



# ARDEN PARK

NORTH MELBOURNE

GUIDE TO NORTH MELBOURNE



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*Green public space has been a cornerstone of North Melbourne's town planning for centuries, with large public parks, dog parks, children's playground, wide tree lined boulevards and underutilised road verges converted into ecological reserves.*







## CODE BLACK

The much loved Brunswick coffee roaster and cafe Code Black has set up a sister store on Howard Street and what a fit-out!

*We suggest –*

*The decadent toastie with double smoked grandmother ham, homemade ‘not big mac’ sauce and liquid cheddar.*



## AUCTION ROOMS

The breakfast darling of the north, Auction Rooms was awarded Melbourne’s best café in 2014 by The Age Good Food Guide and her popularity has not worn thin. This is café food taken up a notch or three with a very fine range of coffees from Small Batch Roasting Co.

*We suggest –*

*Deciding on whether you would prefer an early breakfast or a long wait. This place is very, very popular.*



## FANDANGO

A retro café that does old school cool like nobody’s business with a lovely courtyard garden out the back and super friendly staff dishing up true hospitality.

*We suggest –*

*We’ve never had a bad meal here but the falafel wrap with homemade brinjal pickle is worth getting off the lounge for. Do not skip the brinjal pickle!*





## BEATRIX

Fast becoming Melbourne's iconic go to destination for all things sweet and delicious; this teeny tiny café is bursting at the seams with old fashion cakes, baked, CWA style, fresh every morning.

### *We suggest –*

*Starting off savoury with the always impressive daily sandwich special. It's so big you can save half for tomorrow leaving room for a vanilla slice.*







## MÖRK

As an indulgent alternative to your average daily coffee fix, embark on a journey to hot chocolate heaven with an artisanal chocolate experience from Mörk.

*We suggest –*

*Starting with the signature ‘campfire hot chocolate’ complete with beech wood smoke, smoked salt and a toasted marshmallow. You’ll be back!*



*If coffee is the new Melbourne indicator of growth, there seems to be a new venue popping up every other week somewhere along Errol, Queensbridge or Victoria Streets.*

*Not that these new stores even come close to satisfying the Saturday brunch demand from the growing young professional demographic.*

*North Melbourne caters for families of all ages with highly regarded childcare facilities, primary and secondary schools and universities, all within easy walking distance.*







## JOE TAYLOR

Now this is a fully stocked bar! With a top shelf you need a ladder to reach and so many craft beers it puts those hipster joints in Fitzroy and Brunswick to shame.

*We suggest –*

*Nabbing the bench inside the window and watch the world pass by over an old fashioned.*



## THE COURTHOUSE

This is great pub food. Modern but not too modern, refined but not too refined, equally great for an impromptu beverage as it is for a special occasion meal.

*We suggest –*

*Getting in early, settling in and staying till late.*



## THE COMIC'S LOUNGE

Open six nights per week and hosting the cream of the national and international comedian crop, the Comic's Lounge is Melbourne's number one destination for a good laugh.

*We suggest –*

*A laugh a day is good for your health so enjoy comedy year round, don't just wait for the April festival.*



*Whilst North Melbourne isn't known for its bustling nightlife, there are a dozen establishments at your disposal with variety again being the order of the day.*

*Fancy a fancy cocktail? Maybe a no-nonsense local brew? Or even a decent glass of wine with a charcuterie plate to graze on?*

*It's all just a short walk away.*



## PRUDENCE

Perfectly suited to the laid back North Melbourne style, Prudence is a dimly lit, loungey bar, richly decorated with brick-a-brac and furnished with comfy leather booths.

*We suggest –*

*Embracing your anti-minimalist and enjoy a couple of great value cocktails, a slider or two and some exceptional music on vinyl.*





Popping out for some staples or sourcing the finest of culinary ingredients is easy to do when you have convenience stores, independent supermarkets and none other than the Queen Victoria Market itself at your doorstep.







## GUILD OF OBJECTS

A retail store, an exhibition space, a workshop? Guild brings together handmade ceramics, jewellery and textiles by a collaboration of local artists. Whatever it is, it really is magical.

*We suggest –*

*Getting your hands dirty and join a small class to make your own set of cups.*



## ALL THE KING'S MEN

This barber must do the coolest beard trims in town if the queues from 7am on a Saturday are anything to go by.

*We suggest –*

*Getting your name down on the blackboard, then while away your wait time at one of the local cafes.*



## LEKKER BIKES

There is no better way to scoot down to the Queen Vic or get around the inner north than on a beautifully crafted vintage bike or fixie. Born in Amsterdam, raised in Australia, LEKKER now has a concept store with all models in North Melbourne.

*We suggest –*

*Getting ready to feel the wind in your hair this summer – Ohhhh yeah!*



## KENNY AND THE SUNSHINE GIRLS

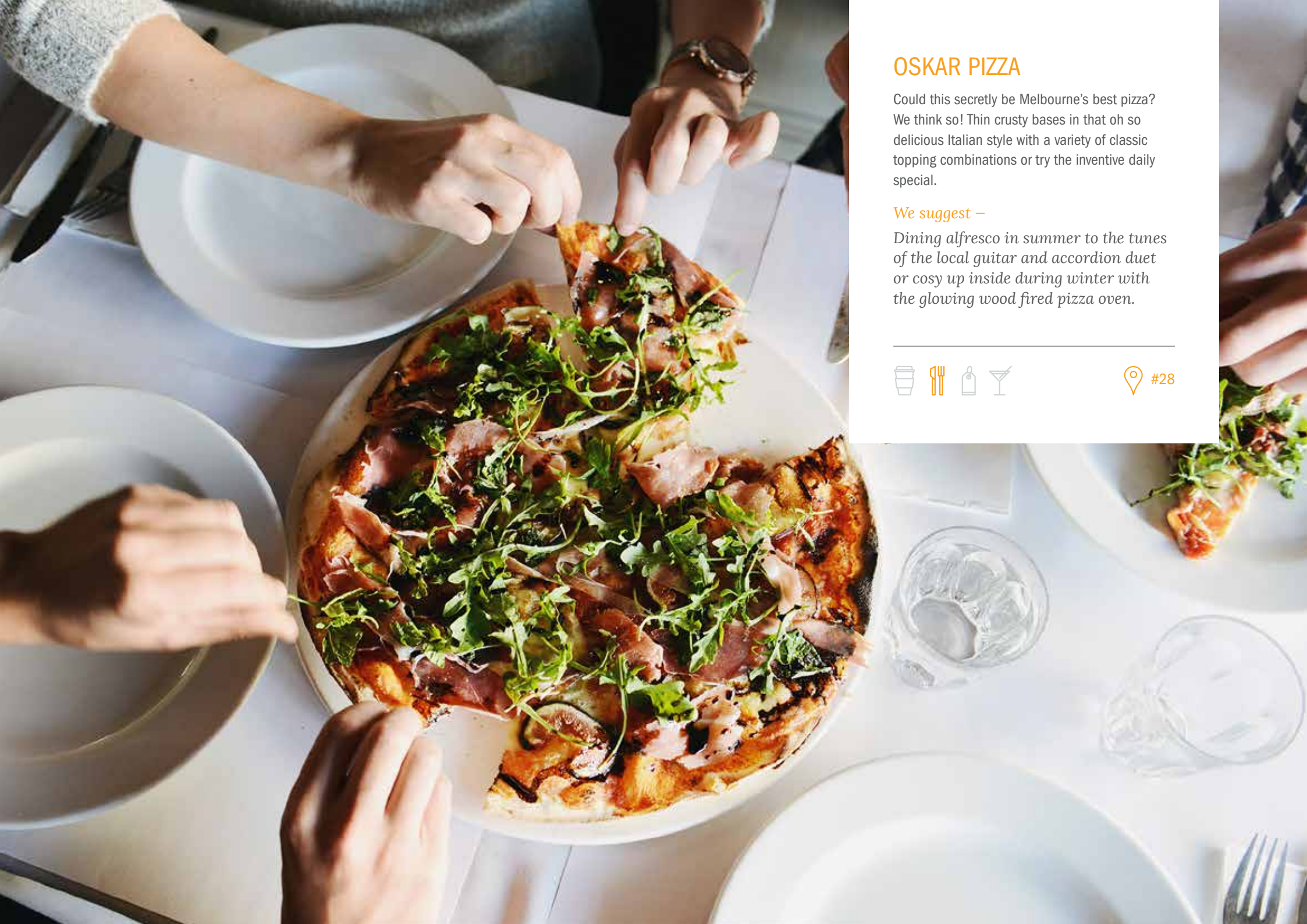
Make yourself at home in this charming vintage space, offering a wonderful, alternative to the often overly clinical super salons.

*We suggest –*

*A trip to see Kenny the budgie for your next cut. It's like visiting your nana but coming home with fabulous hair!*







## OSKAR PIZZA

Could this secretly be Melbourne's best pizza? We think so! Thin crusty bases in that oh so delicious Italian style with a variety of classic topping combinations or try the inventive daily special.

### *We suggest –*

*Dining alfresco in summer to the tunes of the local guitar and accordion duet or cosy up inside during winter with the glowing wood fired pizza oven.*





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