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From the editor ...

SOMEHOW, THE END of the year is once again just over the horizon as I write this - with the promise of long summer nights on Subi's pavements, Christmas cocktail trails, and picnics under the shade of trees to look forward to.

Speaking of picnics, we've gone all out in this issue to provide you with some inspiration for dining in the great outdoors. There are so many lovely extras on offer right here in Subiaco - from gorgeous picnic blankets to retro-style Eskis in pastel pinks and greens.

We've also included a round-up of activities to do with the kids this summer, as well as a reminder that Subiaco has some of the more

interesting, one-off shops to find something special this Christmas.

Don't miss the chance to join a walking tour around Subiaco over the next few months. You'll discover stunning street art, fascinating history and so much more, thanks to Adie Chapman's Oh Hey WA tour company.

As this is our special summer edition, we've put together a bumper gift guide, covering off ideas for kids, travellers and those who love a little sparkle in their lives.

Merry Christmas and here's to a wonderful 2026.

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LOOKING FOR A NEW SPOT TO CELEBRATE SUMMER OR A STORE TO SPLASH SOME CASH? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED IN OUR ROUND UP OF SUBI'S LATEST ADDITIONS TO OUR STREETScape.

BY Gabi Mills

Açaí bowls in time for summer

Nautical Bowls Subiaco joined the buzzing Subi Square collection of stores in October and, according to owner Raman Sangha, the team has been overwhelmed with the support the concept eatery has received from locals.

"We've been genuinely touched by the warm welcome we've received so far, and we're excited to bring something fresh, healthy, and uplifting to the local food scene."

At Nautical Bowls, you'll find superfood bowls made with a base of refreshing sorbets, layered with crunchy granola, protein, chia pudding, fresh fruits, and our signature sauces.

"These bowls are 'NAUT' a dessert - they're a complete, nutrient-packed meal designed to



satisfy hunger while making you feel amazing from the inside out," says Raman.

"Every ingredient we use is locally sourced and freshly prepared, supporting our WA producers. From farm to plate, our suppliers craft ingredients specifically for us - ensuring every bowl is bursting with freshness, flavour, and goodness."

So grab a Nautical Bowl after a visit to the gym or a shopping spree - it's their mission to fuel you right, so you can feel right.

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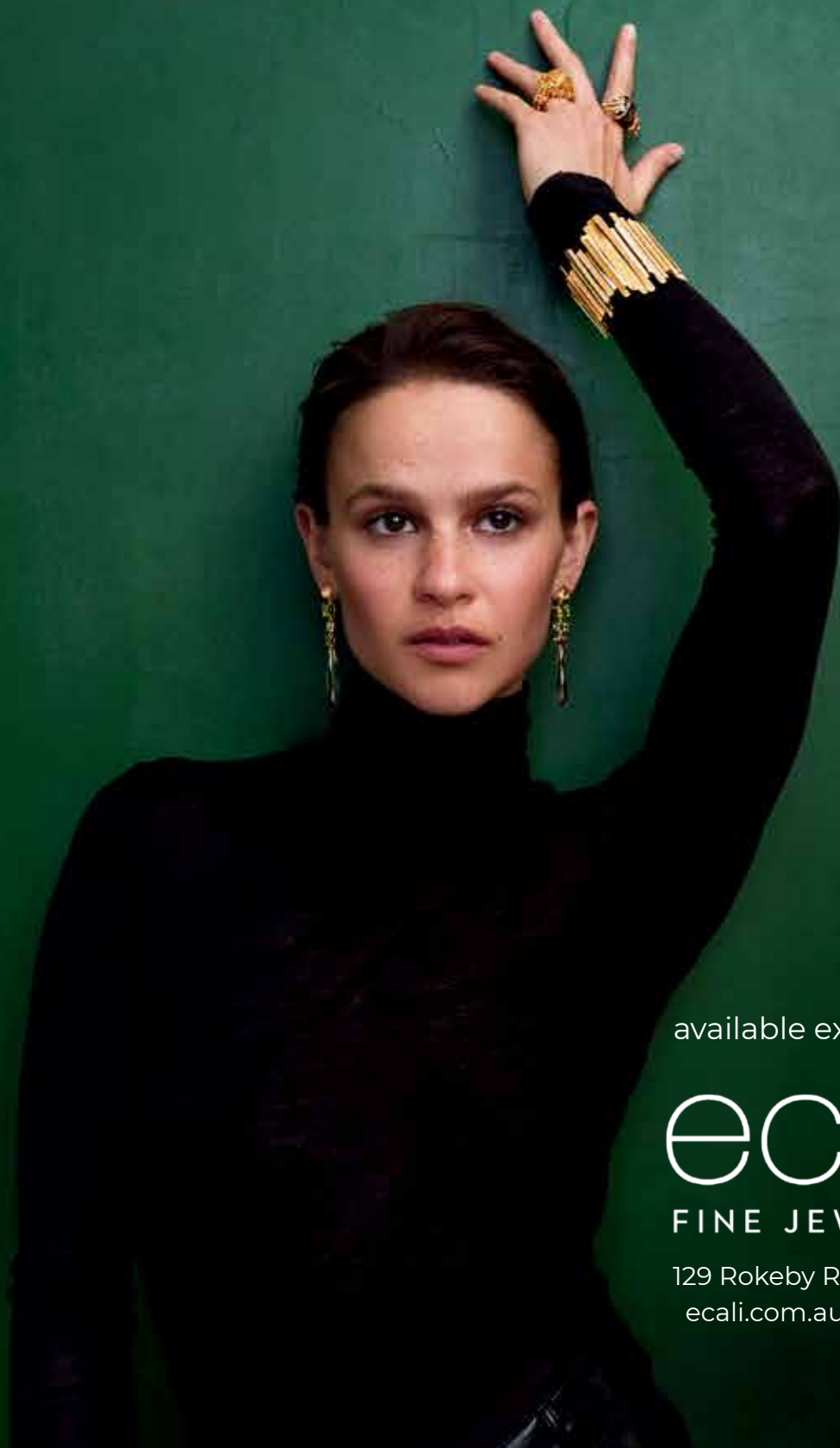
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care for your ongoing beautification. The minimalist, precise décor mirrors its promise of natural-looking, defined results for style-conscious Subi residents. Take this as your cue to be your best self this summer.

Defined Beauty
definedbeauty.au

📍 Suite 5, 388 Hay Street, Subiaco



More than skin deep

After a super fancy launch when Perth's beautiful people (including our very own Beauty Editor Bev Ligman) turned up in force to support this new business, Skin Ave Co has proved its chops beyond the paparazzi flashes with its CosMedical aesthetics. Bridging clinical results and spa-style comfort, Skin Ave Co offers a skin sanctuary, a place where luxury meets skin science. Providing treatments from injectables to laser therapies, oxygen facials, and sculpting, the studio offers effective skincare in a welcoming, non-clinical environment. Its accessible approach and central location make it a standout for those seeking advanced skin solutions and a kind, safe space to fix all your skin insecurities. Read Bev's review on page 76.

Skin Ave Co
skinaveco.com.au

📍 217 Hay Street, Subiaco



Brides will love Juliet Studio

Love is in the air in Subiaco on a daily basis for those who call it home – who wouldn't love living here after all?

But for those who have a specific quest to find the ultimate wedding dress, new store Juliet Studio is as lovely as it gets. Offering high-end, contemporary bridalwear including designer gowns and exclusive labels, it provides personalised appointments and customisation services.

Named after one of literature's greatest (if not tragic) star-crossed, lovers, it seems entirely appropriate that Juliet Studio should be on your list if you're seeking a carefully curated collection of made-to-order

gowns and accessories that blend modern romance with beautiful design and intricate craftsmanship.

"Drawing inspiration from travel, art and design, we consider every detail to make finding your perfect gown a unique experience," say the owners.

The light-filled, intimate studio ensures that finding the perfect gown is a memorable, celebratory experience for every bride intent on creating the perfect vision on their big day.

Juliet Studio
julietstudio.com.au

📍 177 Rokeby Road, Subiaco



L-R Sue Riddle, Ada De Leeuw, and Jen Korab

Earthwise on course to feed more locals than ever

Earthwise Subiaco is set to help feed more locals than ever before, thanks to an expansion by food rescue organisation SecondBite. With the opening of SecondBite’s new 2,000sqm warehouse in Kewdale, an additional 20 million meals will now reach people in need across Australia - including right here in Subiaco.

For over 21 years, Earthwise Coordinator Jen Korab has led

emergency food relief efforts in the community. She says the new warehouse has made a huge difference.

“Until recently, I’d drive out to SecondBite early every Thursday to collect food and bring it back to Earthwise,” Jen explained. “Now, their team delivers directly to us each week - saving hours of travel and lifting.”

Each Thursday, around 45 people

visit Earthwise for fresh fruit and vegetables, benefiting around 107 locals in total. The food is organised into a “fresh food centre” where people can choose what they need.

“This approach gives people dignity and control,” Jen said. “I’ve been in their position, and choice really matters.”

With SecondBite’s expanded capacity and reliable weekly deliveries, Earthwise can now focus even more on supporting the Subiaco community - one box of fresh food at a time.

“The new warehouse means I can head straight to Earthwise on Thursdays and get ready for the day, SecondBite arrive and unload their pallet of fresh food and collect the boxes from the previous week. I used to also have to drive back out to drop the boxes back off. It is having an incredible impact on my time and my physical wellbeing, with no more packing and unpacking of deliveries.

“The only downside is not going to the warehouse to see all the staff and volunteers every week!”

Gifts and homewares made easy on Rokeby Road

You’ve probably already discovered Cavana Subiaco’s sister store in West Perth, a place that has ‘where to buy a gift for the person who has everything’ pretty much in its DNA.

Now Subi has its very own branch and just in time for the spending frenzy that’s Christmas. For newbies to the brand (which also has a branch in Geraldton), it’s a lifestyle boutique blending fashion and gifting, with art on the walls and a perfectly curated collection of local Aussie creators on the shelves.

Think homewares, clothing, stationery, and accessories, and labels like Isle of Mine, eb&ive, Holiday Trading Co, MinkPink, Staple the Label, Haven, The Shanty Corporation, and Django and Juliette’s range of shoes, handbags, jewellery, hats and scarves.

Cavana

cavana.com.au

📍 29 Rokeby Road, Subiaco





Unique sweet treat at Ozrif Burgers

You might not be familiar with martabak but that's all going to change thanks to the arrival of Martabak Papi in Subi. A new offering from within Ozrif Burgers in the ONE Subiaco precinct, be prepared to find your new foodie obsession. This cherished Indonesian street food delicacy - a thin, crispy pancake enveloping a savory filling of eggs, minced meat (usually beef or chicken, veggies, or sweet versions including pandan which must surely win the prize for most colourful thing to put in your mouth this year) and a unique Indonesian spice blend - is one of the unsung heroes of Asian cuisine.

You'll also find Apam Balik (a Malaysian staple) and great coffee. Papi believes that martabak tastes better with one on the side, we're told.

Ideal for a delicious snack on the run or go big and order enough for a crowd to share, Martabak Papi brings authentic flavours from the world's biggest archipelago to Subiaco.

Martabak Papi

📍 ONE Subiaco, 4c Seddon Street
martabakpapi.com.au



Give sport a go with Urban Rec

Is this the year you're going to make a commitment to get fit - no excuses? If you've always held back from committing to a new sport because, well, sport is HARD, why not give the Urban Rec approach a go?

Join a 10-week season, make new friends and give yourself a pat on the back when your league goes all the way. Founded over a decade ago, Urban Rec Australia had a vision to make sport more enjoyable and inclusive. It's all about building camaraderie and community - something, we could all do with more, right? Throw in the advantages of doing a regular sport too and well, Bob's your father's brother.

Now, Urban Rec has opened a Subiaco branch with activities happening at locations like Bob Hawke College and Perth Modern School, so there's no excuse not to brush off your runners and pull on those Lorna Janes. Offering netball, soccer, dodgeball, and hybrid games, it prioritises inclusivity and fun over competition (but do, by all means, bring your game face for the next 10 weeks).

Urban Rec

perthurbanrec.com.au

📍 Various locations, Subiaco



Try the OG on Bagot Road

On Bagot Road (opposite Crossways), you'll find a cute little spot where toasties and coffee go together like Goats and being Old. The newly opened Old Goat Café combines cosy charm with quality coffee and brunch which in our book makes it a guaranteed winner.

The Old Goat Café

📍 223 Bagot Road

TOP TIP the large Irish-style scones are a must.

COMING SOON

Playtime at Mueller Park

Set to open in November, the ever-popular playpark at Mueller Park on Roberts Road will include an upgraded collection of installations designed to keep kids amused for hours.

Community members had their say and voted for their preferred playground concept, which has been designed by Nature Play Solutions. Including Subiaco's very first flying fox, other facilities will include new BBQs, a water fountain and an upgraded shade sail to complement the existing three shade sails which will be cleaned and retained.

📍 150 Roberts Road, Subiaco



CHINESE FOOD HITS NEW HIGHS AT MR LO



Looking for a place to satisfy your Chinese food cravings? We suggest a visit to Mr Lo may be just the ticket. Delivering creative, modern Chinese cuisine with a playful twist, Mr Lo offers a high point if you're looking for something beyond the usual rice and noodle fare. From dumplings and stir-fries to signature regional dishes, the restaurant offers vibrant, shareable meals

with a dash of friendly service for no extra charge. Stylish yet relaxed interiors and creative drinks make it a popular destination for casual dinners and social gatherings. Look for the Mr Lo sign reflected on the pavement out the front and you've come to the right place.

Mr Lo
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There's been a flush of new pilates studios opening in Subiaco, so buckle up as we introduce you to them.



Head to Pronto Pilates, quick smart

First up, Pronto Pilates. A national Pilates business, which has transformed bodies all over Australia, PP now has its sights on gym bunnies here in Subiaco. Claiming to offer a 'reimagined' version of pilates, and open from 5.15am, this is the studio to head to if you're keen to put those reformer machines through their paces in a small, inclusive environment.

The modern equipment and on-screen instruction from experts offer classes for all levels, allowing you to focus on core strength, flexibility, and mindful movement. Sleek studio design and small class sizes ensure personalised guidance and a motivating, holistic experience.

Pronto Pilates

prontopilates.com.au

📍 375B Roberts Road, Subiaco

Classes for all at Contour Pilates

Next up on our new arrivals in the Pilates space, is Contour Pilates. If your exercise vibe is more a blend of reformer, matwork and yoga, then Contour Pilates could be your new favourite spot. Personalised classes are held in a serene, calming environment, whether you're a new recruit or an old hand at this particular exercise regime. If you're seeking to enhance core stability, relieve stress or just give

your overall fitness levels a boost, the personalised instruction caters to all abilities, combining core strengthening, posture improvement, and mindful practice. Minimalist interiors and small class sizes create a tranquil space for growth, wellness, and focus.

Contour Pilates

countourpilatesperth.com.au

📍 2/18 Olive Street, Subiaco

Freemove Pilates

Finally, there's Freemove Pilates, a new studio based in Jolimont. Their big selling point – and a clever new word – is 'no gymtimidation'. If your experience of a pilates studio

is one that was designed to make you the least taut/fit/attractive person in lycra and grippy socks, then Freemove will welcome you with open arms. It provides classes for diverse needs and abilities with reformer and matwork sessions. The studio accommodates beginners, experienced practitioners, and those with rehabilitation goals. Its inclusive, community-focused environment encourages mindful movement, strength, and flexibility for all participants.

Freemove Pilates

freemove.com.au

📍 23 Bishop Street, Jolimont



A taste of Bhutan in Subi

Amala Kitchen could make claim to offering the most interesting menu in town with intriguing items like Emadatse Thunder Attack, K-Town Gochu Crunch and Green Papaya and Gai Yang Harmony. All of the above should give you an insight into the fact that Amala – which has a mission to serve nourishing meals just like your mother might make – draws on the rich diaspora of Asian cuisine.

“We aim to create a kitchen that feeds the body, uplifts the spirit, and brings communities together through authentic home style cooking,” so says their website.

You’ll also find miso-glazed salmon and wagyu sliders, herb-infused noodle bowls and even spaghetti with ragu.

Expect a warm welcome and bring your eclectic gourmet tastebuds.

Amala Kitchen
amalakitchen.com.au

📍 12/375 Hay Street, Subiaco



Fiorentina steak a hit at Quello Bar

The arrival of Quello Bar on the ground floor of ONE Subiaco is something to be celebrated – just in time for the festive season.

“This new Subi favourite is proudly connected to its long-standing sister venue Gramercy Bar and Kitchen in the CBD,” says general manager Steven Reeves.

The large dining and bar space is perfect for your next corporate function as well as a get-together with the gals (or guys). The menu is a broad brush affair with Gramercy sausage rolls, clam linguine, dhu fish or their showstopper dish – Dardanup Fiorentina steak to share.

Quello Bar
quellobar.com.au

📍 10a Rokeby Road, Subiaco



STOP PRESS

The Little Pantry opens for dinner

Brekkie favourite The Little Pantry on Nicholson Road is now open for dinner from 4.30pm daily. This welcoming spot is the place to go for a post-festive shopping frenzy feed before perhaps moving on for a spritz or two at Mistelle across the road.

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Discover Subiaco

with Oh Hey WA
Walking Tours

BY Sarah Schmitt





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See Subiaco has collaborated once again with local tour company Oh Hey WA. From now until May 2026, a new series of guided walking tours will invite locals and visitors to slow down, look up and uncover the stories woven into Subi's community and neighbourhood.

Led by Adie Chapman, Oh Hey WA's award winning 'Chief Perth Enthusiast', the tours are designed to connect people with Subiaco's rich culture, events calendar and striking street art through storytelling and discovery.

"We love introducing people to

hidden gems and sharing fascinating stories and local insights." Adie says, "and these new walks are a great way to explore the area while supporting local businesses."

Highlights across the walking tour series include a Festive Subi Sundowner (Wed November 26, December 3 and 10) as well as Murals, Music and Markets tours tied to the Perth International Jazz Festival (which ends on November 22).

"In January, we will be running a Subi Sundowner and a Family FUNdowner (evening art walks including one or

two venues)," says Adie.

Subi Spritz in March, a Kids' Art Hunt during the April school holidays and Subi Blooms in May will also have special walking tours available – just keep an eye on the website for dates and times.

With its walkable streets, colourful laneways and buzzing high street, Subiaco is perfect for these immersive tours, inviting everyone to rediscover the city's culture, creativity and community.

Book a tour at ohheywa.com.au/subiaco-art-walking-tours

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What's In My Glass?

ADAM O'BRIEN

Managing Director, Porters Liquor
3/24 Cardigan Terrace, Jolimont

My family has owned Cellarbrations Carlisle for 40 years, Cellarbrations in Vic Park for five years and Porters Jolimont for just over 12 months. We like to support the local community where we can, by helping out the local schools with donations or ice for local sporting teams or clubs for functions. We also hold tastings every Friday from 4pm to 6.30pm where wineries, distilleries or breweries come in to showcase their products.

We specialise in craft beers and do collabs with local breweries where we work with them to come up with something different and popular. We sell them instore and release them to trade too.

We also have a new shop dog named Lenny who is a nine-week-old English Staffy.

What is your perfect Christmas morning tittle as you open presents and get busy in the kitchen?

My wife and I normally crack a nice Champagne either a nice French marque like Pol Roger or Laurent-Perrier.

As you ring in the new year, which special bottle of bubbles would you like to share with your friends and family?

Vasse Felix's Idée Fixe Rosé is great value and locally made in WA.

What wine trends are you seeing in your store as 2026 rolls around?

Last summer, chilled reds were super popular as well as cocktails in a bottle – Zoncello Limoncello Spritz went bananas!

If somebody is interested in starting a wine cellar/collection, what four wines would you suggest they choose?

Something like a Barossa shiraz or a Margaret River cabernet - something full bodied that will cellar well. Otherwise, whites like a Margaret River chardonnay, or a Clare or an Eden Valley riesling.

What sets your wine store apart from the rest?

We are family owned and run. We try to have a mix of traditional brands like your Leeuwin Estate's chardonnays and cabernets, Howard Park's sparkling and stills but also some cool, fun wine varietals - lighter ones that are more approachable like pinot, grenache and tempranillos. We also support local smaller boutique wineries.



LEO (and his owner Alida Cappalotta)
 BY Gabi Mills. *IMAGE* Matt Jelonek.

CONTEMPORARY JEWELLER AND CERAMICIST, ALIDA CAPPELLETTA, IS A FAMILIAR FACE AT SUBI FARMERS MARKET - AND LEO TOO.

How did Leo come into your life - and what makes life with a miniature schnauzer special?

Leo burst into my life like a little rocket, full of energy, cheekiness, and mischief. He's my first ever pet, and he's made life so much more fun and fulfilling. He's always up for a game (usually involving stolen socks), and has a knack for making every day entertaining. Mini schnauzers have such big personalities and are loyal, clever, and just the right amount of stubborn!

Does Leo join you at the market? It's dog-friendly, so does he have any little pals who he sees now and then?

Leo's a part-time market visitor. He loves the energy, the people, the dogs, the smells but he's definitely not the kind to chill quietly behind the stall. He gets a bit too excited! He's got a few familiar furry faces he looks out for, though. It's always a social outing when he tags along.

How is your life different now you have Leo to before?

Leo's brought so much joy and routine into my life. I'm up early, walking, meeting fellow dog owners, and exploring parks I wouldn't have gone to otherwise. He's taught me patience, and reminded me to have fun and be present. Life's a lot more playful with him in it.

Where do you like to take Leo in Subiaco and what is a day in the life of Leo like?

Leo enjoys visits to Wholefood Circus. He's a people-watcher and self-appointed bird patrol. We often visit Lake Jualbup for our version of a "relaxing" walk ... though he tends to think the park is his territory. He can be a bit protective at first, but once he warms up, especially if treats are involved, he's a total softie.

Has Leo inspired you artistically? Is a ceramic mini schnauzer on the horizon?

Absolutely, a ceramic schnauzer is on the to-do list! Leo's my studio buddy. He lounges nearby while I work, always keeping one eye open to supervise. His calm presence definitely helps keep the creative flow going.

Visit madebyalida.com to see Alida's work

Bar Amelie

Subiaco's Hidden Gem



Discover the charm of Bar Amelie – a cosy Subiaco wine bar made for date nights, long-overdue catch-ups and evenings filled with great food, drinks and conversation. With a menu of seasonal share plates, handcrafted cocktails and a thoughtfully curated wine list, it's the kind of place that invites you to relax, unwind and enjoy the moment.

118 Rokeby Road, Subiaco
bar-amelie.com.au



MEET THE AUTHOR

David Michie

LOCAL WRITER DAVID MICHIE HAS DRAWN ON HIS CHILDHOOD IN ZIMBABWE FOR HIS LATEST BOOK'S INSPIRATION – THE GOOD KARMA REFUGE FOR ELEPHANTS.

BY Ara Jansen

David Michie's goal is to make the world a happier and kinder place.

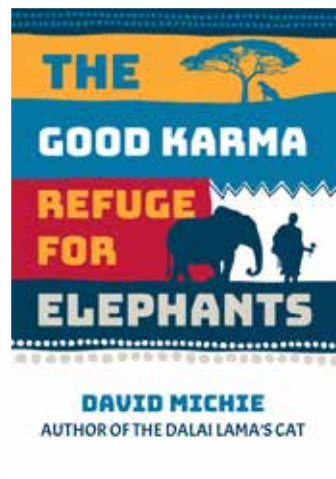
The Buddhist, meditator, author and soulful safari leader, believes we can all change the relationship status with our thoughts to better manage our lives.

Now David has combined this spiritual philosophy with two other great passions of his life – his birth country of Zimbabwe as the setting for his latest book *The Good Karma Refuge for Elephants*.

The book centres around Rob Forbes, a high-flyer from London who returns to his childhood home of Zimbabwe to care for an ailing aunt. As he spends more time with the locals and a somewhat mysterious llama, he wonders if it's possible to live a life more centred around nature, wisdom and the African concept of ubuntu – or community.

Autobiographical in its sentiment, it's David's sixteenth book. After publishing books such as *Buddhism for Busy People*, *Why Mindfulness is Better Than Chocolate*, and *Hurry Up and Meditate*, David found there was a thirst for fictional stories which included these principles. Best known for writing the *Dalai Lama's Cat* series, which take a philosophical look at life through the eyes of a feline, he's also written a spiritual thriller series.

While the conceit of a talking cat may not resonate with everybody, *The Good Karma Refuge for Elephants* is a human drama which carries an undercurrent of meaning and parable as Rob Forbes goes on both a physical and spiritual journey of discovery.



"I've never written a book set in Africa, so it was probably time," says David. "The land – there's a tremendous energy there – means so much to me and it's special for me to turn my focus to writing about Africa. I got to know these characters and enjoyed spending time in their company."

David and his Australian wife, Koala, call Subiaco "kumusha", which means home. They have been local residents since the late 1990s, after moving from London. They chose the suburb because of the trees, its walkability and that obvious sense of ubuntu.

"I love that you don't have to get in your car. I'm a five-minute walk from some big parks, which is a very special thing. We know our neighbours well and some of them have been here longer than us. There's someone on our road who is in their 70s and grew up on this street and remembers when the vet used to be a bakery and the streetlights were lit by hand. It's extraordinary to see what happens in one person's lifetime. It creates a sense of connection to history."

Subiaco is a perfect base for David to write while looking out to the garden and across to a large flamboyant tree, which offers wonderful shade in summer. From there, he also co-ordinates the annual Mindful Safaris, now in their eleventh year.

David and Koala lead visitors from all over the world to Victoria Falls for a mindful, immersive safari of meditation, bush walks, wildlife viewing, visits to local primary schools and conservation talks. In this context, David says meditation and nature are a powerful combination.

"I feel it's about coming home – people coming back to themselves. We have all become so caught up in our thoughts and these busy lives, we've lost touch with our own true nature. If we can spend some time just being, our sense of who we are goes through a profound shift."

***The Good Karma Refuge for Elephants* is out in November and available from bookstores including Dymocks Subiaco, online and on audiobook.**

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Subiaco Twilight Trail

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Magic and mischief await the most intrepid explorers!

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'tis the SEEson for cocktails

Christmas Cocktail Trail
Friday 28 November – Wednesday 31 December

Storehouse Subiaco, BARK, Spirit of Little Things & more!

Oh, what fun it is to have a little Christmas drink!

Subiaco's fan-favourite Christmas Cocktail Trail returns this November, exclusive to the festive season.

Put on your holiday best and embark on a self-guided cocktail crawl, where a series of special Christmas-inspired creations await.

Toast to the season with themed tipples from some of the trendiest bars, perfect to conclude a day of browsing holiday offers on the shopping strip.

Keep an eye on See Subiaco channels for a full list of participating venues and further announcements.

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Subi Night Market

Every Saturday until 25 April

5pm - 9pm

Market Square Park, Subiaco

Jingle all the way through Subi Night Market this silly season!

Discover bites, sips and gifts for everyone on your list at the hottest pop-up market of the summer, set against the stunning backdrop of Market Square Park.

Start by rockin' around the market stalls, where you can treat your loved ones to homemade goods, slow fashion and local treasures.

Try a seasonal tippie from the Spirit of Little Things pop-up bar, and feast your way through international cuisines, gourmet delicacies and Insta-worthy desserts.

When you're done exploring, lounge amongst the fairy lights and soak up the atmosphere, with surprise festive performances to keep your spirits bright.

'tis the SEEsOn
for music

sunset@subi – Christmas Edition

Sunday 21 December

6pm - 8pm

Lake Jualbup, Shenton Park

Kick off the festive season with a magical night of music!

As part of Subiaco's beloved sunset@subi program, some of Perth's most talented performers will treat you to a spirited sunset serenade amongst the lush beauty of Lake Jualbup.

The Joi Ride band will perform popular Christmas songs and favourite carols. Celebrate the spirit of Christmas and enjoy some hearty community singing.

Pack a picnic or pick up something delicious from one of the buzzing local venues to enjoy during the performance – and look out for a special appearance from Santa!



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11am - 3pm

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The shopping spree of your dreams awaits - all in one place!

Perth's favourite vintage event, Pre Loved Market Subiaco, is back with two new editions over the summer, transforming Seddon Street into a treasure trove of sustainable fashion.

Discover rare thrift and streetwear pieces amidst record sellers, handmade jewellery and pop-ups

SHOPPING MAGNET There are so many opportunities to shop until you drop in Subiaco, whatever your budget.

from Subiaco's favourite vintage stores.

Whether it's shopping sustainable holiday gifts or refreshing your wardrobe for the new season, you'll be sure to find something utterly unique - whilst reducing your environmental footprint.

While you're here, why not make the most of Subiaco's cafes and eateries?

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lineup of events coming to some of Subiaco's coolest venues.

The incredible array of entertainment offers something for everyone to enjoy, including theatre, comedy, music and more.

Stay tuned for further announcements!

Subi Spritz
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Euro summer descends on Subiaco this March!

Experience the sights, sounds and tastes of Southern Europe at Subi Spritz, a slice of *la dolce vita* right in the heart of Subiaco.

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History in the making

SUBIACO MUSEUM HAS UNDERGONE A SIGNIFICANT GLOW-UP, SO IF YOU HAVEN'T VISITED IN A WHILE, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE.

BY Matthew Mills

Those who live or work in Subiaco know that this suburb is like no other. It's a village within a city.

After all, Subi's story is an integral part of the history of Perth. It boasts an origin story of harsh obstacles, survival and success in the late 1840s as a vital part of what was then known as the Swan River Colony.

It became a working class hero and blossomed into what many would say is the jewel of Perth city life.

An uplifting, important story then – and one that needs to be treasured, preserved and retold to each new generation.

Thankfully, there's an institution to do just that – Subiaco Museum.

This little gem of historical record is tucked behind Subiaco Library, just off Rokeby Road, and, since 2 November 1975, has been telling the story of our remarkable suburb with exhibitions, artefacts, artwork, day-to-day objects and spoken-word accounts, drawing thousands through

its doors to learn and be entertained.

That's a long time, and, as savvy mathematicians out there will have already twigged, a special amount of time. Yes, this much-loved bastion of record celebrates its 50th birthday this year.

And how did it celebrate? Well, looking back wasn't enough for Subiaco Museum. This golden anniversary was all about looking forward.

An exciting series of renovations took the museum into its second half-century, updates that both modernised the collections and consolidated the work that has gone before.

The end result created a more flexible space and an even better experience for visitors.

The nuts and bolts include upgraded lighting, creating new interactive and engaging displays, updating signage and the introduction of audio-visual elements.

Plush new cabinets are on the way too, to replace the

lovely, but aging, units which were originally donated in the 1980s.

Visit today, and you'll see some wonderful sights. The museum's back gallery, which is used for larger exhibitions and is home to several permanent exhibits, for instance, includes a reconstructed façade of 210 Park Street, a classic weatherboard home of the type that today defines Subiaco.

Then there are the 180 oral histories, dating back to 1983, from people who have lived, worked or volunteered in the City of Subiaco, which are currently being digitised and uploaded to CollectionsWA.

The art collection is mightily



impressive, around 200 works across all mediums, including pieces by renowned artist Shaun Tan.

The museum is also home to more than 1,500 archival records including diaries, certificates, programs, menus, posters, maps, and plans which tell the story of life in Subiaco throughout the decades.

And don't forget the ever-growing digital collection, which is constantly updated with new objects and information, bringing Subi's history to everyone online.

It's a historian's delight, made even more welcoming by the renovation, which was carried out by the very talented Creative Spaces team.

Mayor David McMullen, one of the many who flocked to the museum's reopening in August, was heartily impressed.

At the time, he said: "These upgrades will allow museum staff

and volunteers to create more in-depth, interactive, and flexible exhibitions spanning decades of local history that people of all ages can enjoy.

"Whether you're a regular visitor or have never been before, come and visit the museum's new space

to gain a unique perspective of our suburb's rich history, heritage, and stories."

Subiaco Museum
(239 Rokeby Road, Subiaco)
is open Wednesday to Friday,
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(Where to refuel
during a Subi shopping spree)



The annual festive shopping frenzy is upon us, so use this guide to make the most of retail therapy and refuelling in style.

BY Sarah Schmitt



Don't let Christmas shopping stress you out. Make a day of it in Subiaco, where great food, friendly service, and boutique discoveries come together for the perfect pre-Christmas adventure. Whether you're shopping for her, him, the kids, or even your dog, here's where to refuel, refresh and rediscover the joy of giving.

Fashionably fantastic

Start the day browsing Subiaco's beautiful boutiques. **Kivari** has a stunning range of women's clothing, while **The Modern Boho** offers women's wear, accessories, and homewares. Just across the road, new arrival **Cavania** is the place to find lovely large canvases for the home, Australian-brand designer shoes, boots and fashion as well as unique jewellery and homewares.

Pause for morning tea at **Layers Bakery** or **1982 Food + Coffee** for coffee and pastries before continuing up Rokeby Road. For true indulgence, explore gemstone designs at **Linneys Jewellery**, **Ecali**, or **Thomas Meihofner** – anything from these stores are the definition of luxury. At **Kúl Kúl** you'll find bespoke jewellery that's both modern and timeless, as well as accessories like cute bags and scarves. **Emporia Store** and **The Green Pear** have designer fashion



Kúl Kúl



Shui Subiaco

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that you won't find anywhere else in Subi, while **iisie Fashion** offers personal styling and service for the festive season.

When it's time for lunch, settle in at **Shui Subiaco**. Its lush interiors and modern Asian menu make it an ideal midday escape. Afterwards, cross Roberts Road to **Spoilt at Subi** for lifestyle pieces, jewellery, and accessories too pretty to resist. If you

EAT

Jean-Claude Patisserie



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GUY FOODIES WILL LOVE A GOURMET HAMPER FROM NOSH GOURMET GIFTS ...



Nosh Gourmet Gifts



Lily Lane

have time, treat yourself to a blow dry at **Lily Lane** next door. You'll leave feeling fabulous.

If you're shopping on a Saturday, end the day at the **Subi Night Market** near the train station, where live music, global street food, and gift stalls capture the festive spirit.

Otherwise, unwind over Italian food and wine at **Piccolo Deli** or a filled baguette from **Jean-Claude Patisserie**.

On Hay Street, stop in at **Pobbles Cafe** for a shot of coffee and a bowl of noodles before heading to **Greenleaf Pharmacy**, home to an impressive range of giftware including scented candles and homewares – and collectible Jellycats coming out of their ears.

Man Up

Fuel your day of choosing a gift for the man in your life with a hearty

breakfast at **Community Coffee Co.** This small yet mighty espresso bar and roastery makes the best egg sandos we've tried - and their pastries are excellent too.

For the organised man, **Howards**

Storage World is where you'll find smart home solutions, and nearby at **District Furniture's** showroom, you'll find stunning one-of-a-kind pieces. Shop for unique gifts at **Devlin's** on Hay Street. Think Cuban cigars,



Sound One

smoking jackets, and chic man bags, while **Subiaco Antiques** is a treasure trove of vintage pieces.

Guy foodies will love a gourmet hamper from **Nosh Gourmet Gifts**, and book lovers will find the next big read on the curated shelves of **Subiaco Bookshop**. Ready for a coffee break? Stop at **Sorganic** for a pick-me-up before heading to **Table Culture** for elegant glassware, decanters, and even stainless-steel cigar holders.

Enjoy a casual lunch at **Red Chair Café**, known for its fragrant laksa, Vietnamese salads, and bun bo xao. Afterwards, browse **Addicted to Audio** for high-end headphones and turntables, or explore **Sound One** for vinyl records.

End your day at **Bar Amelie** on the deck. A cool drink and classic pub vibes make the perfect finale. (Insider tip: the cocktails are outstanding on a hot afternoon).



Subiaco Bookshop

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Cantina di Lulu La Delizia



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WHEN HUNGER STRIKES, CANTINA DI LULU LA DELIZIA IS YOUR NEW FAVOURITE DESTINATION FOR RELAXED ITALIAN DINING

Putting the wow in Bow Wow

Shopping for your four-legged best friend starts with breakfast at dog-friendly **The Little Pantry**. Try their Breaky Wrap before heading to **Barkday Pawty** at Subi Farmers Market (if it's a Saturday morning). Create a gourmet dog hamper with all-natural treats and include a beautiful ceramic bowl by **Hunter & Franklin**. Take a sweet break at **Whisk Creamery** before making your way to **Caroline's Pet Kitchen** on Hay Street where you'll find travel bowls and treat pouches. Grab some authentic empanadas at **Pinos** and finish your day at **Bark Bar and Café**, a dog-friendly spot where both you and your pooch can unwind.

Little treasures

Whether shopping for babies or teens, we've got you covered here in Subi. For babies and toddlers, **Table Culture** stocks Done by Deer silicone dinnerware and elegant toys, while **Nosh Gourmet Gifts** offers a range of adorable baby gifts. **Spoilt at Subi** also carries adorable children's toys and accessories as does **Plane Tree Farm**.

Nature's Infusions at the **Subi Farmers Market** has calming balms, herbal teas, and eye masks, perfect for teenage self-care hampers. Browse the jewellery stalls for creative earrings, stop at **Zenergi Matcha** for matcha gift sets, and add a jar of Chocconutz nut butter for a healthy

Lulu La Delizia



Unicorn Bar

TUCK IN

When you're all shopped out, head to one of Subiaco's eateries for a chance to refuel and unwind.

stocking stuffer. The **Fossika** stand is your go-to for felt finger puppets and cute classic kids' books with felt characters to bring the stories to life.

When you need a boost, **Cantina di Lulu La Delizia** is your new favourite destination for relaxed Italian dining, before heading to **Fast Lane** for a new bike or **Target** for pool accessories to make the most of summer. Round off your outing at **Unicorn Bar**. Its upbeat atmosphere, tapas, and wines make it the perfect spot to celebrate a day well spent.

Whether you're curating corporate hampers, finding one-of-a-kind gifts, or rewarding yourself with a long lunch, Subiaco makes festive shopping feel like an indulgence, not a chore. With leafy streets, boutique retailers, and a vibrant food scene, it's the perfect place to rediscover the joy of giving this Christmas.



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EAT

ONCE IT'S TIME TO HANG UP THE CHEF'S WHITES FOR THE NIGHT, WHAT DO THEY CRAVE TO EAT? GAIL WILLIAMS ASKS A COUPLE OF SUBIACO'S FAVOURITE COOKS TO SHARE THEIR TOP MUNCHIES AFTER A LONG SHIFT.

Chef's choice



Joel Valvasori

Lulu La Delizia/Cantina di Lulu La Delizia, Forrest Walk, Subiaco

Regulars at Tastings – the unpretentious Rokeby Road cafe with a big, big heart always get a warm welcome and big smiles from owner Bill Doropoulos and his brother George as they dole out humour and affection with old school coffees and milk shakes.

But those taking up pavement seating, like former mayor, Tony Costa and Andrew Purser, can't help but chuckle when they spot Subi's highest profile chef and restaurant owner, Joel Valvasori, queuing for his fix of **Tastings** quiche.

The owner of Lulu La Delizia is also a big fan of Tastings' bacon-and-egg roll with BBQ sauce.

That's a huge endorsement coming from the guy who's famous for his tagliatelli, gnochetti and his Nonna's meatballs on polenta – gourmet fare which saw him win WA Restaurant of the Year in both the WA Good Food Guide and Gourmet Traveller Restaurant Guides in 2022.

But Joel agrees that, sometimes, all you want is simple tucker that hits the spot and makes you feel like a warm hug from your grandmother.



Here are his go-to tips when you want a hearty feed:

Where is your favourite place in Subi when you have the munchies and you don't feel like taking something from the restaurant kitchen?

FOUND Brewery is great new addition to Subi and the food has just gotten even better with Ben Ing overseeing the food program.

What is your favourite dish there?

I really enjoy the O'Connor beef steaks they've been doing, served with a nice simple jus, and frites. Add a little gem lettuce salad on the side to feel healthy.

What is your favourite snack to prepare at home?

I'm a big fan of cured meats and cheese. Little effort and maximum flavour.

Is there any convenience food in your pantry that would surprise us if we found out?

We always have pašteta (meat paste) which is usually a pretty heavily processed miscellaneous meat spread from Croatia.

What is your favourite fast food outlet?

Hungry Jacks for their ultimate double whopper. Can't go past a two sauce combo in a fast food burger.



Who does the best hamburgers?

FOUND does a really good cheeseburger.

Do you have a quick and easy recipe to share with readers?

My favourite quick dinner that packs a punch is pot-roast chicken drumsticks with a few cloves of garlic, a couple of sprigs of rosemary and then a splash of white wine and a nice amount of seasoning. Very simple and super flavoursome. If people could learn this as a base idea for cooking then there is so much more you can do from that as a start.

Mathieu Wyatt

Intuition Kitchen, Rokeby Road, Subiaco

Ask Mathieu Wyatt, owner of Intuition Kitchen, what his favourite munchies are and he veers right away from the Big Kahuna burger which featured in Quentin Tarantino's Pulp Fiction.

You see, years ago Wyatt cooked for Tarantino, during the Grand Lyon Film Festival and is well aware that the opening scene features a violent robbery and the robbers demanding money from all the patrons in a diner.

He has fond memories of the world's most famous film makers but has never been tempted by the Big Kahuna, nor a diner in fact.

After making his way to Perth, Wyatt opened Intuition last November where his excellent Mediterranean food hits the spot with enthusiastic customers who often give his work a five-star rating.

Here he shares his top munchies tips:

Where do you eat when you have the munchies?

Usually somewhere relaxed - ramen, pizza, dumplings or anything that

doesn't involve me holding a knife for once!

Is there a favourite fast food outlet in Subi that you like?

Not really "fast food," but I'll happily sneak off for a quick empanada at Pino's when the craving hits.

Do chefs ever get sick of eating their own food?

Occasionally! After a long week in the kitchen, something simple like a cheese toasty or a bowl of pasta hits the spot.

Do you have a sneaky pleasure indulgence in your pantry?

Chocolate and a cheeky bottle of wine - both non-negotiable.

Is there a convenience food stocked away in your pantry that's a go-to?

A good pâté, some good cheese and bread. It's my lazy-night lifesaver - fast, salty, and satisfying.

Quick and easy recipe to share:

A truffle butter pasta - toss hot spaghetti with butter, parmesan, and a drizzle of truffle oil. Add cracked pepper, a glass of wine, and call it a night.

MOVERS and SHAKERS

BAR AMELIE'S BARTENDER, BERNICE TAN, SHOWCASED HER COCKTAIL-MAKING SKILLS TO THE MAX AT THE BARTENDER GOLD PLATE AWARDS – AND NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO PUT HER SKILLS TO THE TEST THIS FESTIVE SEASON. *BY* Gabi Mills

Muddlers at the ready, WA's best bartenders were put through their paces at the 2025 Best Bartender Gold Plate Award – and one of Subiaco's own was right in the mix.

Subiaco's small-bar scene is brimming with creativity, but few bartenders shake things up quite like Bernice Tan of Bar Amelie. This year, Bernice showcased her cocktail-making flair as a Top 10 Finalist in the 2025 Best Bartender Gold Plate Awards, a competition that put Western Australia's finest to the ultimate test.

"We had to do a blind tasting, then create three classic and three signature cocktails – all in ten minutes. It was intense, but so much fun," says Bernice.

Her standout creation was the Hong Kong Iced Tea, a refreshing, summery cocktail made with tequila, salted plum, lemon Ceylon tea, and soda water.

"It was inspired by a soft drink from where I come from called Salted Lemon Lemonade," she explains. "It combines sourness, saltiness, and sweetness from the tequila, with freshness from the soda. It's nostalgic and modern at the same time."

From Bubble Tea to Bar Star

Bernice's journey to the cocktail shaker wasn't straightforward.

"To be honest, I never thought



I'd be working in hospitality," she admits. "It's a physically and mentally demanding job. But somehow, it's become a career I truly love."

She began as a kitchen hand and waitress before working her way up. "After a year or two, I wanted a new challenge, so I started learning how to make drinks – not even imagining I'd one day be called a mixologist."

Her big break came at Lucky Chan's, where she spent six months as a barback before earning the chance to step behind the bar.

"Hard work really does pay off," she says. "Adam Keane, my mentor and Lucky Chan's former owner, taught me everything. I wouldn't be where I am today without his encouragement and guidance."

From crafting bubble tea cocktails to creating award-worthy originals, Bernice's rise has been powered by curiosity and perseverance, and her creativity is thriving under the mentorship of owner Kat Dehavilland, who has introduced her to a new passion – wine.

"As much as I love cocktails, I've been focusing on wines too. Kat gives us so many opportunities to learn, and that's my next challenge."

Bernice believes the future of hospitality lies not in chasing trends, but in human connection.

"Trends come and go," she says. "The real focus should be on quality of service. People come for an experience – for warmth, personality, and consistency. That's what keeps them coming back."

And it's that sense of connection that makes Bar Amelie feel like home.

"We're like a family," Bernice smiles. "There are genuine smiles every time I walk in, even off shift. Our local customers are amazing – supportive, chatty, and they even remember our names."

As for her favourite drink? "A gin dirty martini – simple, clean, and savoury."

With talent, humility, and a dash of salted lemon charm, Bernice is redefining what it means to be a mixologist in Subiaco. So this festive season, pull up a stool at Bar Amelie – and let her mix you something special.

Bon Anniversaire Mistelle!

MARIE MARSAA AND THOMAS DESRUES ARE CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF RUNNING THEIR FRENCH BISTRO, MISTELLE IN SHENTON PARK AND WELL-ENTRENCHED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

BY Lisa O'Neill



The little slice of France in Shenton Park is going great guns, one year after Marie Marsaa and Thomas Desrue took over the corner venue. So much so, in fact, that Aperol spritz on the terrace at sunset has become something of a ritual for those in the know.

"Our biggest win has been building a real community around Mistelle, we've been so touched by the loyalty of our guests," Marie says. "We love sharing a piece of ourselves, our culture, our passion, and our love for food and wine and see it touch people."

So, one year in, what dish has won the locals hearts?

"The crème brûlée has become a real signature," Marie says. "People tell us it's the best they've ever had, which is such a compliment and makes us so proud, and on the savoury side the steak beef rump has definitely become a favourite. Everyone truly loves Thomas's food, which makes us so happy. It's a big part of why people keep coming back."

Beyond the exquisite French cuisine, the small touches of Mistelle play a large role in winning the hearts of locals and beyond. The flowers in the courtyard provide a riot of colour thanks to Marie's careful tending, making the bistro's exterior reminiscent of a French main street. To finish the meal, the French digestifs being wheeled up en masse on the vintage drinks trolley is an



absolute treat.

"Guests really enjoy our house-made digestifs, like the fig and citronelle liqueurs, and it's lovely to see them appreciated," Marie says.

As they enter their second year on Nicholson Road, Thomas, Marie and the French team are developing more homegrown specialties for the menu (food and drinks) in a way that showcases fresh local produce. For summer, the outdoor space will be a focus with Perth warm nights

drawing guests out to the terrace.

"Mistelle will keep evolving this summer, we're bringing more life to the terrace with oysters, live music and that lovely French spirit - we're so looking forward to celebrating summer with our guests," Marie says, smiling ear to ear.

"We put so much of our heart into Mistelle and the best part is seeing guests leave happy with full bellies, big smiles and that feeling of connection - that's what it's all about for us."

THE ART OF the picnic





PART OF THE PLEASURE OF PICNICKING IS CHOOSING YOUR FAVOURITE TREATS AND CREATING A UNIQUE SPREAD TO ENJOY WITH YOUR FAVOURITE PEOPLE IN SUBI'S GREAT OUTDOORS.

BY Gabi Mills | IMAGES BY Craig Kinder

Let's face it. We've all endured very average picnics over the journey of our lives. From school day's out with terrible lunch boxes, to sandwiches deconstructing during the journey from fridge to blanket. Soggy crisps. Warm wine. Boiled eggs staring up at you from daggy containers. I won't go on but you get the picture.

The vision of a perfect picnic may have met its height in the Golden Age when staff would set up your picnic spread under a shady tree, with beautiful dining room-level accessories and none of the inconvenience of having to pack up all the left overs once the sun went down. The Impressionists were also responsible for an unobtainable level of picnic idealism – particularly Édouard Manet and his saucy *Le Dejeuner sur l'herbe* which would raise a few eyebrows if recreated around Lake Jualbup.

So let's put all that to one side and create our own dreamy picnic, starting with a gorgeous throw blanket from **Threads of Africa** (Dianne has a stall at **Subi Farmers Market**), or **Spoilt at Subi**, and then build the vibe from the base, up. Bring some Ecology napkins (**Dallimores**) and your linen sets

the scene.

Next up, create a menu which includes something sweet, something savoury, a salad perhaps and some breads, dips and pâtés. Pack a ready-to-serve spritz (like Limoncello Spritz from **Porters Liquor**) or try a bottle of pink fizz, topped up with fresh fruits from **Golden Choice** or **MCQ**, and mint sprigs, and soda water.

Simon Johnson Providore and **Farmer Jack's** are well-stocked with tasty picnic staples, and, with a little creative flair, you can transform even a simple round of sandwiches into a work of art (top tip: it's how you cut the bread. Think fingers rather than triangles).

Don't forget that the Australian wildlife sometimes turns up to spoil the party – so invest in a netted bamboo server (**Dallimores**) – no flies will dare to ruin our day with this piece of kit. Gorgeous picnic ware is also the order of the day (and again **Dallimores** or **Table Culture** are your go-to for big bowls, serving cutlery, plates and tumblers). A pretty Ecology ruffle pink cake stand elevates your home bakes to something out of a Nigella dreamscape while a selection of unusual dressing ingredients

transforms a simple watermelon, red onion and feta salad from ho hum to hurray.

Mini homemade quiches in little ceramic fluted bases tick the box – packed with beetroot and asparagus and other seasonal veggies. A homemade focaccia, studded with rosemary and rich with olive oil, travels well and is a great base for spreads and pâtés.

If you have the time and inclination, make a cake in advance – try our rhubarb teacake for a spin on a traditional classic – or if you're running short of time, head to **Layers Bakery** or **The Baking Corner** for a box of your favourite patisserie.

Baskets and eskis from **Nosh Gourmet Gifts** will ensure you've got the right receptacles to store your carefully curated feast and drinks. We love their pale pink vintage-style eski to keep things cool when the temperatures rise.

Source some vintage cutlery from local charity stores or chuck some bamboo disposables in your basket.

Picnics don't need to break new ground or reinvent the wheel but with a few well-chosen star components, they'll confirm your status as picnic royalty.



Asparagus, Beetroot & Feta Mini Quiches



INGREDIENTS

(Makes six individual quiches)

2 sheets frozen shortcrust pastry, thawed

250g pkt baby beetroot, thickly sliced

1 bunch asparagus, ends trimmed,
cut into 5cm pieces

100g Danish feta, crumbled

2 tbs chopped dill

8 eggs, lightly whisked

1 cup (250ml) thickened cream

Dill sprigs, to serve

METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 200°C. For individual quiches, line tins or rammekins with pastry. Fill with pastry weights, prick the bases and bake for 12 mins or until light golden. Reduce oven to 160°C.
2. Place the beetroot, asparagus, feta and chopped dill in the base of the pastry cases. Whisk egg and cream together, season and pour into the pastry cases. Sprinkle with grated cheddar and bake for 25-30 mins or until the egg mixture is just set. Sprinkle with dill sprigs to serve.



Rhubarb and Cinnamon Tea Cake

INGREDIENTS (Serves 4)

- 80g unsalted butter
- 300g plain flour
- 380g brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- a few drops of vanilla essence
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- grated zest of 1 lemon
- 1 cup sour cream
- 400g rhubarb (cut into 1 cm pieces)
- ¼ cup brown sugar (for the topping)
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon (for the topping)

METHOD

1. Mix together the butter and sugar
2. Add the eggs and vanilla
3. Sift together the flour, salt, bicarb and cinnamon then add to the food processor and pulse a few times to combine
4. Add the lemon zest and sour cream then transfer to a large bowl and stir in the rhubarb
5. Pour into a 24 cm round tin that has been greased and lined with paper
6. Mix together the brown sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle evenly over the top of the cake
7. Bake at 180 degrees celsius for one and a quarter hours or until a skewer inserted comes out clean.

Chicken & Cucumber Triple-Decker Sandwiches

INGREDIENTS (Makes 24)

- 1 large chicken breast
- 1 medium cucumber
- 2 tsp salt
- ½ loaf white bread
- ½ loaf wholemeal bread
- ½ red onion, finely chopped
- 3 tbsps rich mayonnaise
- 2 tsp horseradish sauce

METHOD

1. Slice the chicken breast into small pieces. In a small saucepan, cover with water, bring to the boil and simmer until cooked through. Remove from heat, refresh in cold water and chop finely.
2. In a bowl, combine chopped chicken breast, chopped onion, mayonnaise, and horseradish sauce. Mix to combine and season to taste.
3. Chop cucumbers into small pieces. Place in a sieve and cover with salt. Set over a bowl for 15-20 mins to allow some moisture to drain from the cucumbers. Rinse.
4. Divide the wholemeal and white bread slices into sets of three so that they are alternating colours. Butter one side of each of the outside slices, and both sides of the inside slice. Build sandwiches with chicken on one layer and cucumber on the other.
5. Using a bread knife, slice off all of the crusts. Refrigerate until sandwiches are firm before slicing them into three fingers.





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THE SPARKLE EDIT

THE FESTIVE SEASON IS THE PERFECT EXCUSE TO SHINE LIKE A JEWEL FROM DAWN TIL DUSK.

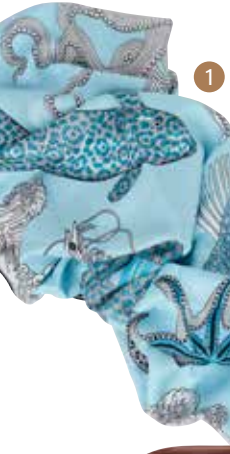
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THE BABY EDIT

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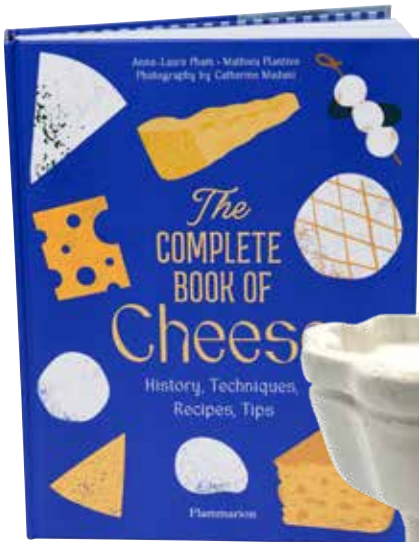
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DOORSTEP, WHY NOT GO ALL-IN ON
PICNIC PERFECTION?

BY Sarah Schmitt





Clerkenwell's



Threads of Africa

The sun is finally shining again, and there's no better way to spend a lazy afternoon in this weather than sprawled on a picnic blanket beneath shady trees, toes buried in soft grass, catching up with friends and family, or maybe just reading a really good book.

Here are some great ideas to elevate your alfresco gatherings with thoughtfully curated essentials from Subiaco's finest markets and boutiques.

Pack the Essentials

So, let's get organised for picnic season. You'll need a picnic blanket, and we love the ones at **Threads of Africa** (look for the one with the 'Mungo' embossed leather strap), located at Subi Farmers Market, with soft pastel designs that add a touch of luxury. Close by, **Tribal Village** has stunning handwoven baskets, perfect for carrying your supplies.



STOCK UP ON MARKET DAY

Discover beautiful picnic blankets from Threads of Africa, woven baskets by Tribal Village and an impressive selection of international cheeses at Clerkenwell's at Subi Farmers Market.



Tribal Village

You'll need sturdy food storage containers, and our recommendations are for a set of lightweight, snap-tight nesting bowls. At **Table Culture** you'll find sets of four in beautiful soft-colour palettes, ideal for packing up picnic bites. **Dallimores Homewares** also stocks beautiful picnic plates, along with unbreakable drinkware, cutlery and gorgeous paper napkins, while **Nosh Gourmet Gifts** have the most

beautiful pale pink or sage green vintage-style eskis – who says you have to compromise style when you're dining, *sur l'herbe*?

Don't forget to pack your sun-smart essentials as well. Pack a wide-brimmed hat, perhaps a UV umbrella or sandals from **Cavania** or **Dimario Italian Shoes**. Pick up travel wine glasses and a wine cooler by Huski, and don't leave without a Kollab cooler bag from **Spoilt By**

Subi. Their bright designs make every picnic feel like a celebration. As a suggestion, if picnicking with young children, pack individual lunch boxes in their own special cooler bags to avoid arguments. And, if you're after more child-themed supplies, find a selection of children's picnic bags, cosy blankets, and gifts at **Plane Tree Farm**.

Finally, being summer and sitting outside, you'll need to keep cool. Take a look at the range of flowing



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IF PICNICKING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN, PACK INDIVIDUAL LUNCH BOXES TO AVOID ARGUMENTS.



Nosh Gourmet Gifts

summer midi and mini dresses at **Chachi**, or a linen ensemble from **The Modern Boho**. For the male picnicker in your life, check out the Summer Vacation Edit range at **Flannel**.

Curate Your Spread

You won't struggle to eat like kings and queens in Subiaco - especially when it comes to fresh produce and locally made products. Back at **Subi Farmers Market**, pick up a selection of bites, from fresh sourdough at **Wild Bakery** to fresh picked produce for crudité's. Complement your selection with cured meats from **EuroChef**, and condiments from **Butler's Essentials**, or plan ahead and grab **Aurelio's** pizza bases to make your own pizza.

If bakery bites are your jam, head to **Layers Bakery** in Subi Square and grab some of their iconic Brulée Cubes for a special treat. Sweeten the experience further with pastries from **The Baking Corner** or **Crumbs Patisserie**. If you're celebrating an occasion, then **Noah's Cakery** at Subi Farmers Market makes stunning creations, while **Brownie Brothers** make the BEST brownies in the West (look out for them at **Subi Night Market**). Pick up some bottles of fresh cold pressed juice from **La Vida Vegan**.

I'd say that **Simon Johnson Providore** is a must-visit spot too for an extra gourmet picnic. Here you'll find everything from caviar to artisanal cheese, crackers and pate, perfect for a luxe picnic basket, while just down the street, **Nosh** offers ready-made hampers that include their stunning handmade chocolates.

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Casa del Dolce offer bespoke catering for a celebration-style picnic and when time is short and you only have a quick moment to catch up, consider a coffee-date picnic. Grab takeaway coffee from one of Subiaco's cafés or bring your own in a colourful travel mug from **The Clean Food Store**, and swing by **Louis Boeglin Patisserie** for delicious sweet treats or a hot chocolate. For the rest of the week, you can grab a slice of pizza from **Delisio** or a scoop or two of ice cream from **Whisk Creamery**.

Refresh and relax

Now you've sorted out your picnic essentials, and you have the food planned, it's time for drinks. James from **Prestige Liquor** in Subiaco

Village has rounded up some popular summertime drinks that would be perfect to bring along with you.

The Brown Brothers Yuzu Lemon Prosecco NV is crisp, citrusy and elegant and the perfect celebratory drink. For a lovely, relaxed summer vibe, pair your picnic with a chilled bottle of rosé or an Aperol and Soda Spritz. For those who enjoy the ease of a premix, Running with Thieves Grapefruit Gin & Soda is a refreshing choice.

Location, location, location

There is no shortage of stunning green spaces to enjoy your picnic, so whatever the occasion, Subiaco has a beautiful destination offering the perfect backdrop. **Subiaco Common** is an idyllic park with a lovely lake



and gentle birdsong, while at **Mabel Talbot Park**, you can wander the lake while you catch up with friends.

If you're planning on hosting a children's picnic, perhaps as a birthday celebration, the **Theatre Gardens** is a dream spot to host your party. There is plenty of space, trees for shade, a playground, and Bille Bob, a giant sculpture by Swedish artist Thomas Dambo for extra fun.

If that wasn't enough, there's also a pop-up coffee and sweet treats spot by **Crumbs Patisserie** under the Subiaco Arts Centre. Stock up on outdoor games from **Target**, from Totem Tennis to giant Wooden Tower sets.

However you like to enjoy the warmer months, the inspiration for your perfect picnic is right here in Subiaco. With unique shops, markets, boutiques to stunning parklands to relax in, we're truly spoiled for choice when it comes to choosing a picnic spot for all ages.



YES CHEF! Above, Joseph from Ying Yang Chef and opposite, James at Prestige Liquor will be able to help you stock the eski. Left, Lake Jualbup and Subiaco Common are great spots to spread out.

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Wedding belles

OUR LOCAL EXPERTS SPILL
THE TEA ON WHAT'S MAKING
BRIDAL FASHION HEADLINES
AS WE DIVE HEADFIRST INTO
WEDDING SEASON.

BY Lisa O'Neill



Subiaco is fast becoming a bridal fashion destination with a wide selection of boutiques ready to dress you for the best day of your life. Two of them, **Dion for Brides** and **Archela Bridal** are run by Lisa Selman, who knows exactly what Perth brides want and scours the globe to ensure she has the best gowns for them.

"I travel nationally and internationally to see the latest collections," Lisa shares. "Barcelona has a huge annual bridal fashion week which I go to every year. It's a great chance to see European designers showing there."

While Lisa loves the thrill of top designers unveiling their latest collections, she says trends are much

steadier in bridal fashions and roll through in longer and bigger waves than regular fashion.

"Bridal trends are unlike fast fashion where you see eight collections released each year, where you walk into a store and six weeks later there's a whole new collection featured," Lisa explains.

"Some of our bestsellers might be three, four or even five years old because they're classic and elegant – and we see big cyclical trends, like I got married in the early 2000s and I'm starting to see similar gowns in the last two years to the ones I tried on!"

While there's less outrageous leaps in fashion for brides, Lisa says there are certain features that are running hot and displayed in plentiful

BRIDAL PARTY Gorgeous gowns from **Dion for Brides** posed up a storm outside the Subiaco Hotel, showcasing this season's hottest looks.

TIME TO SHINE I-r: 18ct white gold marquise & round diamond ring, POA, **Ecali**; 18ct yellow and white gold alternating diamond engagement ring, POA, **Thomas Meihofner**.

variations at her stores.

"The basque waist is everywhere at the moment and probably has been for 18 months," Lisa says. "It's been strongly requested by brides so I'm expecting it will be in WA for a lot longer - although the new waistline is the dropped waist, and the straight-across waist is coming."

"With necklines, it used to be sweetheart but we've seen the cat-eye with peaks at the edge become really prominent and the straight



neckline is the look of the moment."

To round out the gown shapes, Lisa says volume is back with 'tonnes of tulle' building up the skirt. Onto material, white is the predictable shade for the Perth bride's big day.

"Colour comes in and out, but we know Perth and tend to order everything in the ivory version," Lisa says. "There are some pastel gowns coming in now from the April show, we might see some pink in Perth but our brides don't embrace colour like they do in other regions. But there's ways to bring in colour without being crazy about it, such as coloured flowers in a veil."

For brides who can't decide on which look, the transformative dress is also a hit. Rather than buy two (or more) dresses, there are multi-piece gowns that provide brides with options.

"The four-piece gown is doing really well right now, you have a

skirt and top which you wear as one look, there's a piece to go around the middle to create a ruching look and a piece to go as a tail which is tucked in as a train feature or side drape," Lisa explains. "You can add a fifth option too and transform the dress into a mini – this wasn't available when I was married."

While trends play a role in influencing your final choice, Lisa says wedding dress choice comes down to emotions and feeling like your true self.

"You can't explain why one dress will make you feel amazing versus another one, and we always tell our brides to let the stylist show you a wildcard – I was a wildcard bride!" Lisa says. "You want the emotional connection with your dress and I get goosebumps every time I see a bride connect with theirs, it still brings on tingles and joy for me."

Beyond the dress, your bridal look will become more your own as you layer it with your jewellery choice. **Dion for Brides** is currently collaborating with **Willie Creek Pearls**, and pearls are another wedding trend that is everlasting.

"Pearls have long been synonymous with bridal elegance," Willie Creek Pearls' Maddie Swan says. "Their radiant lustre complements a wide array of gown styles - the classic Australian South Sea cultured pearl strand in a princess length has been a timeless bridal favourite."

However, Maddie says trends still enter the bridal jewellery arena and they're seeing a resurgence of shorter, layered styles coming back into fashion.

"Vivienne Westwood's iconic multi-strand pearl necklace featuring her signature orb – a bold, avant-garde piece – helped reignite the bridal world's passion for opulent, layering designs," Maddie says.

"We're also seeing a rise in the popularity of huggie-style earrings, often accented with diamonds for an added touch of sparkle. This pairing not only photographs beautifully but also brings a contemporary twist to the classic bridal pearl stud - striking the perfect balance between timeless romance and modern sophistication."

Looking into the crystal ball, Maddie says Willie Creek is anticipating Keshi pearls will become a look for future brides with their individual and organic beauty.

"Their irregular shapes make them ideal for brides seeking jewellery that feels truly unique and special, offering a free-spirited and fluid alternative to traditional pearl styles," Maddie says.

In the hair and makeup world, **Circles of Hair's** stylist Ambrose Bell says this year has seen some big shifts in bridal trends.

"We usually see beachy looks in WA with long hair blowing in the wind but now, they're going for a



DIAMONDS AND PEARLS: 'Royale' 18ct Australian South Sea Pearl and Diamond Brooch; Baroque Australian South Sea Pearl Strand Necklace, POA, Linneys.



more Parisienne bride look," Ambrose says. "With the hair, everyone is going very classic, the textured and effortless look is out the window."

Ambrose says Selena Gomez recent wedding has been a style inspiration too, with her bob styled to look very 'Marilyn Monroe.'

"It's crazy, we've gone from long hair out and up looks to shorter and longer bobs down," Ambrose says. "I've also done some beautiful half up looks that are very soft, but still very put together and for any long hair, the brides are going for a ballerina bun which is completely sleek, no hair out at the front, which sits really well throughout the wedding and stays looking 'done.'"

Another hair trend which keeps Ambrose busy is changing their hair styles halfway through the big day.

"They'll have it out for the ceremony and then I'll hang around

PEARLY WHITES

A string of pearls is the classic accessory for brides through the ages - Willie Creek Pearls (above) and Linneys (top right) has some beautiful options. Right, bridal fashion from Archela Bridal.



and put it up before the reception, so it's out of the way while they party," Ambrose explains.

Make up trends have been steadier, with glowing skin reigning supreme and makeup that makes the bride look like elevated versions of themselves.

"Really nice skin that photographs well is top of the bride's list and we have some new products like contour

cream blush we paint under the foundation that achieves a really nice glow," Ambrose says. "Blush is very important to do well, without it and you'll look like a ghost in your photos!"

On the eyes, Ambrose says a look that carries well from day to night is key, with no heavy colours and the big, then little, then big again eyebrows are slimming down again.

"Bronzed eyes, but nothing too

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heavy like a smoky eye with a nude shade on the inner corner," Ambrose says. "And eyebrows, a lot of the ladies are having a smaller eyebrow again although we've learnt from the trauma of our past and they're doing them so much better now - natural colours, smaller and a little fluffed out."

Another critical wedding makeup to get right is the lip, which Ambrose advises his brides to be mindful on the colour choice.

"A nude or slightly pink lip and a gloss, don't go for a bold lip on your wedding day," Ambrose says. "I don't think a bold lip is a good choice because it can overstate everything else, like your hair and your dress - just go for nice, glossy and kissable lips! Save the red lip for your Hens, that's where you can have some fun with your makeup."



MEET the FOUNDER

Britt Mason

Juliet Studio, 177 Rokeby Road | Visit julietstudio.com.au

In the heart of Subiaco, a new kind of bridal experience is unfolding, just in time for wedding season.

Juliet Studio was born from a love of business and beauty - and from a clear vision by its founder to fill a long-overlooked gap in the bridal world.

"I wanted to create a space that feels calm, modern, and intentional - a reflection of today's understated bride," says founder Britt Mason.

That vision has translated into a serene, light-filled studio where every gown tells a story of craftsmanship and quiet luxury.

Each piece at Juliet Studio is sourced from a carefully curated selection of Australian designers - including Prea James, L'eto, and Lola Varma - celebrated for their artistry and commitment to slow, considered production.

Britt also hints at expanding the

collection soon, with international names discovered at Barcelona Bridal Fashion Week.

The 2026 Subiaco bride, she says, is leaning towards refined simplicity: clean lines, luxurious silks, and subtle detailing that feels both effortless and deeply personal.

"The brides who visit my studio are choosing something minimal and accessorising by swapping out veils, for neck scarves, shawls and detailed florals.

"There's a real appreciation now for quality and the freedom to customise."

At Juliet Studio, every appointment is private and personal.

"It's about discovering a gown that feels like an extension of yourself, not a costume," says Britt.

"We guide, never overwhelm - with a glass of bubbles, of course."

After curating more than 50 destination weddings across the globe, she's now happily grounded in Perth.

"I have been to most of the dreamier wedding destinations in the world but I got a little weary and decided to focus on Juliet rather than travelling," she admits.

However, one destination above all was a favourite - and fortunately it's possible to enjoy a taste of that country right here in Subiaco.

"Sicily will always have my heart," she admits, "but these days, my favourite spot is Joel's new Cantina next to Lulu's - a Campari spritz and anchovy toast hits the spot every time."

Juliet Studio isn't just redefining bridal elegance - it's creating space for women to embrace modern romance, on their own terms.

Say 'I Do' to High Tea at Bar Amelie

Brides-to-be, celebrate your upcoming "I do" in the most elegant way - with Bar Amelie's Afternoon High Tea in Subiaco. After you've said yes to the dress, this weekend-only experience is made for moments worth savouring.

Indulge in tiers of hand-crafted delights - from smoked salmon bagels and truffle-kissed arancini to dreamy vanilla cupcakes and Amelie's signature honey cake with chocolate honeycomb. Pair your spread with free-flowing bubbles, French sparkling or Champagne for that perfect bridal sparkle.

Whether it's a hens' celebration, a bridal shower, or a sophisticated catch-up with your wedding party, Bar Amelie sets the scene with soft light, vintage charm and warm hospitality.

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WHY I LOVE

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energy that keeps me inspired every day.

What I love most is the variety at my doorstep. You can start your day with a coffee from one of the many local cafés (there's something about the way Subi does coffee that just feels right), take a walk through the leafy backstreets or Kings Park just nearby, and then spend the evening enjoying a meal with friends at one of the local favourites.

A couple of places I always find myself going back to:

- **Juanita's** – a casual, welcoming spot with great wine and share plates. It's perfect for a relaxed evening where you just want to settle in and enjoy good company.
- **Lulu La Delizia** – hands down one of the best for fresh, handmade pasta and that cosy Italian feel. It's a little gem that never disappoints.
- **Jean-Claude Patisserie** –

a Subiaco institution where the smell of fresh pastries and bread makes it impossible to leave empty-handed. It's the kind of place that feels like a treat every time you visit.

For downtime, I love **Mueller Park**. It's a beautiful open space that really brings the community together - from kids running around to weekend picnics and people just enjoying the fresh air. It's these spaces that give Subi its character, reminding you that you're part of something connected.

Subiaco is more than just where I live and work - it's a lifestyle. It's the ability to step outside and feel part of a community, where familiar faces become friends and local businesses feel like an extension of home. That's what makes Subi special for me.

Living and working in Subiaco has always felt like the perfect balance between community and convenience. There's a warmth to the suburb that makes it feel more like a neighbourhood than just a place to pass through. Whether it's the tree-lined streets, the mix of heritage and modern architecture, or simply the buzz of people out enjoying themselves, Subi has an

Shop on the wild side

THESE UNCONVENTIONAL GEMS DOTTED THROUGHOUT SUBIACO ARE A TREAT TO UNCOVER. LET US INTRODUCE YOU TO THE QUIRKIEST BUSINESSES IN THE 'HOOD.

BY Lisa O'Neill



Blacklist Coffee Concept Store



La Vida Vegan



Annabelle Antiques and Collectibles



Lucy in Disguise

Subiaco has always been laced with unique businesses, from the days of the much-loved Pavilion Markets, the 24-hour Oriole Café and Chokey Road to now. We're spoiled for choice with entrepreneurs lining our streets with one-of-a-kind boutiques, restaurants so enticing people drive for miles to dine there and a sauna that offers hangover-free Sunday sessions (**Melt**, 8am to 10am Sundays). We also have an assortment of businesses so full of character and whimsy, we've created a Subiaco 'business with a twist' list.

Caroline's Pet Kitchen Shop 1/420 Hay Street

Is your pet your favourite family member? Same. So hot foot it to Caroline Sheng's store which is

entirely dedicated to treating your pooch or kitty cat (she's also been approached by bird mums and dads, so watch this space for bird treats). Like a lolly shop for pets, there's rows upon rows of flavour, size and chew options to have Fido sitting, staying and rolling over like a show dog. Caroline has sourced her edible treats and toys from all the best producers globally, including local business Freeze Dry Australia, and brands from New Zealand, Korea, Japan and China. For a special occasion, Caroline also creates birthday cakes that are so fancy to look at, you'll have to remind yourself they're pure kangaroo meat flavour before cutting yourself a slice. A further layer of quirky exists in Caroline's Instagram account



Annabelle Antiques and Collectibles

TREASURE TROVE
Annabelle Antiques and Collectibles is a unique place to find a one-off gift.



Annabelle Antiques and Collectibles



Julie Baker, Journeys of the Spirit

where she showcases her cakes and her own cat enjoying the shop's delicacies (see @perth_petkitchen).

Annabelle's Antiques and Collectables

54 Nicholson Road

There aren't many 84-year-olds running their own business, but Annabelle carries on working in her antiques and collectables store purely for the sheer delight of her work. For 30 years, Annabelle has been operating from her pretty shop on Nicholson Road, and she's been a collector since she was 17. Dripping in quaint and quirky (just peer through the front window at the antique dolls peering straight back), Annabelle's boutique is a treasure chest with a charming variety of wares.

Beyond the dolls, you'll find jewellery, glassware, beads and water colour paintings for sale here and if you're lucky, an enthusiastic greeting from Anna the silky terrier. Annabelle's is only open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10.30am until 3pm, so pop a visit into your calendar for the collector in your life.

Journeys of the Spirit

Visit journeysofthespirit.com.au

Holidays, no matter where we venture, provide a fresh perspective on the world. However, Julie Baker's business offers travellers the possibility of a spiritual transformation via her curated trips among the world's most sacred cultures. Julie has worked in travel since the 1980s and always focused

her work on her passions, whether it was scuba diving or fine food and wine travel. She always had a special spot for spiritual wellness, so for 28 years her work has been creating a mixture of small group and private journeys in specific energy locations (from Sedona, home of three Native American tribes to the Arctic Circle to witness the magic of the Aurora Borealis).

Each year, Julie offers 16 departures to all corners of the earth led by a variety of guides, each offering their own brand of spirituality and wellness, and local guides who immerse you in their culture.

This is no ordinary travel agency, as stepping inside Julie's world will lead you one step closer to discovering yourself.



La Vida Vegan

La Vida Vegan

60 Coghlan Road

Subiaco houses Perth's only 100 per cent vegan grocery store and it's a dreamy experience for those who eat plant-based food. La Vida Vegan's fridge section has countless dairy-free cheeses and plant-based protein options while dry shelves are heaving with pantry and bulk food products with a variety extending far beyond regular supermarkets (some cater to gluten-free dietary requirements, too). The store has a small fashion section, largely dominated by the organic bamboo clothing brand Boody, and beauty products like vegan collagen eye masks. If all the shopping makes you hungry, the bakery section is made up of delights such as red velvet cupcakes with cinnamon cashew cream frosting and peanut butter chocolate fudge brownies. It's a grocery store experience that you leave feeling like a better person, with all its products guaranteed to be cruelty free and sustainable.



Blacklist Coffee Concept Store



La Vida Vegan

Blacklist Coffee Concept Store

439D Hay Street

We are spoilt for choice in Subiaco for perfectly-made coffees, this is true. However, the pared back simplicity of Blacklist insists its patrons pay attention to the mastery put into every cup here. There are no newspapers strewn across tables and in a shocking state of affairs during my visit, nobody in Blacklist even glanced at their phone. Instead,

guests were quietly conversing while experiencing every mouthful of their beverage. When I sipped my Blacklist Monty, I too might have experienced a special frisson. The strong and icy cold brew was perfectly paired with its frothy blanket of vanilla cream, dusted with dark chocolate, orange zest and nutmeg.

Blacklist strays from the usual café model, it's more like a winery's cellar door and encourages coffee tasting sessions where they guide

you through a selection of blends. However, if you're in the mood for just one and it's a Perth scorcher, sit down for an icy 'Monty' and focus all your senses on it.

Lucy in Disguise

3/144 Rokeby Road

Can you even call yourself a Subiaco resident if you haven't done a mad dash to Lucy in Disguise for a last minute but totally fabulous outfit for a dress up party? Far from a generic costume hire, this retro boutique allows you to rummage back through the decades to achieve a super chic outfit from the 1920s and beyond (the selection of flapper dresses is particularly impressive).

It's also once of Subiaco's original second-hand fashion boutiques and has all sorts of vintage gems to purchase including dresses, jackets, boots and handbags.



Lucy in Disguise



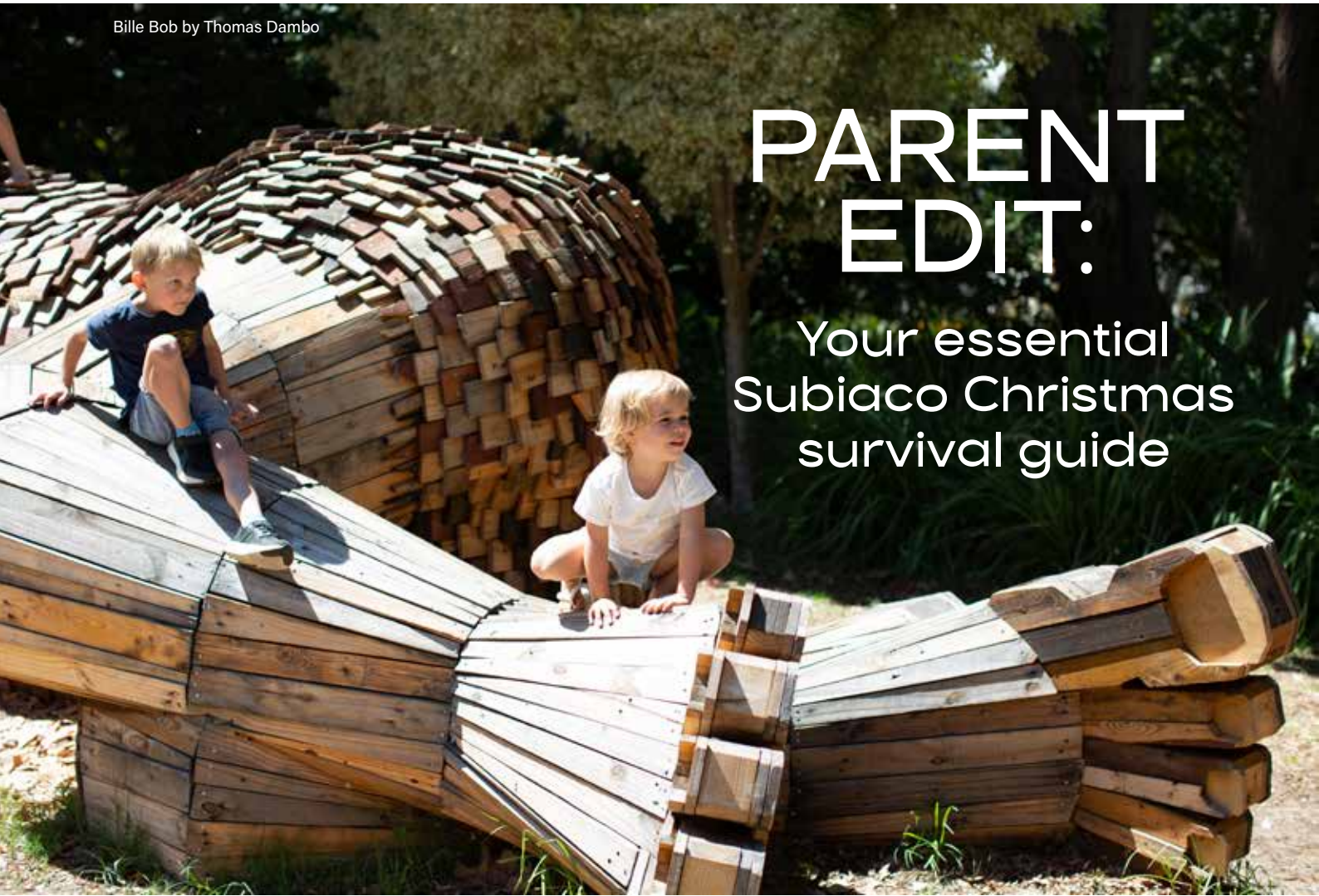
Lucy in Disguise

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Bille Bob by Thomas Dambo



PARENT EDIT:

Your essential Subiaco Christmas survival guide

NEED SOME IDEAS TO KEEP YOUR LITTLE ONES AMUSED OVER THE LONG, HOT SUMMER HOLIDAYS? FEAR NOT – MOTHER OF THREE (INCLUDING TWINS) BROOKE HUNTER IS HERE TO HELP.

Parents across the City of Subiaco are breathing a collective sigh of relief as the sun appears once again and the chance of rain finally fades away.

It's the season for park plays, ice cream dates and community adventures that little feet can scoot or ride to.

With leafy streets, wide open spaces, and plenty of hidden gems to explore, there's something for every age and stage right here in your own backyard.

Play and explore

If your little ones love nature play and outdoor adventures, Subiaco's

playgrounds are bursting with plenty of shade and space to run around.

- **Subiaco Theatre Gardens** – Let the kids splash by the running creek or explore the nature play space inspired by water, sand and trees. Don't forget to find Bille Bob, the Subiaco Giant, tucked away in the greenery!
- **Mueller Park Playground** – With some of the most beautiful trees in Subiaco, this expansive park boasts a fully enclosed playground, great for younger explorers.
- **Lake Jualbup** – This green space is a local favourite for birdwatching

or relaxing under the shady trees. See if you can spot any different birds or turtles paddling across the lake.

Get active

When the weather gets a little too hot for outdoor play, there's no shortage of ways to get little bodies moving.

- **Lords Gym Jungle Sports** – Indoor fun for energetic kids who love to run, jump and tumble, especially on hotter days.
- **Subiaco Kindergym at PCYC** – A fun way for tots to move and play. Sessions run every weekday at 9.15am for under two's and 10.30am for children aged two to five.
- **Subiaco Primary School Pool** – For a small fee, local residents can use the pool during the summer holidays.



Whisk Creamery

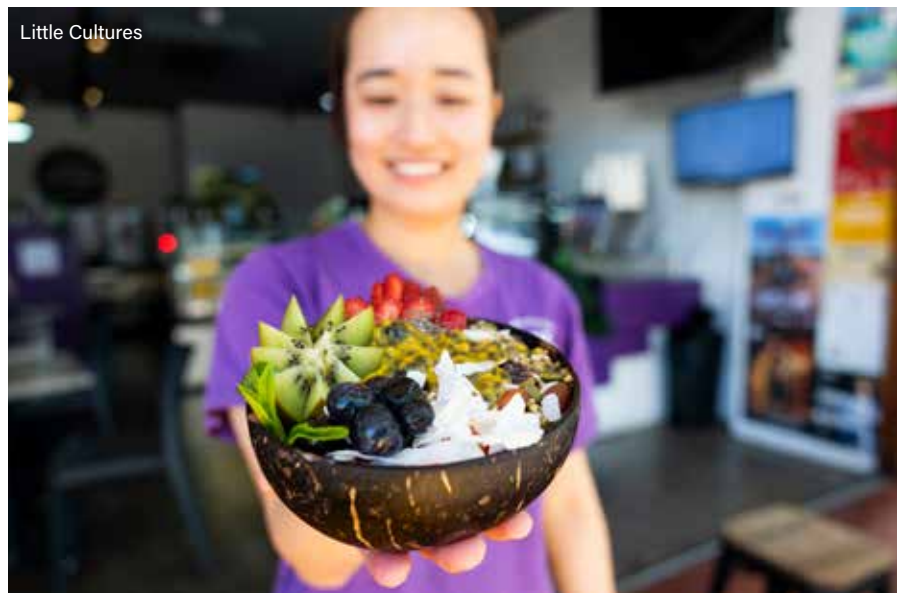


STICKY FINGERS WELCOME

Climbing on Bille Bob, grabbing an icy treat or wandering around Subiaco's painted streets are all top of the list of must-do's this summer for kids.



Roby Café



Little Cultures

Community activities

Explore Subiaco's family-friendly community activities, perfect for curious minds and growing imaginations.

- **Subiaco Library** – Rhymetime, Storytime and after-school activities keep kids of all different ages and abilities entertained.
- **Self-guided art walk** – Discover Subiaco's colourful street art along the way (map available: seesubiaco.com.au/event/no-more-blank-walls-subi).
- **Six Seasons Bidi Trail** – Providing the



No More Blank Walls Street Art

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perfect flat surface for scooting or riding, the whole family can explore the Six Seasons Bidi Trail celebrating Noongar art at Subiaco Oval.

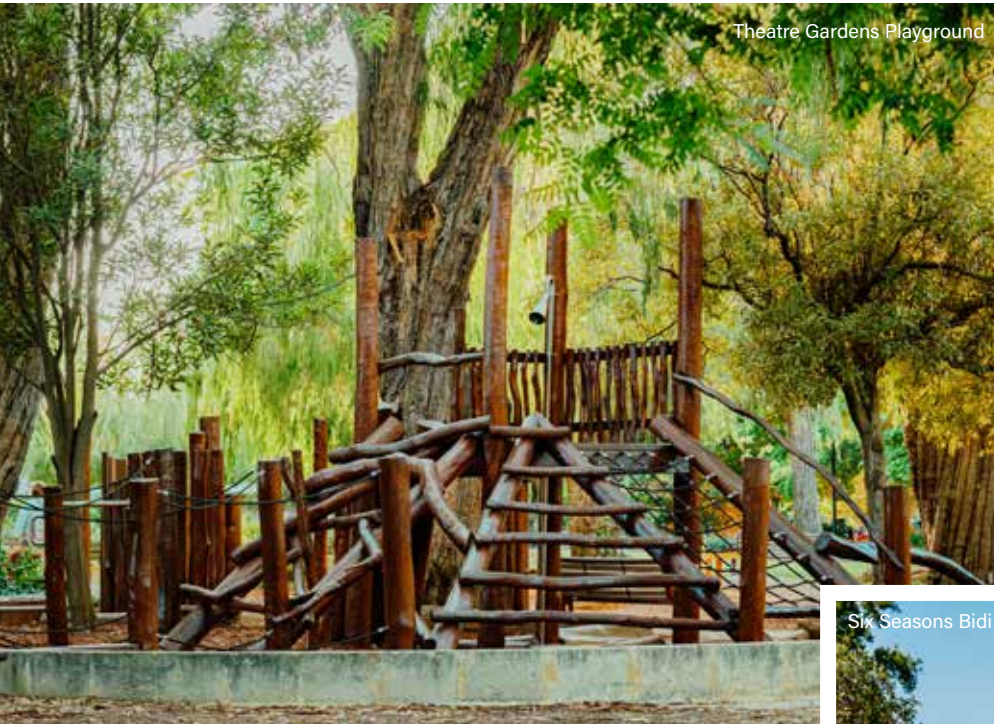
Sunny day treats

After all that exploration and fun, a sweet treat or a babycino is a must!

- **Whisk Creamery** – Build your own

decadent creation, plus there's a big blackboard for kids to draw on.

- **Little Paris Creperie** – Delicious French crepes - choose your favourite topping and enjoy.
- **Pitcher and Iron** – Belgian-style waffles and milkshakes reminiscent of the old days.
- **Little Cultures** – Making froyo right before your eyes, this vibrant spot has a welcoming vibe.
- **Roby Café** – Mouth-watering waffles, ice cream or sweet bites the whole family can enjoy.
- **Pobbles Café** – Named after two dogs, Popcorn and Bubbles, Pobbles Café is a spacious place to bring your little ones and furry companions along.
- **The Little Pantry** – With a cute outdoor area, the Little Pantry offers a spacious place for the whole family.
- **Crumbs Patisserie** – In Theatre Gardens, choose from a daily list of toastie specials - and biccies for pooches too.



Theatre Gardens Playground



Six Seasons Bidi Trail



Lake Jualbup





Q&A

with Holly Campbell

Creative Learning Coordinator at Sensorium Theatre

What inspired you to bring the Sensory Rhymetime sessions to Subiaco Library?

Sensorium Theatre partners with libraries to bring sensory storytelling to children with additional access needs and provide customised programs and mentoring for staff. Last year, we partnered with Subiaco Library to deliver a monthly six-month series, building strong connections with local families and equipping staff to create their own multi-sensory rhyme time sessions.

How do these sessions help little ones of all abilities connect with songs and stories?

Our sessions are designed for children with additional needs and use rhythm, repetition, music, movement and sensory elements so each child can connect with the story. They celebrate movement and exploration, creating an inclusive environment where every child can engage in their own unique way.

For families thinking about coming along - what kind of sensory experiences can they expect?

Sensory Rhymetime sessions spark all the senses, with things to touch, taste, smell, hear and see, introduced slowly so children can engage at their own pace. Adults can expect to get involved by modelling play and supporting their children's engagement in a safe, welcoming environment.

Do you have tips for parents or carers on bringing the magic of sensory play home?

- Use the senses: Think about ways to include smell (like herbs or spices), touch (like soft fabrics or water play), sight (lights, colours), sound (instruments or simple rhythms), and even taste (safe food play) into your daily play.
- Follow your child's lead: Notice what captures their attention — is it movement, music?
- Be present: The most magical part

Sensory Rhymetime at Subiaco Library

Monthly on Mondays, Subiaco Library facilitates a Sensory Rhymetime designed for children with disability.

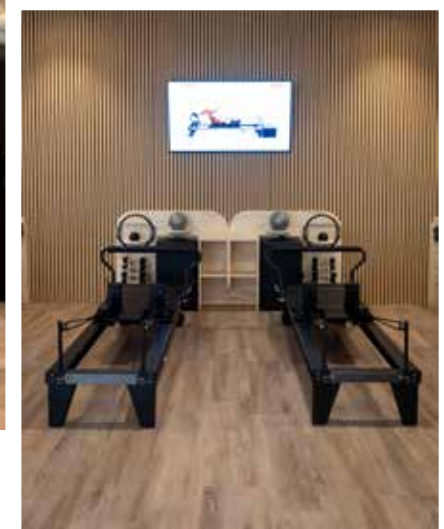
Families are invited to come along, join in the fun, and experience a magical, multi-sensory approach to songs and stories. It's a beautiful way to connect, play, and spark little imaginations right in the heart of Subiaco.

Find out the next Sensory Rhymetime sessions at subiaco.wa.gov.au.

- of sensory play is the connection it creates between you and your child. Sit with them, explore together, and follow their curiosity!
- Keep it simple: A scarf, a spoon, a song — these everyday items can become powerful sensory tools.
- Above all, remember there's no "right" way to play. Just being in the moment, engaging with your child's world, is where the magic happens!



Pronto Pilates



FIT FOR PURPOSE

BY Lisa O'Neill

IF 2026 IS YOUR YEAR TO IMPROVE YOUR FITNESS LEVELS, THEN THERE'S NO EXCUSE NOT TO PULL ON THOSE LULULEMONS. SUBIACO HAS A HEAP OF NEW GYMS, SPORT GROUPS AND STUDIOS TO CHOOSE FROM.

Pronto comes to Subiaco

Inconvenient timing just became one less excuse for your fitness campaign – **Pronto Pilates** has arrived in Subiaco and runs 45-minute classes from 5.15am until 10.30pm seven days a week. Taking an instructor out of the equation, the reformer Pilates classes are screen-led which makes memberships a fraction of the cost of typical studios. The beautiful new Subiaco location is tucked in behind **Pavillion Fresh Market by MCQ** so parking is easy too. With all the hurdles removed, just sail into Pronto and give Pilates a shot this summer.

Pronto Pilates
375B Roberts Road, Subiaco.



Tahlia Jeffery,
Freemove Reformer
Pilates

Freemove brightens Bishop Street

Jolimont's received an upgrade via the prettiest Pilates studio, designed entirely around making visitors feel welcome and uplifted before they get a sweat on. Natural-stone clad walls, soft lighting and just a few mirrors (for form checking) make **Freemove** a heavenly addition to the Subi Pilates scene. Owner Tahlia Jeffery fell in love with Pilates in her own healing and wellness journey, and now loves teaching and mentoring others to help her clients feel "accomplished, capable and proud" with the signature Freemove muscle burn. Tahlia's creating a community via Freemove with many clients enjoying a class before heading to the nearby **Bishop Street Café** for a coffee and a chat.

Freemove Reformer Pilates
23 Bishop Street, Jolimont.

Urban Rec = sport but make it extra fun

This sporting club from Canada might just be the missing piece in the Perth sporting scene puzzle and it's coming to Subi. If you're sick of getting bulldozed in footy and netball with whistle-happy umpires barking orders at you, jump into an **Urban Rec** league where fun vibes reign supreme. This social sporting club is focused on an 'inclusive and casual environment' where beginners are coached and encouraged by the friendly referees. Choose from traditional sports netball and basketball, the more recent phenomenon of pickleball, or a multisport league

that rotates European handball, futsal, volleyball, dodgeball and pickleball. Rope in some like-minded mates to make a team or sign up solo and the Urban Rec team will sort you out for the 10-week season. Aside from the weekly game, Urban Rec organises social outings at local businesses so players can celebrate epic goals/baskets/rallies over a well-earned drink. **Multisport and pickleball leagues are on Mondays at Perth Modern School, netball is at Matthews Netball Centre on Thursdays and basketball is at Bob Hawke College on Mondays.** Visit urbanrec.com.au.

Chris Bien from Urban Rec





Sense of OCCASION

IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO HOST A SOIRÉE THIS SUMMER, LEAN ON SOME SUBIACO FAVOURITES TO ENJOY THE WHOLE THING AS MUCH AS YOUR GUESTS WILL.

BY Lisa O'Neill

Organising a shindig is no small feat, but it can be a whole lot of fun with the right suppliers and support network. Fortunately for Subi locals, herein exists a company that knows all there is to know about hosting an event to remember for all the right reasons.

Perth Party Hire has been around since 1958, although in the early days it was known as Hendie's Hire Service after its original owner, according to current co-owner Michael Fish.

"Mr Hendrix started Hendie's Hire Service in 1958 on Rokeby Road near the bike shop. He ran it with his daughters who called him Old Man

Hendie," Michael says. "I was the fifth owner with my father-in-law when I bought it in 1988 and by that time, it had moved to Nicholson Road."

After Michael's father-in-law retired, he merged forces with Mal Thomas from Claremont Party Hire in 2001 and these two very passionate humans remain doing what they love to this day.

"Over 30 years in the business and I still enjoy coming to work every day," Michael says. "If you don't have a clue about a big event, the team here understands all the logistics and provides great advice, and you get everything delivered and picked up by the same company."

Between Michael and Mal, they've helped create just about any event you can imagine from birthdays to weddings, business functions to election day gigs. In 2013, Hendie's didn't make sense anymore so they

rebranded to what it is today.

"We bought the domain name Perth Party Hire and shot up to the top of google search!" Michael says, laughing. "In the old days, it was all very local but because of our central location, we get a lot of interest from far and wide."

With thousands of trestle tables and chairs in their warehouses (the Nicholson Road location is their showroom) amongst small items like glassware to large such as fridges and portable ovens, Perth Party Hire has everything you'll need to cater for the masses.

To speak with Michael, Mal and the rest of the friendly team, visit 103 Nicholson Road, Shenton Park or call (08) 9382 2088.

FOOD

If it's the thought of cooking for a crowd that's keeping you up at night, Subiaco also houses plenty of catering businesses to lighten the load.

Cupid Catering

14C Hood Street, Subiaco

Cupid Catering Owner Amanda



Lummis knows good food and how to create it for the masses. Her career began as a teenager working in her family-owned Fast Eddy's in the city (for the uninitiated, an iconic restaurant that was a must-do before concerts and big sporting matches at RAC Arena) and evolved to cooking for royalty, international heads of state and more at many large and intimate private functions. Now, Subiaco hosts her catering business so you can serve her delicious



creations to your own cast of 'royal' guests, from platters and light bites to plated meals.

Casa del Dolce

85 Rokeby Road, Subiaco

Literally named the 'house of sweets', there's more to this little Italian addition to Rokeby Road than sugar fans. Teresa Strangio may have established a devoted fan base for her cannoli but she's also a dab hand at creating gorgeous bespoke special occasion cakes, gourmet biscuits (try the Fior di Mandorla), as well as homemade pasta and other Italian treats.

Sushi Izu

**29 Station Street, Subiaco
(inside Woolworths)**

When you need to fill up a crowd, there's nothing like good Japanese with an abundance of rice and tasty fillings. The sushi platters from Izu are creative masterpieces with even the staple of teriyaki chicken getting a 'crunchy' glow up. Go for a simple platter laden with a variety of fillings or try the spectacular Party Tray Yon which makes a great table centrepiece with items like dragon chicken katsu, mango panko prawn rolls and Mount Fuji spicy salmon rolls. And for the optimistic host, you can order Sushi Izu platters the day before your party.

Perth Party Hire





HOME INSPIRATION Starts Here

HOME BASE DESIGN & BUILD CENTRE IS A ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR ALL THINGS INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR DESIGN – IN THE HEART OF SUBI.

As the pace of the year slows and summer holidays draw closer, thoughts often turn to home – and the projects we’ve been meaning to start all year. Perhaps 2026 will finally be the year the dream build or long-overdue renovation moves from “maybe someday” to “soon.”

Whatever your home project plans, Home Base Design & Build Centre in Subiaco is the perfect place to get inspired, get informed ... and get the project started!

Proudly independent and locally owned since its inception in 1988, the

centre has been a trusted destination for Perth homeowners, renovators and industry professionals for almost 40 years, and a staple of the Subiaco area.

Three levels of displays and showrooms offer thousands of products and ideas for every home style and project type. Visitors can browse at their own pace, chat with in-centre experts for specialist advice and collect samples, swatches and brochures to take home.

On Brand

Never before have so many local and national names in design and building been housed under one roof, helping to make the centre Australia’s largest building, renovating, decorating and landscaping destination.

Key showrooms include Midland Brick, Caesarstone, Gainsborough,

Kresta, Laminex, Jason Windows, Euro Appliances, James Hardie and Smartstone, among others.

“One of the best things about Home Base Design & Build Centre is being able to see and compare products and materials in real life,” says Crystal Roberts, Marketing and Education Manager.

“Seeing colours and feeling textures is a natural starting point, but it’s also about understanding functionality. It’s one thing to look online, but another to physically open and close a bifold door to experience how it moves or stand at different kitchen benches to see which height suits you best.”

Fresh Faces

Recent showroom additions include De Dietrich Australia, a premium French appliance brand recognised

for its sleek design and advanced European cooking technology. With its first Perth showroom exclusive to Home Base Design & Build Centre, De Dietrich brings a new level of innovation and luxury to WA homes.

Two more signature brands now calling Subiaco home are ABI Interiors and Nero Tapware. Their extensive showrooms offer the latest finishes and styles in tapware, showers and accessories for kitchens, bathrooms and laundries.

Also new to the centre is Stone Ambassador, showcasing architecturally inspired porcelain and Vitrified Compact Surface products ideal for benchtops, splashbacks and vanities.



Master the Basics

Before diving into a new project, it's always worthwhile to take the time to learn the fundamentals.

Home Base Design & Build Centre offers a range of inspiring courses and masterclasses, presented by local industry experts and designed to provide practical advice and real-life application.

From owner-building and garden design to hands-on workshops in colour theory, there's something to fill every knowledge gap and give you the confidence to tackle your project.

(Free) Hour of Power

If your builder's pre-start meeting is approaching, paint selections are keeping you up at night, or you're

unsure about your new kitchen layout, a Meet the Designer consultation could be just what you need.

One-hour sessions are available every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. You'll walk away with practical advice and an expert opinion — and it's completely free.

Subiaco Services

As well as Perth's go-to destination for design and building, Home Base Design & Build Centre has also become a thriving lifestyle and services hub in the heart of Subiaco.

Pick up gourmet groceries at **Growers Lane**, fit in a workout at **DFRNT Health and Fitness**, or take care of life's essentials with **Roanco Dental, Impeccable Hand Car**



Wash, Petbarn and Greencross

Vets. The Subiaco Bunnings store is also conveniently located on-site.

From first ideas to full steam ahead, Home Base Design & Build Centre is the only place big enough for your dream home project.

Visit **55 Salvado Road, Subiaco** or homebaseperth.com.au



GLOW GIRL
Beverly's treatment at Skin Ave Co was a resounding success.

Ready for the ultimate glow? Meet Skin Ave Co...

I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT SPENDING TIME AND MONEY ON SKINCARE TREATMENTS ISN'T JUST IMPORTANT SELF-CARE, IT'S SELF-INVESTMENT.

If you're feeling a little lacklustre post-winter and need to get your glow on for summer, allow me to introduce you to Subiaco's newest beauty kid on the block - **Skin Ave Co.**

Tucked away on Hay Street, walking into this serene beauty studio instantly makes your shoulders drop and the stress melt

away. I couldn't wait to enjoy an hour and a half of purely indulgent me time.

Owner Trish Medwin has created Skin Ave Co. to be totally bespoke to client's needs and she says they are the "muse".

My treatment starts with a skin consult, with the fab new Observ520 skin analysis machine which allows my skin expert to see how deep any pigmentation and sun damage is and highlights any trouble spots. It's slightly confronting because it's an extreme close-up of your skin, but it also allows Skin Ave Co. to make sure they're targeting the right areas with the right treatments.

For me, we decide to go with the carbon laser treatment, plus a

touch of LED and some dark spot treatments.

Then I get to lie down and relax as the laser treatment begins. I can feel a slight zapping sensation on my skin, but it's not uncomfortable, then I get treated to the LED machine and finally a few dark spots get the special treatment.

It's all super relaxing and I feel fabulous when the treatment is done - and because there's no down time, I can go about the rest of my day without worrying about post-treatment skin. Afterwards I relax in the client lounge and enjoy a cup of herbal tea, while my skin expert talks me through aftercare and how my skin's glow will progress in the next few days.

Masters of their craft and magical at creating tailored transformations just for you, Skin Ave Co. is a welcome addition to the Subiaco beauty scene.

And if you're exploring regenerative injectables, you're in safe hands with the cosmetic nurses at Skin Ave Co. – all cosmetically trained, they can help completely refresh your look with skill, expertise and care.

Post-treatment, my skin is glowing and I'm already planning my next visit.

If you're looking for a bespoke treatment, backed by science to love the skin you're in – I recommend you walk right on in because Skin Ave Co. take what they do seriously, and



Q&A

with Skin Ave Co owner Trish Medwin



What's the Skin Ave Co. point of difference?

Our clients are never just a treatment on a schedule; they are our muse. Every detail, from the consultation and treatment plan to the way we

welcome you into our space, is shaped around you. We want our clients to pause, slow down, and truly take a moment for themselves. Our space is designed to feel like a breath of fresh air from the constant hustle and bustle of everyday life. We're about creating treatments and experiences that don't just enhance your skin but elevate how you feel. We blend medical precision with artistry to achieve results that feel effortless, harmonious, and uniquely yours.

What were you hoping to create in Subi, that didn't already exist?

Honestly? Subiaco didn't need another skin clinic ... it needed a different kind of experience. I'm someone who truly thrives on looking after others, and I wasn't interested in simply opening another clinic. I wanted to create a space that feels like an exhale. Somewhere you walk into and immediately feel a shift - calm, cared for, and most importantly seen. Skin Ave Co. is about slowing down, feeling good

in your own skin, and knowing that every treatment is designed with intention. That didn't exist here before, so I built it.

How do you hope clients feel after a Skin Ave Co. treatment?

I want all our clients to feel like they've stolen a moment just for themselves - a pause from the noise, the demands, and the expectations. It's not just about glowing skin; it's about that lift in your chest when you realise you matter, your confidence quietly shifts, and you leave feeling lighter.

The one thing you wish all your clients knew about skincare

That it's not just about the products you put on your skin, it's about understanding your skin as a living, dynamic organ. Every choice, from what you cleanse with to how you protect it from the sun, how you sleep, and even how you manage stress, impacts its health, resilience, and radiance. Skincare isn't a quick fix or a trend; it's a lifelong conversation.



CHERYL BURTON HAS BUILT AN EMPORIUM OF TREASURES AT KÚL KÚL - THE PERFECT SPOT TO PICK A SPECIAL GIFT FOR YOUR FAVOURITE PERSON. *BY* Brooke Hunter.

Kúl Kúl is such a vibrant part of Subiaco's retail scene. What first drew you to set up shop here?

I bought Kúl Kúl as an established business in Subiaco. I have never thought of moving from Subi, it's been home to us for 21 years.

How would you describe the personality of Kúl Kúl to someone walking past for the first time?

Calm, clean and considered. Come in and lose yourself for a while. We work hard to make it feel like a home, not a shop.

What's one jewellery item in store right now that you're most excited about?

I get excited about all jewellery, I bought a jewellery shop! Asking what makes me most excited is like asking who's my favourite child. Many of our designers have new collections, and our local artisans are also producing exceptional pieces that genuinely excite me.

Subiaco has so many great cafés. What is your go-to for a morning coffee or weekend brunch?

I love a coffee from Simon Johnson, but if I have time to sit and enjoy before we open, The Baking Corner, just over the road.

When friends visit from outside Subi, where do you like to take them for a true taste of the neighbourhood?

For lunch, Bar Amélie. For a quiet catch-up, Cherubino's. And on a perfect early evening, Juanita's. So much choice in Subi!

Do you have a favourite hidden gem in Subi that we should know about?

I love a walk down Rokeby Road. Taking in its blend of heritage façades and modern spaces filled with cool little shops and lots of colourful locals.

Christmas in Subiaco has such a special atmosphere. How do you celebrate the season?

We love the vibe all year, but Christmas is always fun. We celebrate the season of shopping, when we get to be part of someone's experience - and I think we do well to make it stress-free.

Do you decorate the shop for Christmas?

We do! For the last three years, we've had a huge Christmas tree in store. This year we're changing it up - don't want to spoil any surprises.

What's your ideal way to spend a summer evening in Subiaco?

The Subi Night Markets are back and make a great catch-up spot with friends after work on Saturdays.

What's one surprising thing people might not know about Kúl Kúl?

We are a bricks-and-mortar store only. We don't sell online.

What's been your favourite Kúl Kúl window display so far and did the locals love it as much as you did?

We change our windows every two weeks, and I love when someone stops to see what's new. Secretly, sometimes when I'm in Subi in the evening, I stop out front to see the windows myself!

If you had to sum up Subiaco in just three words, what would they be?

Charming, vibrant, eclectic.

Kúl Kúl

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◆ LIGHTING THE WAY SINCE 1920 ◆



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