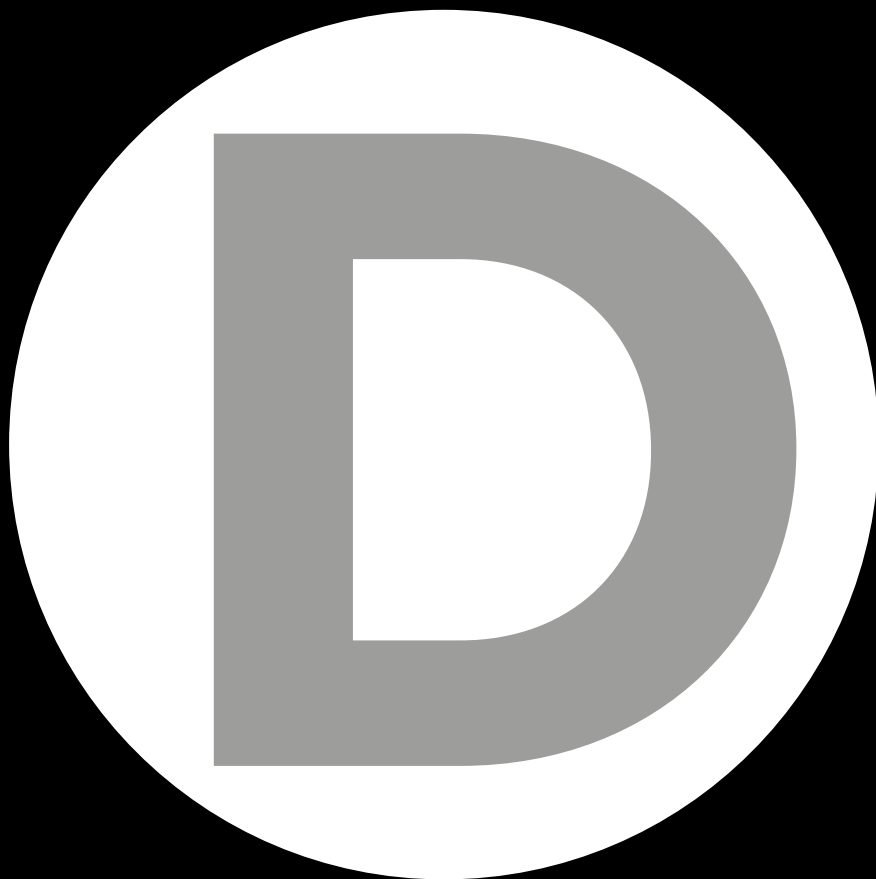
Dot and Albert have been cafe owners most of their working lives and it shows. Regulars only have to walk in the door before John starts to make their usual coffee order or Albert enquires about work or family news. The counter is covered in home-made cakes and breakfast food ready to go—Dot can be seen busy in the kitchen making her next batch of rosemary and chicken pies or spicy beef and veg—a treat at \$7. Breakfast options range from a three-egg omelette at \$10, eggs every way at \$12, to the big breakfast that smothers the plate at \$20. The second breakfast later in the morning can include the tradies favourites of dim sims and potato cakes or Albert's famous burger.

Dot's many cakes or muffin choices rarely last after midday—hunks of sweetness for \$4. And if you want to eat in there are plenty of tables inside and outside of this bustling business. Enjoy great food in a friendly spot just a block from RMIT's main campus.

FACT

Brunch is breakfast and lunch together which is usually around 11am. Tradies is the slang word for anyone working on a construction site. Tradies wear orange vests and they still wear shorts in the middle of winter.

DOWNTIME



13

Asian Beer Cafe

Level 3, Melbourne Central,
211 La Trobe Street, Melbourne
Mon–Sun 11am–1am

www.asianbeercafe.com.au

Formerly known as Cho Gao, the Asian Beer Cafe is a quirky bar and eatery on the third level of the Melbourne Central complex. It's a popular spot with students and post-work drinkers and evenings are always crowded. If you arrive early, you can usually snag one of the cushioned couches inside or a table outside. The music is loud and the atmosphere cheerful, with old kung fu films and animé playing on large wall-mounted television screens.

Some of the most popular menu items are the cheap pizzas, but there is also a range of delicious Asian-inspired nibbles such as chicken san choy bao and crispy pork belly. There is a nice variety of cocktails on offer too—try the signature Nocopia, with house-made vanilla vodka, soho, apple juice and fresh watermelon for only \$11.50—and if you want to share, the cocktail jugs are only \$20.

With its central location and reasonable prices, Asian Beer Cafe is a great spot for after-class drinks or pre-party celebrations.

FACT

The shot tower in Melbourne Central produced six tonnes of shot bullets or pellets weekly between 1888 and 1961. Lead was heated until molten, then dropped from high in the tower.

14

Belleville Melbourne

Globe Alley (off Little Bourke Street), Melbourne
Mon–Sun 11am–1am

www.belleville-melbourne.com

Belleville Melbourne brings barbecue chicken and Asian fusion to a whole new level. Tucked away in Globe Alley, the restaurant-bar boasts a huge Argentinian-style rotisserie, one of four in Australia, and serves free range, slow-roasted chicken until 1am every night of the week. But the menu is much more than just chook and chips. You can also dig into a bowl of kimchi slaw or a serve of finger-licking fried pork dumplings. And if you're after a bit of a tipple, Belleville offers a selection of menu-matched cocktails.

With the food sorted, and with a packed program of cultural events, Belleville is fast becoming a hub for artists and performers across the city. On any night you can expect to walk in and see everything from performance poetry through to African drumming. Even when the venue is quiet and the perfect lunchtime study hangout, the space oozes culture. There's one-of-a-kind murals created by local graffiti artists, handcrafted furniture built from recycled timber and bubbly staff that are nearly all artists themselves. So if you're hunting for a new study haunt in the CBD and free wi fi—or desperate for a late night snack—Belleville is your answer.

FACT

The Globe Hotel is a significant Melbourne historical site. In the 1840s it was an animal pound and later the home of a traditional Chinese joss house or place of worship.

15

Carlton Wine Room

172-174 Faraday Street (corner Drummond Street),
Carlton • Mon-Sat 5pm-12am • Sun Closed

www.thecarltonwinerom.com.au

If you're a student, the Carlton Wine Room will probably not become your 'local', but who says just because we're students we can't have a swanky night out every now and then?

Conveniently located on Faraday Street, the Carlton Wine Room has a wide variety of wines to choose from, the perfect accompaniment to a cheese platter and a few nibbles. The helpful sommeliers are knowledgeable but sans pretension. They'll tell you colourful stories about each of the wines and their origin and background—which will only make your choice harder—but if you're off to see a show at La Mama, the theatre is only a short walk away, so try a few! Or indulge in a couple of wines then cross the road for a slice of Italy at DOC Pizzeria. Perfection.

Mix a drink and nibbles at this Carlton landmark with a movie at the Nova Cinema or a browse in the Readings bookshop—both a quick walk into Lygon St. The Carlton Wine Room oozes Melbourne culture and has a range of function rooms too—useful for those visiting family events.

FACT

Carlton is known as 'Little Italy' because of its rich Italian culture.

16

Good Games

Level 1, 365 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne
 Mon 10am–8pm • Tue–Sat 10am–12am •
 Sun 10am–6pm

www.goodgames.com.au

Good Games is only two minutes' walk from Melbourne Central and easily accessible by tram. It is located inside an inconspicuous building with advertisements of cheap flights written in Chinese.

Good Games is a hub to the board game, card game and role-playing community. Good Games regularly host public and sanctioned Magic the Gathering, Pokemon, Yu-gi-oh, Dragon Ball Z and Fantasy Flight Living Card Game (LCG) Tournaments, as well as dedicated Dungeons & Dragons nights. Good Games is a central and fundamental meet-up location for those who want a safe space for private Dungeons & Dragons, or other board and roleplaying meet-ups where screaming about slaying bugbears will not cause lifted eyebrows and judgmental whispers.

The prices at Good Games are reasonable and it's often cheaper than its competitors. Booster packs can be purchased from \$5–\$7. Board game, LCG chapter packs and card games range from \$30–\$180. Good Games also stocks card sleeves, dice, clothing, other gaming merchandise and accessories at competitive prices.

FACT

Melbourne was originally named 'Batmania' after John Batman.

17

Hares and Hyenas

63 Johnston Street, Fitzroy
Sun 11.30am–6.30pm • Mon–Wed 9am–6.30pm •
Thu–Fri 9am–7pm • Sat 10am–6.30pm
www.hares-hyenas.com.au

Located off Brunswick Street in the heart of Fitzroy, Hares and Hyenas is Melbourne's only dedicated queer bookstore, and has been operating for 23 years.

Aside from being a bookstore stocking fiction, non-fiction, magazines, DVDs, tickets, CDs and LGBTIQ merchandise and memorabilia, it also operates as a cafe and bar, serving organic Jasper coffee and sweet treats.

At night, Hares and Hyenas transforms into a performance venue seating up to 75 people. It hosts regular LGBTIQ performances, poetry readings, book launches and other events.

Hares and Hyenas is considered a community hub where Melbourne's LGBTIQ literary crowd enjoy shopping for all queer-related reading and entertainment.

Hares and Hyenas is a short walk from the 96 and 11 trams.

FACT

Melbourne hosts one of the world's biggest LGBTIQ celebrations, Midsumma Festival. The festival is held in January and February.

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La Mama

La Mama Theatre 205 Faraday Street, Carlton
La Mama Courthouse 349 Drummond Street, Carlton
www.lamama.com.au

For over 45 years, La Mama has been nurturing and presenting plays and performances by local artists. The two theatre spaces are cosy and intimate and the program is always full of quirky, thought-provoking, edgy events, not to mention a Melbourne favourite—the book launch. The Faraday Street venue has a lovely courtyard that features an outside bar and an open fire (great for the cooler months).

La Mama also hosts a variety of workshops and developmental performances ranging from plays, puppetry and poetry to experimental soundscapes. In keeping with the intention to showcase new talent, La Mama invites submissions from emerging writers and performers and loves fostering creative collaborations. There are opportunities for volunteering and an internship program that's open to university and international students.

Check out La Mama for some cultural stimulation. It's more than a theatre, it's a Melbourne institution.

FACT

La Mama Theatre is nationally and internationally acknowledged as a centre of cutting edge, contemporary theatre.

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Porcelain Tea Parlour

149 Elgin Street, Carlton
Wed-Sat 2pm-10pm • Sun 2pm-7pm •
Mon-Tue Closed
www.porcelain-tea-parlour.com

When you need to take some time out from study and the hustle and bustle of Swanston Street, why not head to this quaint little teahouse and sit in the window and watch the world go by? Porcelain Tea Parlour is a lovely, cosy alternative to the usual pubs and clubs and it's open late.

A pot of tea is \$12 and is served in a delightfully sweet teacup that truly makes you want to stop and smell the tea infusions. With cheeses, chocolates and macaroons to accompany your tea of choice, what more could you want?

There are materials to pen an old-fashioned snail mail letter to someone back home as well as a selection of games, books and colouring pages (some of that non-study stuff), which makes Porcelain Tea Parlour a great place to unwind, reflect and slow down.

FACT

In the famous Aussie song 'Waltzing Matilda' the swagman watches his tea boiling in a 'billy can' hanging over a campfire.

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The Alchemist

361 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy
 Sun and Wed 3pm–11pm • Thu–Sat 3pm–1am •
 Mon–Tue Closed
www.thealchemistbar.com.au

With its windows covered by deep purple curtains, you may miss what The Alchemist has to offer if you walk by in the daylight. However, the gothic-style bar is a magnet for students looking for some downtime at the end of a fact-filled day.

The enchanting atmosphere of The Alchemist is partly due to the restoration of the existing century-old pharmacy cabinets to create the bar. French provincial couches and chairs furnish the candlelit interior, and the chandeliers and candelabras provide a soft light to help you study your drink, or read one of the old books stacked on the antique coffee tables.

A selection of premium spirits are available, as well as complex cocktails that infuse decadent and indulgent ingredients like chocolate, butter and honey to create unforgettable potions. Various nibbles and tapas add to The Alchemist experience, such as their Alchemy Burger and Fries, which has a vegetarian option. The music is low, mixing classic hits of almost all genres. The Alchemist offers a relaxing vibe, a welcome contrast to the usual hustle and bustle of Fitzroy's nightlife.

FACT

Brunswick Street is one of Melbourne's great tourist attractions. Shops, restaurants and bars open and close late. People watching in Brunswick Street is as much fun as scouring the fabulous shops. Look out for the weekend Rose Street Artists' Market nearby.

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The John Curtin

29 Lygon Street, Carlton

Mon-Tue 3pm-Late • Wed 12pm-Late •

Thu-Fri 12pm-3am • Sat 3pm-3am • Sun 3pm-11pm

www.johncurtinhotel.com

The John Curtin is a pumping local music venue with a huge upstairs area that features Melbourne and interstate bands. The Curtin or JC is famous for supporting new bands, new music launches and music mentoring of emerging and professional musicians from refugee and asylum-seeker communities.

If you're looking for something a little more relaxed than the upstairs band room, the equally spacious downstairs area is spotted with booths and corner tables to hide away with your friends while the DJ spins a mix of rock classics (think The Stones) and more contemporary tunes, in particular some great local bands (The Twerps, Dick Diver).

JC also has a seated area out front and a delicious range of pub food specials headlined by the famous Bluebonnet BBQ.

Jugs are \$13 and the Curtin has a great collection of cocktails and other options. It's a pub with great traditional tucker including the Parma and Huxtaburger.

FACT

Tucker is Aussie slang for food and a Parma is a favourite pub meal choice and can be anything bread-crumbed and layered with cheese and special sauces—served with chips and salad.

22

The Moat

176 Little Lonsdale Street
 (next to the State Library), Melbourne
 Mon–Fri 9am–Late • Sat 3pm–Late • Sun Closed
www.themoat.com.au

You will find The Moat tucked away below street level, within the bluestone foundations of the State Library and beneath the simmering stew-pot of words and ideas that is The Wheeler Centre. Food is served here and the Happy Hour happens every weekday from 4.30pm–6pm. The deal works on a ‘buy one, get one free’ system—and that translates to half-price drinks! There’s an interesting wine list, beer on tap, a selection of bottled beverages and some mighty fine cocktails. A favourite is The Bard, which comes with a page of Shakespeare folded into a paper plane and resting on top of the glass. Drink and read! What better way to be part of the City of Literature?

The Moat is a great place to meet friends and relax after a hard day of studying. And if you’re feeling more solitary, it’s a snug spot to sit and eavesdrop on literary conversations. There is a book exchange and delicious food too. The Moat is a very popular place to chill before or after a free Wheeler Centre event or a visit to the home of Melbourne’s writing hub—Writers Victoria.

FACT

The Wheeler Centre holds over 200 events each year, and its program of free and cheap events is one of the highlights of living in Melbourne.

23

Workshop Bar

Level 1, 413 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
 Mon 10am–1.30am • Tue–Thu 10am–2am •
 Fri 10am–3am • Sat 1pm–3am • Sun 1pm–2am
www.workshopbar.com.au

From the outside you may assume the Workshop Bar attracts a somewhat questionable clientele. A deep red light emanates from the upper floor, basking the concrete below in a scarlet haze, and flaking posters line the external walls, half rotten with damp and mould. Even the inner staircase leaves much to be desired, with the poster-plastered walls for bygone gigs almost entirely scrawled over with crude graffiti. But should you make it all the way upstairs to the landing area, you'll be pleasantly surprised to find that the red light does not shine for Roxanne, but rather a pleasantly trendy and entirely mellow crowd. Well known for its cocktails, Workshop is a great place to have a mid-week drink or spend a quietish evening with friends.

The house specialties rely largely upon seasonal products, and patrons will be delighted by fresh summer concoctions such as lavender honey and berry cocktails, or more wintry indulgences laced with whisky and gin. The food too is good and served till late. If you're not sure what to have, the best bet is to let the bartender tell you what you feel like—and mix it with dip platters or the pizza specials.

FACT

Workshop Bar was once a motorcycle workshop. This end of Elizabeth Street is a haven for motorbike businesses. Indulge your Ducati or Harley cravings and then head to Workshop to drown your sorrows.

ADVENTURE



24

ACMI

Federation Square, corner Flinders and Swanston streets, Melbourne

Open daily 9am–late • Galleries open 10am–5pm

www.acmi.net.au

A must for any fan of cinema is the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI). It's located at Federation Square, opposite Flinders Street station, and is part of the centre of Melbourne's culture hub. ACMI has a focus on film and holds regular exhibitions for both adults and children.

ACMI started as an institution that archived local and international films. It is now also involved in film advocacy, screen education, industry engagement and audience participation. One of ACMI's drawcards is 'Screen Worlds: The Story of Film, Television and Digital Culture'. This is a permanent and free exhibition that is open every day. It covers almost everything to do with Australian cinema, from actors, directors and writers to costumes.

You can also visit the Australian Mediatheque (open daily 12pm–5pm), where you have free access to the ACMI collections from the National Film and Sound Archive. Here you can access a wealth of Australian and international moving image material spanning screen culture history. You can choose from a wide range of items such as newsreels, 1950s fashion shows, and early footage of a camping trip to Victoria's Wilsons Promontory. It is a great resource for anyone interested in Australian film and totally free!

FACT

In 2013 ACMI had more than 1.156 million visitors. Its program of events and screenings has something for everyone.

25

Carlton Gardens

1–111 Carlton Street, Carlton

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/parks

Head east from RMIT along Queensberry or Victoria streets, cross Rathdowne Street and you will be greeted by a green oasis. Carlton Gardens and the magnificent Royal Exhibition Building were created for the Melbourne International Exhibition in 1880, and in 2004 they were listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The award-winning Melbourne Museum, completed in 2001, is also located in Carlton Gardens and is a must-see for any newbie to Melbourne.

But before you venture indoors for a history or culture overload, visit the gardens—fill your lungs with fresh air, feed the ducks, sit on one of the seats dotted around the gardens and enjoy a picnic or stroll along the paths lined with tall gracious trees that wind through the gardens. You may find yourself in front of a spectacular flowerbed, an ornamental lake or a grand fountain. Sit and watch a game of tennis, children in the playground, a wedding party or a bustling group of tourists taking in the sights of Melbourne.

From the moment you walk into these stunning gardens you will forget you are on the edge of the city and the stresses of study will drop away.

FACT

The Royal Exhibition Building hosts many exhibitions and fun festivals. Melbourne Museum has free permanent exhibitions and a changing program of new ones at student prices.

26

Laneways and arcades

Degraves Street, opposite Flinders Street Station, Melbourne

www.onlymelbourne.com.au/melbourne-laneways

Melbourne is famous for its cafe culture, especially in the iconic maze of laneways and arcades that run from block to block in the heart of the city. Along with great coffee, you'll discover a honeypot of creativity, energy and innovation.

The quirky street art, designer boutiques, vintage stores, trendy cafes and bars thrive away from the main streets. Take your pick of the international cuisine on offer from Malaysian to Italian, Cantonese to Japanese.

If you look closely you can spot the signs of Melbourne's past when these laneways were home to the warehouses and sweatshops that served the wealthier 19th-century residents who paraded their finery in the Block Arcade—called 'doing the Block'—and around the oldest shopping arcade in Australia, the Royal Arcade.

In the evenings, have a drink in Melbourne's oldest pub—the Mitre Tavern established in 1867 in Bank Place—then maybe visit the Paris Cat Jazz Club five minutes' walk away. Venture further afield to the Ding Dong Lounge in Market Lane, Chinatown for the best underground live rock music. Day or night, Melbourne's laneways never stop buzzing.

FACT

The Mitre Tavern was originally a house built by Sir Rupert Clarke and is reputedly haunted by his mistress, Connie Waugh. Her ghost has been seen floating across the balcony towards the Savage Club where she used to meet her lover.

27

Lygon Street

Lygon Street between Elgin and Queensberry streets, Carlton

www.lygon-street.com.au

Lygon Street is very close to the RMIT Hub and renowned for its Italian heritage and traditional restaurants and cafes. You can get gelato, a wood-fired pizza, Italian coffee and buy any type of pasta from Italian delicatessens. If you don't feel like Italian, there are many other food choices—Malaysian, Thai, Turkish and French. But if it's real Italian Lygon Street you want to try, you can't go past traditional favourites, such as Papa Ginos (the Super Special with the lot is to die for), the University Cafe (try the calamari), Tiamo's (minestrone magic) and the coffee and cake mega-stop, Brunetti's.

The street is open from dusk until dawn and always full of students and tourists crowding the footpaths and enjoying one of Australia's great pastimes—eating outdoors. Eat alone and never feel lonely or grab a group and feast cheaply and then pop into The Original Lolly Store and stock up before you head back to the books.

FACT

One of Lygon Street's Italian-owned cafes imported Melbourne's first espresso machine in the 1950s.

28

Melbourne Visitor Shuttle

Federation Square, corner Flinders and Swanston streets, Melbourne

Mon–Sun, every 30 minutes from 9.30am–4.30pm

www.thatsmelbourne.com.au

For a great way to discover the delights of Melbourne take a tram from RMIT down Swanston Street to Federation Square and jump on the Melbourne Visitor Shuttle. If you miss it, just spend the next half hour people-watching in Federation Square.

A \$5 all-day ticket will get you a fascinating tour of the city, stories of its colourful past and distinctive present, and a good understanding of how Melbourne works. You can jump off at any of the 13 stops if something grabs your attention.

First stop after Federation Square is the Sports Precinct and the Melbourne Cricket Ground, which is a place of worship for thousands of Melburnians. Up next are Chinatown and the theatre district, followed by the Melbourne Museum and Carlton Gardens. At Lygon Street, you can immerse yourself in the city's Italian heritage and grab a bowl of excellent pasta.

En route to the Botanic Gardens, the bus stops at Melbourne University, Queen Victoria Market, Docklands, Etihad Stadium and William Street. After a cool stroll around the glorious Gardens, jump back on the bus to visit the Arts Precinct. At this end of St Kilda Road you can walk back to Federation Square or along the river on Southbank. It's guaranteed you won't be alone!

FACT

The deck of Federation Square is supported by over 4000 vibration-absorbing spring coils and rubber padding. You can feel it bounce under your feet when a tram rolls by.

29

NGV Australia

Federation Square, Swanston Street, Melbourne
Tue–Sun 10am–5pm • Mon Closed
www.ngv.vic.gov.au

The National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) has two sites. The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia is located in Federation Square. General admission is free.

NGV Australia is the world's first major gallery dedicated exclusively to Australian art. It's a great place to visit and regroup, recharge and expose yourself to the gallery's diverse collection of Australian artists' works, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

NGV Australia presents the history of Australian art through to contemporary art, and also includes photography, prints and drawing, fashion and textiles, decorative arts, and a suite of galleries dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art.

Annual full-time student membership is available for \$69, and includes benefits like exhibition previews and viewing events, discounted exhibition entry and access to the Members Lounge with free coffee, tea, and newspapers.

FACT

Australian Indigenous art is the oldest ongoing tradition of art in the world.

30

NGV International

180 St Kilda Road, Southbank
Wed–Mon 10am–5pm • Tue Closed
www.ngv.vic.gov.au

The National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) International is the oldest and most visited gallery in Australia. The gallery hosts a range of international exhibitions, offering public programs and special events. It also houses diverse collections of furniture, fashion, and other objects of various design styles. Admission is free.

Dip your fingers in the water wall at the entrance to the gallery or lie on your back in the Great Hall and gaze up at the world's largest stained glass ceiling. Then head out to the leafy outdoor sculpture park (Grimwade Gardens) at the rear of the gallery. Picnic beneath the trees while enjoying works by Henry Moore and Auguste Rodin.

NGV International houses an extensive collection from Europe, Oceania, America and Asia. Paintings (historical and modern), prints and drawings, photography, textiles and much more will provide hours of viewing pleasure. See works by Tintoretto, Tiepolo, Corregio, Rubens, El Greco, Van Dyck and more. If modern masters are your thing, browse paintings by artists such as Manet, Monet, Modigliani, Constable, Turner and Rothko. The Asian Collection on the first floor is a must.

FACT

Melbourne's famous tramway system is the largest outside Europe and the fourth largest in the world. It stretches along 244 kilometres (152 miles) of track and has 450 trams.

31

The Melbourne Cricket Ground

Brunton Avenue, Richmond

www.mcg.org.au

The Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) is one of the most iconic landmarks in Melbourne. It was the ground used for the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, the 2006 Commonwealth Games, every Australian Rules Football Grand Final, the Ashes Test cricket series and the 2015 Cricket World Cup Final.

Between late October and late March the MCG is home to cricket, including the Boxing Day Test. From late March until late October, the AFL removes the cricket pitches and replaces the ground with turf and plays footy. The MCG also often hosts other sports and events, including State of Origin rugby.

Apart from attending sporting matches, you can also do tours of its facilities and history. There is the 75-minute MCG guided tour of the stadium, or the National Sports Museums Tour, which visits the Olympic Museum, the Sport Australia Hall of Fame, the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame, as well as other exhibitions. Both tours run regularly throughout the day with the first at 10am and the last at 3pm. You can enjoy one tour (\$22 for adult and \$17.50 for concession), or both tours (\$30). International students who purchase an MCG Tour are able to visit the National Sports Museum for free if they present their international student card at the time of purchase.

FACT

The MCG is the largest sporting stadium in the southern hemisphere. Don't miss a game of footy at the MCG.

32

Spellbox

Shop 17 Royal Arcade, 331-339 Bourke Street Mall,
Melbourne • Mon-Thu and Sat 10am-6pm •
Fri 10am-7pm • Sun 11am-5pm

www.spellbox.com.au

Spellbox is the place for anyone who has ever fantasised about receiving an acceptance letter from Hogwarts. This hidden gem is located in the Royal Arcade, one of Melbourne's favourite shopping arcades in the CBD. Spellbox will bewitch you from the moment you step foot inside the front door. It specialises in witchcraft, magical wares, and the psychic arts. Crystal and tarot card readings are available upon arrival or via bookings. Prices for psychic readings are \$50 for half an hour and \$90 for an hour.

The store offers a variety of magical and spiritual merchandise ranging from custom-made dream catchers to incense, candles, potions, spellboxes, charms and talismans, crystals and spell books. There are classes on learning about the equinox and oracle readings.

Regardless of whether or not you're interested in practising the Wiccan religion, casting spells, or brewing potions, Spellbox is worth visiting simply for its visual appeal. Spellbox's Wheel of Stars is also known for its truth-telling and mystical powers of guidance and is spun countless times a day.

FACT

The Royal Arcade was designed to look like the Galleria in Milan and was built between 1891 and 1893.

33

State Library Victoria

328 Swanston Street, Melbourne
 Mon–Thu 10am–9pm • Fri–Sun 10am–6pm •
 Galleries 10am–5pm • www.slv.vic.gov.au

Established in 1854 as ‘the people’s university’, State Library Victoria (SLV) is the oldest public library in Australia. Not just a book repository, it is a museum, art gallery and cultural hub. Its several galleries host permanent displays as well as many different exhibitions, talks and tours—not to mention Ned Kelly’s famous armour.

The building itself is reason alone to visit. Start in the garden, a favourite place for lunching locals and discover the storybook-inspired statues. Inside, discover quiet art alcoves and walk through historical architecture in the La Trobe reading room, where quiet shoes are recommended! Look up to view the impressive dome and then head to the viewing deck on level six.

The SLV is a functioning library but you can’t take books out of the building. You do have access though to an overwhelming array of books, music, newspaper archives and other resources. Just ask for help at the information desk or peruse the website. Food is not allowed in the library (although there is a cafe if you get hungry) and large bags must be stored in lockers.

The SLV grounds have always been a mecca for public gatherings, protests, buskers and free events. Even if you don’t venture inside, the atmosphere in front of this grand Melbourne landmark is a must for any Melbourne visitor.

FACT

The State Library was one of the first free libraries in the world and has millions of visitors every year.

YOU NEED



34

ALDI

8 Franklin Street, Melbourne

Mon–Sun 8.30am–8pm

www.aldi.com.au

You might think it's funny to have a supermarket in a guidebook, but sometimes a trip to ALDI is all you need. ALDI supermarkets can be found in many locations, but this one is particularly handy—just around the corner from the big rock-climbing wall you can see from the top of Swanston Street.

When you shop at ALDI you must bring your own shopping bag or pay for one at the checkout. You can get some really great deals, such as cheap chocolate imported from Germany or Belgium, wine from Spain and Australian butter.

You need to be prepared with snacks when you are in the middle of long study sessions. Take-away can be expensive and food is hard to keep all day in a backpack already full of books. Sometimes it's better to walk to ALDI and buy some biscuits and dips instead of carting food around uni all day.

FACT

Mac's Hotel on Franklin Street was built in 1853 and is the oldest surviving purpose-built hotel in continuous use within the city.

35

The Bike Shed at CERES

Corner Roberts and Stewart streets, East Brunswick
Fri-Sat 11am-5pm • Sun 12pm-4pm • Mon-Thu Closed
www.thebikeshed.org.au

Walk from RMIT through the Carlton Gardens to Nicholson Street and catch a tram to one of Melbourne's favourite urban 'farms' called CERES. It's home to environmentally friendly food and plants and, most importantly, cheap bikes. The Bike Shed is a combined bicycle graveyard and revival centre. You can pick up an old bike, bring it back to working condition, and be on the road for less than \$25.

The Bike Shed is also popular because it's a good place to meet people and learn how to maintain and care for a bike. Bike Shed visitors range from heavy-duty enthusiasts to people who want to learn the basics.

Having a bike is a great way for students to get around town. You can explore the multitude of Melbourne bike paths interwoven across our urban and suburban city. Remember you must wear a helmet when riding a bike anywhere in Melbourne.

FACT

CERES (the Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies) is a community environment project in Brunswick. CERES also has a market, cafe, community kitchen and online supermarket.

36

Melbourne City Baths

420 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Mon–Sun 6am–10pm

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/melbournecitybaths

The Melbourne City Baths has been providing fitness and health services for more than 150 years and is a centre of fitness and fun just minutes from the RMIT Hub.

Casual users can access the 30-metre lap pool, gym, sauna, squash courts and other services. There are many membership options available too, including a \$20 promotional trial. Being a member includes a range of benefits—from social events like the First Fresh Friday where members are invited to enjoy breakfast, to day trips to the coast for surfing lessons, outings to the country races and winery tours.

Gym challenges are designed to increase members' involvement in fun activities, such as lap swimming, group fitness classes and personal training. There's Active Fusion, Body Pump, Boxing, Circuit, Cycling and even Gymstick Core—all guaranteed to test muscles you didn't even know you had! Have a look at the website for class times and cost details.

FACT

In Melbourne's earlier years, most homes did not have a bathroom. Bathing involved a swim in the Yarra River or Port Phillip Bay. The Melbourne City Baths was built initially to provide a public bathing facility.

37

Queen Victoria Market

Corner Elizabeth and Victoria streets, Melbourne
 Tue and Thu 6am–2pm • Fri 6am–5pm •
 Sat 6am–3pm • Sun 9am–4pm • Mon and Wed Closed
www.qvm.com.au

Known affectionately as the ‘Vic Market’ or ‘Queen Vic’, this fresh food market has been the heart and soul of Melbourne for more than 135 years. Partly constructed over the old Melbourne Cemetery, the site is a vibrant and bustling inner-city market.

Shop at more than 700 stalls for good quality fruit and vegetables and gourmet foods, handmade cosmetics, clothing, leather goods, jewellery, arts and crafts. As well as delighting in variety and affordability, you may be impressed with the market’s sustainable practices, which include water harvesting, waste reduction, recycling and worm farms. It’s plastic-bag free, it has more than 1300 solar panels installed on the shed roofs and is a member of the Fair Trade Association. So grab a coffee with a clear conscience and indulge in the awesome bakery treats at one of the dozens of cafes, or pick up some deli cheeses and organic fruit juice and head to Flagstaff Gardens for a picnic.

Live music on a Sunday afternoon adds to the atmosphere. During the summer months, the Night Market is open on Wednesdays from 5pm to 10pm and attracts thousands of visitors. Whenever you go, allow several hours to explore, indulge and relax!

FACT

There are still more than 7000 bodies buried under the Queen Victoria Market sheds and car park.

38

Readings Carlton

309 Lygon Street, Carlton
Mon–Sat 9am–11pm • Sun 10am–9pm
www.readings.com.au/carlton

Readings Carlton has been the bookshop of choice for locals for over 40 years. It has an excellent range of books, music and DVDs as well as a stylish selection of stationery and bookish gifts.

Readings stock an extensive collection of local and international literary magazines and journals. You'll find them just inside the front door. The famous Readings Bargain Table is a must-see whenever you visit—you'll be surprised what you can find at massively reduced prices.

Whatever book you're after, such as the latest new release fiction, a cookbook, a travel guide, a book on the history of art, a dictionary, a teen fantasy or a children's picture book, Readings Carlton won't disappoint.

Readings hosts many events such as book launches and signings, author talks and panel discussions, as well as musical performances.

FACT

When you shop at Readings you are not just supporting a local independent bookseller—10% of its annual profit goes towards The Readings Foundation, which supports individuals and organisations in the development of literacy, community and the arts.

39

Salvos Store North Melbourne

19 Errol Street, North Melbourne

Mon–Fri 9am–5.30pm • Sat 9am–5pm • Sun Closed

www.salvosstores.com.au

If you need some clothes but don't have a lot of money, this second-hand store has everything you need. A short ride on the 57 tram heading west will get you right to the door, or if you're feeling energetic it's walking distance from RMIT. It's located in the Errol Street shopping strip where you'll also find lots of places to eat and drink and a great library—it's definitely worth the trip.

You can also make donations of pre-loved, good quality clothing and household goods to the store. And you can furnish and deck out your new home with very cheap pre-loved items. All profits from Salvos Stores go directly to support community programs serving the most vulnerable people in Melbourne. And if you have a few spare hours you can volunteer at a Salvos Store.

FACT

Salvos Stores form part of a network of charity shops for The Salvation Army, which was founded in London in 1865 by William and Catherine Booth.

40

The Little Library

Melbourne Central, Level 2, corner La Trobe and Swanston streets, Melbourne
Mon–Wed, Sat–Sun 10am–7pm • Thu–Fri 10am–9pm
www.melbournecentral.com.au

The Little Library is a free book exchange. People can take a book to read and then either return it when they're finished, or donate one in its place. There are also comfy chairs where you can sit and read your book of choice.

The Little Library has thrived since it opened in 2013. It was set up to promote literacy, and reinforce the idea that literature should be accessible to all. The selection changes week to week, so it's always worth popping in for a browse—you never know when you will find just the book you had to read. It's a haven away from the bustle of the city and a great place to pass time between classes.

It can be tricky to find, but if you head up the escalators at the Melbourne Central entrance on the corner of La Trobe and Swanston streets, you'll find it on the right as you walk towards the food court.

FACT

To learn more about Melbourne's history you can read *Bearbrass: Imagining Early Melbourne* by Robyn Annear, or Jeff and Jill Sparrow's *Radical Melbourne: A Secret History*.

OTHER STUFF

LIFESTYLE STUFF

www.flatmatefinders.com.au
For finding shared accommodation

www.gumtree.com.au
For finding accommodation or second-hand furnishings for sale

www.ptv.vic.gov.au
For understanding Melbourne's public transport system

www.ptv.vic.gov.au/journey
For planning your train trip

yarratrams.com.au/tramtracker
For planning your tram trip

OpShopWeek.com.au
Type in your postcode to locate an op shop in your area

HEALTH STUFF

www.beyondblue.org.au
Access to care for depression and anxiety

www.lifeline.org.au
Lifeline: 24/7 crisis support at any time 13 11 14

www.mshc.org.au
Melbourne Sexual Health Clinic

SOCIAL STUFF

www.broadsheet.com.au/melbourne
A guide to all things Melbourne

www.maggiejournal.com
Articles about live art and suggested entertainment

www.meetup.com
Meet people who share your interests

www.thatsmelbourne.com.au
Find out what's on in Melbourne

www.theurbanlist.com/melbourne
Go-to guide to everything worth tasting, trying, booking and buying in Melbourne

LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND WORK STUFF

legalaid.vic.gov.au
Victoria Legal Aid for your legal rights

ato.gov.au
Australian Tax Office

fairwork.cov.au
Fair Work Ombudsman for your workplace rights

oso.gov.au
Overseas Student Ombudsman

RMIT STUFF

RMIT GLOBAL MOBILITY

For general enquiries relating to global mobility programs

<http://bit.ly/RMITGlobalMobility>
or visit

Building 22, Ground Floor
(Info Corner)

Mon to Fri: 10am–3pm

E: global.mobility@rmit.edu.au

RMIT CONNECT

For admin essentials, learning support, services and facilities, work and study opportunities

www1.rmit.edu.au/students
or visit

City campus: Building 8, Level 4

Bundoora campus: Building 210,
Level 2, Rm 17

Brunswick campus: Building 514, Level 1

Monday to Thursday: 9am–5pm

Friday: 10am–5pm

STUDY AND LEARNING CENTRE

For assistance with English, writing, study skills, maths and physics

City campus: Drop-in Centre, RMIT Connect, Building 8, Level 4

Bundoora campus: Student Services reception, Building 202, Level 3

E: studyandlearningcentre@rmit.edu.au

CAREERS COUNSELLING & JOB SHOP

For information about careers resources and job search tips chat to a Peer Career Assistant or a Careers Counsellor

<http://www1.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=4a90e50ndcj9z>

or visit

City campus: Building 8, Level 3,
Room 38 (up the stairs from the Swanston Street entrance,
next to the gym)

Monday to Friday: 10am–4pm

RMIT LINK

Ever wanted to try surfing? Or need to know the ultimate coffee hotspots around Brunswick? RMIT LINK runs trips and tours in and out of Melbourne, plus looks after a huge range of student creative and sporting clubs.

<https://rmitlink.rmit.edu.au/>

RUSU

The RMIT University Student Union has your rights on campus covered. Whether it's your right to party, your right to fair assessment or your right to be who you want to be.

<http://www.su.rmit.edu.au/>

Welcome to Melbourne! G'DAY is
your guide to the best places to eat,
relax, explore and shop. This guide has
been created by a team of experts—
other RMIT students—for you.

