

05 NEIGHBOURLY LOVE

Say hello to your neighbours.

Down the road in Richmond nestled on the edge of the Yarra River is a complex as complex as its beginning. The Abbotsford Convent historically known as a place where young unwed girls went to give birth and worked in the sweat houses of the laundries, a picture painted not unequal to the era of Charles Dickens. Often their babies were whisked away during the night to be adopted out, without the mother's knowledge. A sad place to be.

Luckily, you will find no sadness now, only happiness and lots of smiles. Even if you don't want to smile, you won't be able to help yourself as you soak up the friendly atmosphere oozing with the love for art, food, wine (or beer if you prefer), good markets and friendly people sitting and wandering around enjoying each other's company with smiles on their faces and laughter in the air. The Abbotsford Convent now extends a warm hand to you to personally come and visit and be a part of this unique village.

Don't expect to pop in just a short visit, this won't happen, instead you will spend several hours exploring and soaking up the many delights that Abbotsford Convent offers you.

Wander around the C4 art gallery with regular exhibitions of emerging and established artists where 100% of profit from their art works sold, goes directly to the artists.

Afterwards, go to the Boiler Room to sit and soak up the beautiful surrounds while sipping on a pot of beer or sangria



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that both sit equally on the price of a fiver. Their food is equally well priced.

Lentil as Anything will feed you until you are full from their vegetarian buffet, and you will choose what you would like to pay for the meal. Coins or notes are equally appreciated.

Or a pie and pastry from the Convent Bakery, baked fresh on the premises each day or if you prefer to sit, a full breakfast and lunch. They also do functions. It's a bakery with a twist.

If after food for the soul, Kappaya, a Japanese soul food café restaurant will offer you plenty of divine food to please the palette. Or choose Bursaria for food to please anyone and if you love the experience of a "high tea" this is the place.

In between, the beautiful gardens are there

for you to enjoy rest or meander through.

And if that isn't enough you can browse the farmers market on every second Saturday of the month. Here you will find the healthiest of food and condiments from over sixty stalls. Or every third Sunday of the month, the "Shirt and Skirt" market that sells fashion and accessories by emerging Australian designers and the "Makers Market" for all arts, crafts and gifts with a flair.

The Abbotsford Convent is remarkable and it extends a warm and friendly neighbourly hand for you to come and visit and share this uniqueness that is so much part of our wonderful Melbourne Culture.

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