

Bookstores

Readings Carlton (58)
309 Lygon St, Carlton
An ideal Monday night in Carlton consists of a glass of wine at Heart Attack and Vine, a homemade choc top in front of a film at the Cinema Nova and a wander through Readings.

Metropolis (59)
Curtin House, 252 Swanston St, Melbourne
Tucked away on level 3 of the Curtin House, the Metropolis is an independent bookshop specialising in the best of graphic design, architecture, photography, popular culture, fashion, film, music and art books.

Everyday Coffee (60)
225 Queensberry St, Carlton
This little hole in the wall, made up of a couple of plywood tables, a La Marzocco Linea machine and a set of shelves stocked with Perimeter Books for customers to flick through, is the perfect spot for a coffee on a hot day.

The Paperback Bookshop (61)
60 Bourke St, Melbourne
The Paperback Bookshop is an independent bookshop, established in the 1960s. Squeeze through the front door and you'll find tight bookshelves filled to the brim. Open late, it's not unusual to end up shoulder to shoulder with other late night book worms eyeing off new piles of books yet to be shelved.

Architecture

Like a bit of Victorian exuberance? Wander down to the west end of Collins Street to see the Olderfleet Building (William Pitt c1890), New Zealand Insurance Building (Oakden, Addison & Kemp 1888), Record Chambers, Winfield Building (Richard Speight & Charles D'Ebro, 1891) and the Rialto Building (William Pitt, c1890).

Is the Gothic Revival your thing? Visit the extraordinary 'Gothic Bank' by William Wardell (1883–87) at 380 Collins St. Make sure you look at the Doges Palace–inspired Gothic tracery in the façade, and the fabulous iron ribs on the inside. The tellers' desk is inspired by designs from EE Viollet-le-Duc. Immediately next door is William Pitt's fabulous Stock Exchange Building (1890),

376–80 Collins St. Wander down the corridor to see the trading floor, still perfectly preserved.

Reach for the skies! Melbourne has a great set of early skyscraper designs on Swanston St. Start with the Manchester Unity Building on the corner of Collins and Swanston (Marcus Barlow, 1929), with its fabulous tower reminiscent of the Chicago Tribune Building. Next door is the Capitol Theatre (1921–24), by Walter Burley & Marion Mahony Griffin, with Peck & Kempter. The interior of the theatre (now restored), said to be Marion's work, is truly spectacular. At the end of the block is the Century Building, all white faience reaching for the sky. This is also by Marcus Barlow (1932).

Arty types rejoice. Go from cool to decon in a short stroll. The National Gallery of Victoria International is housed in a design by Roy Grounds, completed 1968, located at 180 St Kilda Rd. A blank granite façade is punctuated by a single low arch that reveals the Gallery's famous water wall (generations of kids have placed their hands on this). Inside, besides the gorgeous art is the fabulous great hall with its chunky stained-glass ceiling by Leonard French. Pop around the corner to Southbank Boulevard to see the Melbourne Recital Hall and the Melbourne Theatre Company buildings, both by Ashton Raggatt McDougall. Enjoy the University's Buxton Gallery next door, as well as its new Melbourne Conservatorium of Music Building. The NGV's Australian collection is housed at Federation Square in the Ian Potter Centre. Enter from the corner of Swanston and Flinders St to admire the whole Federation Square complex (LAB, 2000).

Education approaches and methods have changed a lot over the last 150 years and so have the vessels in which education is administered and cared for. Visit Newman College (1918) and get a sense of Marion and Walter Burley Griffin's ambition instilled in their distinctive sculptural style for the residence. Consider the State Library Reading Room (Joseph Reed, 1909), and the educational opportunities afforded within its towering, book-clad walls. A continued effort by RMIT to open up the university, and allow its arteries to double as city streets, is palpable in the recently completed New Academic Street project (2019).

Architectural education is examined in Sean Godsell's RMIT Design Hub (2012), housing research, archive, exhibitions and studio spaces. Wander up to the Melbourne School of Design (NADAAA + John Wardle Architects, 2014) and through campus to Arts West (ARM, 2017), both buildings working to embody the latest pedagogical thinking.

Art and Architecture

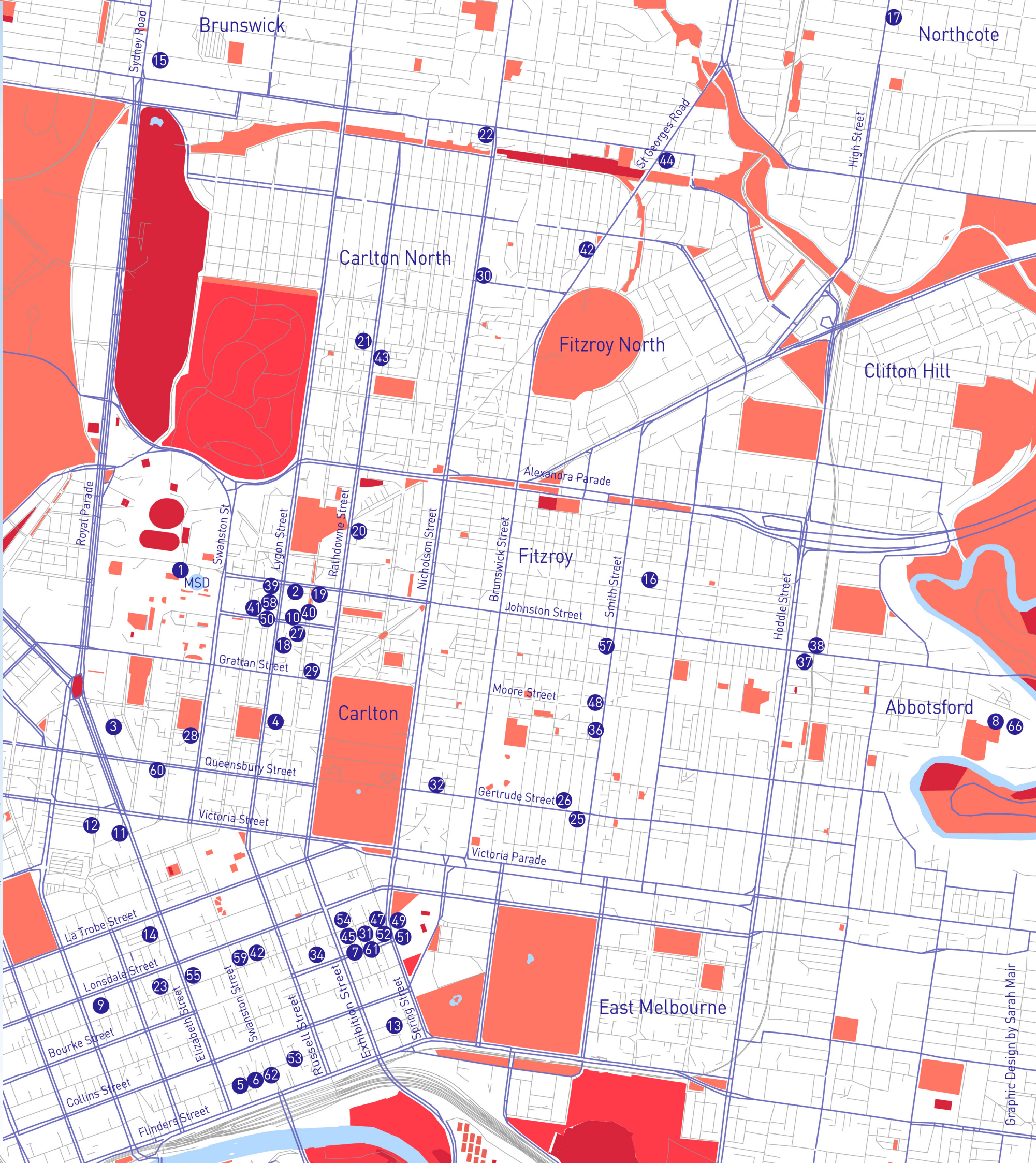
Nicholas Building (62)
37 Swanston St, Melbourne
The historic Nicholas Building is a creative hub in the heart of Melbourne. It hosts an eclectic selection of small businesses, including galleries, jewellers, boutiques and retail stores. Monday to Wednesday join Louise Klerks life drawing classes in studio 11-12 on the 4th floor. For \$15 entry, materials are provided, class starts at 7 and finishes at 9.

Mpavilion (63) Off the map.
Located in Queen Victoria Gardens, the annual architectural commission, this year designed by Glenn Murcutt, hosts a diverse suite of performances, talks and workshops that celebrate and interrogate Australian design and identity, all absolutely free. Pick up a program on site, or online.

Heide (64) Off the map.
Museum of Modern Art
7 Templestowe Rd, Bulleen
A unique modern art museum with three galleries set in 15 acres of garden 20 minutes drive from the city. Heide offers an inspiring experience of art, architecture, sculpture and social history. Pack a picnic or sample seasonal produce from the Heidi kitchen garden at the Heide cafe.

Lyon Housemuseum (65)
Off the map.
Offering a new platform for works of contemporary art, architecture and design, the new public Housemuseum Galleries are a major expansion of the Lyon Housemuseum.

Abbotsford Convent (66)
In 2004, community support saved the Abbotsford Convent – and its 11 historic buildings and gardens, over 16 acres – from development. Now the Convent is home to more than 100 studios, two galleries, cafes, a radio station, a school, and an abundance of green open space.



Coffee

Standing Room (1)
Room G01, Building 133
Melbourne School of Design
An MSD go to, Standing Room fuels creative minds across the campus. Take a moment and enjoy a coffee in a ceramic cup, with complimentary sparkling water. Feeling peckish? These friendly folks have you covered with bagels, cookies and crumpets to name a few options.

Vertue Coffee Roasters (2)
8 Raffa Pl, Carlton
This hidden cafe, down a lane behind the Shell Petrol Station, is a blue and green oasis that serves up a mean iced coffee on a hot summer’s day.

Seven Seeds Carlton (3)
114 Berkeley St, Carlton
Close to the Queen Victoria Market and the University, Seven Seeds is known for its coffee and good food. Opens 7am.

Assembly (4)
60/62 Pelham St, Carlton
This hole in the wall, with a smattering of outdoor benches, offers precise coffee and tea options with a friendly smile.

Journal (5)
253 Flinders Ln, Melbourne
The default go-to place near Flinders Lane, Journal’s menu is reliable and delicious. This is the perfect lunch spot to accompany a visit to the City Library next door.

Dukes (6)
247 Flinders Ln, Melbourne
Friendly folk and recycled timber benches (not that you can tell) line the narrow yet sophisticated Flinders Lane cafe. This now well-known and much loved coffee spot makes specialty coffee accessible to all but be warned: a visit during peak times means standing room only.

Traveller (7)
2/14 Crossley St, Melbourne
Easily missed at a glance down Crossley St, Traveller, true to its name, is identifiable by a small neon boot. This narrow (very), warm toned cafe has a uniquely nostalgic jaffle menu to complement their coffee offering, making it the perfect pit stop when out and about in the city.

Cams Kiosk (8)
1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford
Tucked away in a courtyard of Abbotsford Convent, Cams offers a relaxed spot for coffee, lunch

or an evening wine, within the bustling arts and culture hub of Abbotsford Convent. The locals suggestion: try their soup of the day and ready made sandwiches!

Patricia (9)
Little Bourke St & Little William St, Melbourne
This smart, warm coffee bar with standing room only is known for its impeccable service, straight up coffee, and a diverse crowd. Set amongst towering skyscrapers, Patricia opens out onto a laneway, more often than not colonised by long lines of folks happily waiting for a cup of joe.

Breakfast

Baker D. Chirico + Market Lane Coffee (10)
178 Faraday St, Carlton
Located next door to Baker D. Chirico’s is Market Lane Coffee’s latest pop-up coffee shop. The two purveyors are perfectly matched, providing for local coffee lovers in Carlton who can now seamlessly pick up their morning croissant or loaf of bread with their coffee.

Coffea Cafe (11)
521 Elizabeth St, Melbourne
Right on the doorstep of the Queen Victoria Market, Coffea offers market-inspired food and great coffee. Opens 7am.

Market Lane Coffee (12)
Queen Victoria Market
The perfect coffee destination in the heart of the market to bring direction to an early morning visit. If you’ve got a sweet tooth, pick up a hot jam donut at the top of the organics section while you’re at it.

Cumulus Inc. (13)
45 Flinders Ln, Melbourne
Breakfast here provides the full spectrum of possibility with everything from small pastries to the Full English. This is one of the best places to get an unhurried brunch in Melbourne’s CBD.

Short Stop Donuts (14)
12 Sutherland St, Melbourne
Here you will find artisanal donuts and organic coffee by Market Lane served in a bright, open space that looks out onto a bluestone cobbled laneway through large, timber framed windows.

Wide Open Road (15)
274 Barkley St, Brunswick
The ever buzzing Wide Open Road takes their tea and coffee seriously. Take a seat up the back

and enjoy your meal with a view of their roasting operations or grab a bag of beans to enjoy in your own time. This place is a playground for all of the senses.

CIBI (16)
33/39 Keele St, Collingwood
The smells of seasonal Japanese cooking fill the former sawtooth roof warehouse. Here a cafe, small grocer, plant store and homeware collection commingle effortlessly. If you’re stopping by in the morning, be sure to try the signature breakfast with grilled salmon, tamagoyaki, greens, rice and miso soup.

All Are Welcome (17)
190 High St, Northcote
Perched on top of the High St hill is this Northcote bakery and coffee shop. Everyday Coffee is served alongside racks filled with freshly baked bread, beautiful piles of croissants, cinnamon brioche buns, ensaimadas, medovnik and khachapuri.

Lunch

DOC Delicatessen (18)
330 Lygon St, Carlton
Here you will find fresh sandwiches made on the spot, bursting with flavour. Try something off the menu or get creative and fashion your own sandwich from Italian heaven. This is also the perfect spot to pick up a few Italian smallgoods to be enjoyed elsewhere.

Ima Project Cafe (19)
169 Elgin St, Carlton
Ima embraces the “ugly vegetables” that supermarkets refuse to take. Set lunch varies from day to day, and all come with rice, miso soup and pickles. On a hot day, try their Ramune, a type of Japanese lemonade; or, if you need, a shochu Bloody Mary.

Sushi Ten (20)
178 Rathdowne St, Carlton
This little, well lit space serves up Carlton’s best fresh sushi for lunch and dinner.

North Cafeteria (21)
17 Rathdowne St, Carlton North
This loyal local cafe always delivers, especially on coffee, despite not necessarily looking the part.

Carolina (22)
11 Nicholson St, Brunswick East
Formerly an old shoemaker’s shop, Carolina Cafe & Bar is attractive on many levels. Join

the buzzing atmosphere early in the morning or over lunch, or settle into one of their booths with a book or laptop for the more relaxed times of day.

Miznon (23)
59 Hardware Ln, Melbourne
Miznon is the perfect summer lunch or dinner spot. The Bag of Green Beans is the perfect accompaniment to a pita – the focus of Miznon.

Half Moon Cafe (24) Off the map.
13 Victoria St, Coburg
This local favourite churns out falafel and kebabs to a growing number of loyal customers. Go to dishes cost less than \$10 and the servings are generous. Early or late lunches are you best bet here, with understandably long queues a familiar lunchtime sight.

Trippy Taco (25)
234 Gertrude St, Fitzroy
In need of a fresh handheld meal? Trippy Taco on Gertrude is the perfect pit stop to fill the tanks and get you going again with a spring in your step and fire in your belly. (They produce a fantastic selection of hot sauces).

Archie’s All Day (26)
189 Gertrude St, Fitzroy
This place, with their wildly diverse menu, has something for everyone. But most importantly, \$10 Negronis all day, any day.

Dinner

DOC Espresso (27)
326 Lygon St, Carlton
DOC has earned itself a familiar and reliable status among Melburnians seeking out authentic Italian fare. Soak in the character of Lygon St, or head to their Mozzarella Bar around the corner at 295 Drummond for a more low-fuss setting.

Kaprica (28)
19 Lincoln Square S, Carlton
An absolute go to for the Melbourne design crowd, at Kaprica menus are low fuss, but high value. Here, a carafe of wine comes with a stack of latte glasses, a profile easily shuffled in the inevitable event of pizza table tetris. This place is perfect for lunch or dinner.

Mr Pietro (29)
50 Grattan St, Carlton
Out of sight but certainly not out of mind. Mr Pietro serves up sumptuous, low fuss, Italian soul food. The ragu here is heavenly,

as are their ever changing pizza offerings, straight from an open kitchen. Here you can relax into a familiar bentwood chair with a glass of carefully chosen local wine in hand.

Neighbourhood Wine (30)
1 Reid St, Fitzroy North
Neighbourhood Wine is true to its name, stocking a huge range of local and international wines alongside seasonal, locally sourced, French-style cuisine. The rough floorboards, dimly lit rooms and the shelves of smooth sounding records on high rotation make for a welcoming, and warm dinner venue.

Rice Paper Scissors (31)
19 Liverpool St, Melbourne
Here you will find exciting Southeast Asian share plates in an odd stone-and-brick space with a transportive offering of cocktails. Perfect dinner spot if you want to be a part of the laneway buzz.

Marion (32)
53 Gertrude St, Fitzroy
Marion is the sort of place you might stop for a glass, cave into a bite to eat, and resolve to stay for a bottle. The wine list is notoriously good, and the atmosphere makes you want to stick around.

Good Days (33)
165 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
An exception in Vietnamese restaurants is Good Days. Set in a small, beautifully designed space, half of the menu is vegan friendly and the other half is committed to providing meat that is ethically sourced.

Hu Tong (34)
14–16 Market Ln, Melbourne
This cosy, high-turnover eatery, serves typical Shanghainese dishes. This place does a great drunken chicken, chilli wantons and their Xiao Long Bao are not to be missed.

Mankoushe (35) Off the map.
323 Lygon St, Brunswick East
Behind this unassuming Middle Eastern bakery shop front are brothers Hady and Jad. This eatery is working hard to bring the food the two grew up with in Lebanon to Brunswick East. Be sure to try the classics, but you will not be disappointed by their specialties such as the spicy feta.

Peko Peko (36)
199 Smith St, Fitzroy
Peko Peko offers casual Japanese dining in an eclectic reinterpretation of their Smith

Street shopfront. The menu features both non-traditional dishes and classic standards (sashimi, agedashi tofu and okonomiyaki). Dive into a cold soba-noodle salad, or try the chilli tofu soba; both perfect for a hot summers day.

Rita’s (37)
239 Johnston St, Abbotsford
This popular Saturday night diner offering primarily pizza and pasta has a charming community vibe that locals can’t get enough of.

Dr Morse (38)
274 Johnston St, Abbotsford
Located under a train line, along Johnston Street heading towards Abbotsford Convent, is the perfect all-rounder. Coffee, a cold beer or a hearty meal can be acquired here in a cosy but hip setting.

Drink

Heart Attack and Vine (39)
329 Lygon St, Carlton
A bustling Carlton staple. This place was designed for those not yet ready to head home after a long day, in need of a drink and a (delicious) snack. The sandwiches and cicchetti are incredible, and be sure to grab some olives.

Carlton Wine Room (40)
72–174 Faraday St, Carlton
With a wine list that would pass as a novel, Carlton Wine Room has a wine for every meal on the menu, and every occasion. Recently renovated, the buzz of new life breathed into an old favourite is palpable.

Johnny’s Green Room (41)
Level 2/297 Lygon St, Carlton
If you’re looking for a view in Carlton, head upstairs to this rooftop bar for a cold beer or spritz in an undeniably cool setting.

Rooftop bar (42)
Curtin House, Level 7, 252 Swanston St, Melbourne
This is the crowning jewel of the Curtin House. With great views of the surrounding city it is perfect for a sunny afternoon cocktail.

Gerald’s (43)
386 Rathdowne St, Carlton North
Gerald’s is a place bursting with personality. The types here enjoy convivial, boisterous, eccentric conversations over plates of small goods sliced to order. More often than not, with a glass of wine from their glorious, 200 long wine list in hand.

Monty’s (44)
209 St Georges Rd, Fitzroy North
Monty’s is simplicity at its best. With two beers on tap, a few options in the fridge and pizzas from next door at Red Olive.

Meyers Place Bar (45)
7/24 Crossley St, Melbourne
One of Melbourne’s first laneway bars, Meyers Place Bar is back, in a new location offering a small but logical list of wines, draught beers and cocktails in a dimly lit, very (very) narrow bar.

LongPlay (46)
318 St Georges Rd, Fitzroy North
This Italian wine and cocktail bar with cosy wooden booths, serves a few things from the kitchen and hides a local cinema out the back. A perfect spot for an aperitif.

City Wine Shop (47)
159 Spring St, Melbourne
This is Melbourne’s answer to the traditional Italian wine bar that doubles as a retail bottle shop. The dishes here are meant to be shared, with cheeses from next door at Spring Street Grocer rotating regularly. Afterwards, pop next door for a quality ice cream experience at Gelateria Primavera.

Grub (48)
87–89 Moor St, Fitzroy
This place offers fantastic local, seasonal fare, but in summer, this-local favourite is best known for its shady courtyard and cool cocktail jugs served out of a 1965 Airstream van.

Siglo (49)
2/161 Spring St, Melbourne
Located above The Melbourne Supper Club, Siglo is a double frontage, rooftop terrace with views over Spring Street and Parliament House. In true Melbourne style it’s not the easiest to find; effectively hidden on the second-floor, accessed by a single inset wooden door, in between the City Wine Shop and the European.

Ice cream

Pidapipo (50)
299 Lygon St, Carlton
This terrazzo and marble wonderland is home to large ice cream making machines that produce flavours such as pistachio, rose, coconut, ricotta and fig in front of your eyes. Be warned, this place attracts long lines on sunny weekends but it is worth the wait.

Gelateria Primavera (51)
157 Spring St, Melbourne
Located next door to the City Wine Shop and at the front of Spring Street Grocer (the perfect spot for a delicious takeaway sandwich) is Gelateria Primavera. This place serves Melbourne’s best ice cream. The folks here love experimenting with flavour combinations, using high-quality, seasonal ingredients. Open late in summer, grab a cone and enjoy on the steps of Parliament for best results.

Spring Street Grocer (52)
Cheese Cellar, 157 Spring St, Melbourne
This Melbourne treasure is necessarily hidden away. The only clue to its presence is a yellow neon sign reading ‘Cheese’ suspended from the ceiling of Spring Street Grocer. If you manage to make it past the produce section, and make your way down the spiral stair, you will find friendly folk and the delicious smell of cheeses aged on site.

Shop

Craft Victoria (53)
Craft, Watson Pl, Melbourne
A basement level retail shop for contemporary Australian crafts featuring an exhibition space.

Gallery Funaki (54)
4 Crossley St, Melbourne
Gallery Funaki is Melbourne’s go to for cutting edge, contemporary jewellery. The gallery stocks a range of carefully selected pieces from an impressive lineup of local and internationally renowned designers.

Monk House Designs (55)
4 Driver Ln, Melbourne
A beautiful selection of independent designs from Australia and the world.

Mr Kitly (56) Off the map.
381 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
Hidden above a fabric store on Sydney Road, this gem is filled with ceramics, books, jewellery, plants and textiles from around the world, as well as a diverse program of paintings and sculptural installations.

Modern Times (57)
311 Smith St, Fitzroy
An iconic Melbourne design destination. Here you can peruse mid-century and vintage European design furniture and contemporary Australian art and design objects.