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The Glenferrie Burger Breakdown

There are eight hamburger restaurants in Glenferrie Hawthorn, colloquially known as 'burger joints'. Each offers its own unique experience depending on what you are looking for in a meal, atmosphere, or even just how much time you have to spare.

For many customers, the determining factor in their choice of burger joint is driven by what has brought them to Glenferrie. For mother Belinda and three children Sam, Ben, and Ellie, they chose to eat at **Grill'd** (754 Glenferrie Road) for the first time because "it's close and healthy". **Grill'd** was convenient because Belinda works in the area at **Swinburne University**, the kids were seeing a film at **Lido Cinemas**, and they all stopped in to **Lawrence Cycles** right next door before heading to lunch. Having tried other Glenferrie burger joints, they know there are "lots of options in the area so it's nice to try something new".

As someone who is always on the road for work, customer Craig typically stops to have a burger for lunch at different locations all around Melbourne. During his first experience eating at **L'Burger** (Shop 1/672 Glenferrie Road), he enjoyed the "relaxed and modern" atmosphere as well as the burger itself - especially the bun, which he said was

"awesome, so soft and nice". Rodney, owner of **L'Burger**, explains that they are "focused on the dine-in experience" and their tables can cater for up to 10 people along with many booths for smaller groups to enjoy.

The spaciousness of **Humburger** (789 Glenferrie Road) is a drawcard for social outings, with outdoor seating at the front of the restaurant on both the footpath and parklet as well as a "beautiful" courtyard, said owner Binod. With an exposed brick interior and open plan front kitchen, there is a spot for everyone whether they are in a rush or wanting to take their time.

Worldwide chain **McDonald's** (692 Glenferrie Road) has been serving burgers the longest on Glenferrie and is a reliable old favourite. A customer dining with their two grandchildren commented that they do not live in the area but came for the kids. She was confident the grandchildren would enjoy the food, which continues to be marketed heavily.

Across the road, Pip and Tristan had a bite before heading to a film at **Lido Cinemas**. Similarly, they were not local to the area but chose **Huxtaburger** (681 Glenferrie Road) based on "previous experience" as Pip "knew the brand because of the one in Footscray". Pip also commented on the advertising in the shop being non-aggressive, unlike other

chain restaurants, and that instead it focused on "local events and music".

The Resistance Bar and Cafe (Shop 6/672 Glenferrie Road) also likes to keep a local focus, especially when it comes to ingredients. Kulunu explained that their burger buns are "all freshly baked in-store, meat is from **Glenferrie Gourmet Meats** just down the road ... sauces we can't find in Glenferrie we find in inner Melbourne", emphasising the use and importance of "family-owned suppliers".

For local employees, burgers are a regular staple of the work week. Three co-workers who go out for burgers every week said that they have tried almost all the burger joints in the area, but keep coming back to **Ribs & Burgers** (862 Glenferrie Road) not only because "it tastes quite fresh", but because it is close to their office. This is especially important for them as they typically get takeaway and appreciate how the service is "friendly, efficient, quick... no dramas".

More unique in the area is **New York Minute** (817 Glenferrie Road) with its takeaway focus, minimal seating, and alternative operating hours. **New York Minute** is open late most nights until 3am and their highest amount of traffic comes from delivery services like Uber Eats and Deliveroo, making them a good option for late night cravings.

There is something for everyone when it comes to burgers in Glenferrie, whether you are looking for a quick bite, a comfortable seat with friends, something new or an old favourite, or simply the closest and most convenient restaurant. With the offerings available in Glenferrie, locals and visitors are bound to find the right burger joint for their needs or be inspired to keep trying something new. ■



CR WES GAULT WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS HELEN & LEO IN DECEMBER 2020, AT OSTERIA 20, 818 GLENFERRIE ROAD

Monthly Meet-Up with Cr Wes Gault: Thursday 18th February 2021, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Following December's well-attended meet-and-greet, the next community meet-up with Glenferrie Ward's Cr Wes Gault will be held in February at **Santoni Pizza & Bar**, 634 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn.

All local residents and businesses are invited to attend, have a chat, and share their ideas and thoughts for the Glenferrie Ward. No RSVP necessary, simply drop in.



CLEM FROM L'BURGER, SHOP 1/672 GLENFERRIE ROAD



TALLULAH & JAYDEN FROM HUXTABURGER, 681 GLENFERRIE ROAD



MEMBERS OF THE HAWTHORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIZ & LIBBY AT THE DECEMBER MEET-&-GREET

The Glenferrie Times is an independent publication for the traders, residents, and visitors to the Glenferrie precinct in Hawthorn.

It is produced by a small team who are dedicated to nurturing the Glenferrie community & providing a forum for the betterment of the area.

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Finding Council Public Notices

Since the termination of Hawthorn's local broadsheet the Progress Leader, the Glenferrie community looks to other sources to find information about the activities of their local government.

In Victoria, councils are legally obligated to publish public notices as part of the legal process required for a variety of local government acts, including but not limited to: making local laws; planning proposals and amendments to planning schemes; leasing, selling, or transferring council-owned land; declaring and amending special rates and charges; changes to land valuation; entering into certain contracts; and to invite public submissions on council proposals, laws, or actions.

A public notice is defined by the Local Government Act 2020 as "a notice published in a newspaper generally circulating in the municipal district of the council".

Public notices are often found in the classifieds section of a newspaper, alongside other daily information relevant to locals such as births, deaths, and marriages. Industry professionals and companies are also legally required to publish public notices in a newspaper circulated in the relevant region for activities such as: liquor, gambling, and private security licensing; planning permits and proposals; telecommunications

works; changes to rates by electricity and gas companies; and estate claims. According to the criteria outlined in the relevant legislation, a public notice is also often required to be directly delivered to the relevant parties and/or published in the Government Gazette and, in the case of local government, published on the council's website.

As of 29 June 2020, NewsCorp ceased the printing of over 100 regional and community newspapers. One of these was the Progress Leader which serviced the Hawthorn community. As a direct result of the significant reduction in local newspapers, and to relieve the financial stress on councils due to COVID-19, in mid-2020 both New South Wales and Queensland amended their local government legislation so that councils would no longer be legally required to advertise their public notices in print newspapers.

Before the Progress Leader was discontinued, members of the local community could find public notices from the City of Boroondara in the classifieds section of the free weekly newspaper delivered to Boroondara residences. The Progress Leader also specifically featured articles covering significant and locally relevant news such as council decisions.

Public notices can still be found in the two daily newspapers circulated comprehensively across metropolitan Melbourne, The Age and the Herald Sun, which are also the

government-recommended newspapers for publishing personal and legal notices. While the Herald Sun lists its public notices on their website for free to be viewed by the public, from observation, the City of Boroondara tends to publish public notices in The Age. These daily newspapers can be purchased from the **Glenferrie Newsagency** (660 Glenferrie Road), **7/11** (corner of Barkers Road and Glenferrie Road and Shop 3/672 Glenferrie Road), and the major supermarkets. Otherwise, printed editions of The Age and the Herald Sun are available to view at the **Hawthorn Library** (584 Glenferrie Road) for one week after publication, and digital copies of The Age are accessible through the council website for free with a library card. As well as publishing in the newspaper and the online Government Gazette, the City of Boroondara also lists all of their public notices on the council website. ■



CITY OF BOROONDARA PUBLIC NOTICES IN THE AGE NEWSPAPER



STREET LIBRARY, LANEWAY NEXT TO 817 GLENFERRIE ROAD

New: Glenferrie's Street Library

The Glenferrie Times has set up a Street Library in the laneway next to 817 Glenferrie Road between **New York Minute** (817 Glenferrie Road) and **Tao Tao House** (815 Glenferrie Road).

You can stop by to borrow a book or leave a book, and visit streetlibrary.org.au for more community libraries in the area.

Cancelled: 2021 Glenferrie Festival

In December 2020, the Glenferrie Traders Association (GTA) announced that the annual Glenferrie Festival would be cancelled for 2021 due to the risks and regulations surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the Victorian Government's 'COVIDsafe Summer' strategy does permit particular outdoor events, the GTA explained that the restrictions would not feasibly or adequately allow the event to operate in its usual capacity. Last year, the 2020 Glenferrie Festival reportedly drew an estimated crowd of 90,000 visitors wandering Glenferrie Road between Burwood to Barkers Roads, which is closed to traffic for the event.

The Glenferrie Festival is scheduled to resume in March 2022. In the meantime, the GTA stated they are in discussion with council to host other COVID-safe events for the community throughout the year. In addition to their annual funding of nearly \$200,000 from the Glenferrie Special Rate and Charge Scheme paid by rateable properties in the Glenferrie precinct, the GTA receives a triennial 'Vibrant Retail Precincts' grant from the City of Boroondara which allocates up to \$50,000 a year to support the operation of the Glenferrie Festival. The GTA plan to use this year's allocation of funding toward other community events, as long as they satisfy the criteria of the grant. ■



EMPLOYEES FROM THE LEAF STORE, 728 GLENFERRIE ROAD



GRAEDON FROM RED WHITE & AMBER LIQUOR MERCHANTS, 718 GLENFERRIE ROAD



KIDS CRAFT STALL HOLDER WITH MARKET VISITORS



LIVE MUSIC FROM SIMON PAPARO

Park Street Market

On 28 November 2020, the Glenferrie Traders Association (GTA) launched the new Park Street Market after the originally planned May debut was postponed multiple times throughout the year due to COVID-19.

Every Saturday between 8am and 1pm, until 27 February 2021 Park Street, a side-street off Glenferrie Road, is closed

to traffic and transformed into a small local market for the Glenferrie community. The stalls include fresh fruit and vegetables, seafood, meat and poultry, deli and baked goods, gourmet products, and fresh cut flowers from local Glenferrie traders such as **The Leaf Store, Deep Blue Sea, Glenferrie Gourmet Meats, and Panache Flowers.**

Community groups are also welcome to host a free stall at the Park Street Market. Each day of trading, there

is a dedicated market stall managed by the City of Boroondara which can be used by local community groups, school groups, and not-for-profit organisations. These community groups are encouraged to apply for the stall through the GTA website, subject to council approval.

The Park Street Market's policy is to maintain 90% of stalls offering 'fresh produce': any unprocessed fresh food for human consumption (eg. meat, poultry, fish, vegetables)

and bread and delicatessen products (eg. nuts, cheese and butter, jams and preserves, plants). The GTA does not consider applications for take-away food and drink stalls.

In light of the Glenferrie Festival's cancellation for 2021, the Park Street Market offers an opportunity for local traders and community groups to present and promote themselves to the Glenferrie community in a smaller, COVID-safe capacity. ■



KLANG & CO., OSCAR MIKE, AND OSHA THAI. DON ARCADE, 672 GLENFERRIE ROAD

Fire in the Don Arcade

On 28 October 2020, a fire broke out in the rubbish room shared by multiple restaurants in the Don Arcade next to Glenferrie Station.

The fire occurred on the same day that Melbourne's Stage 4 lockdown was lifted, allowing pubs and restaurants to re-open with dine-in customers, and caused an electrical fault forcing nearby traders on Glenferrie Road to close for

approximately two weeks. This included **L'Burger, Oporto, 7/11, and Schnitz.** Around the corner in the Don Arcade **The Resistance Bar and Cafe**, which shares the rubbish room where the fire took place, also closed for two weeks and later opened on 10 November.

Other traders in the Don Arcade backing on to the rubbish room were not so lucky. **Oscar Mike, Osha Thai, and Klang & Co.** suffered from severe smoke damage requiring rewiring, re-painting, and deep cleaning



INTERIOR DAMAGE IN THE RUBBISH ROOM (SOURCE: INSTAGRAM - @THERESISTANCE_BARANDCAFE)



works, with no noticeable repair or refurbishment works throughout November or December. After initially posting that they would be closed for one week, **Osha Thai** updated in a Facebook comment that they hoped to re-open in late January.

Oscar Mike have served coffee to the Glenferrie community from the Don Arcade since 2012. On 7 November 2020, the cafe's owner Cavin started a GoFundMe donation page to help cover the significant

costs of the repairs required to re-open, explaining that "insurance isn't covering much of the loss". By December, community donations to the 'Oscar Mike Fire Recovery Fund' surpassed its \$8,000 goal.

While there is no telling exactly when these refurbishment works will be completed, we hope to see these Glenferrie traders reopen as soon as they can - perhaps with a brand new face. ■

TRADER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mr & Mrs Bánhmì 640 Glenferrie Road Christine Tran

It was four years ago that Christine Tran finally merged her different sets of culinary skills to open Mr & Mrs Bánhmì in Glenferrie Hawthorn.

Christine was born in Saigon and moved to Australia in 1989 at the age of 16 with her mother and brother. It was many years later that they were eventually joined by her father, and the family moved to East Keilor where her mother and father still reside.

Christine later moved to Footscray where she first began her culinary journey. At the time, her boyfriend's family owned a pie business, so he was the first to teach Christine everything about pastry and baking. In 2001, she opened Pie Time in Thomastown which is still open today, now mainly run by her father.

Since she left Vietnam at a young age, Christine had to learn all about Vietnamese cooking herself. Following her passion for cooking and keen interest in learning, Christine opened a Vietnamese restaurant in Footscray with her brother in 2010. Although her brother mostly ran the



restaurant until its closure six months ago, she was still able to nurture her skills in cooking and business ownership.

In August 2017, Christine eventually “came up with the idea that combines my two skill types” from the bakery and Vietnamese restaurant to create **Mr & Mrs Bánhmì** specialising in Vietnamese rolls.

When choosing a name, Christine did not want a “traditional name like in Richmond or Footscray” and instead decided on something that “everyone could understand”.

More than just a business owner, Christine is very hands-on at the shop as she is “passionate about food” and enjoys taking part in the product being assembled and served to customers. For regulars, Christine sometimes



likes to “offer something else, because I can cook so many other things”. She has made fried rice, vermicelli and other off-menu options to offer variety and because it is “something we love to do”.

Glenferrie was the perfect location for the shop as Christine has lived nearby in Kew for the past 16 years. It also allowed her to be close to her two daughters, who live locally with their father, while they attended **Methodist Ladies’ College**. Before opening the business, Christine spent a lot of time dining in the area since she “appreciates other chefs and how they cook”. She particularly enjoys “how the venue is made up”, still frequenting many local restaurants including **Lulo, Vaporetto Bar & Eatery, Laksa Garden, Colourful Yunnan**, and **Rococo** both with

friends and her daughters. Christine purchases most of her ingredients for **Mr & Mrs Bánhmì** from local grocers **JinFu Asian Grocery Supermarket** and **Grand Laguna**.

Christine is pleased to see neighbouring shops continue to improve, especially because it “looks pretty with the new pancake shop next door” and since “council just did the laneway [mural]” in Glenferrie Place between **99 Pancakes** and **TeaMore**. Christine does worry about how expensive rent is in the area, as she “wants to see more businesses succeeding so there is even more variety”.

Christine feels thankful for the supportive local community, because “during the pandemic people would come here, not just because they felt like having the food, but because they wanted to support us.” ■

CUSTOMER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Edmund Valentin

If anyone could truly appreciate the beauty of Glenferrie, it would be local artist Edmund Valentin.

Edmund was born in Budapest, Hungary during the Soviet totalitarian regime which led to the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. Four-year-old Edmund was one of 200,000 Hungarian refugees who fled the conflict, travelling with his parents and two older sisters to Australia on a decommissioned military ship.

Edmund has lived on Kinkora Road since the 1960s where he now lives with his wife of nine years, Margaret, and their two papillons, who they often take to the nearby off-leash dog area at **Grace Park**.

As a child, Edmund went to St Joseph's Catholic School in Hawthorn - at that time called St John's - before attending Kew High School. Edmund went on to pursue a degree in Fine



Arts at the Caulfield Institute of Technology, however left before he could graduate in 1973 to help his sick father with the family business, **Restorations at Hawthorn**, which Edmund now owns and still operates today.

It was his father, Bela, who ignited Edmund's passion for the arts. As well as an art restorer and museum director, Bela was a very talented painter who modelled the depiction of St George on the ceiling of St Anthony's Capuchin Friary Church in Hawthorn after Edmund himself.

Edmund spent his late twenties travelling around the world attending conferences on cultural conservation, museum curation, and studying the newest techniques in fine art restoration. Throughout his life, Edmund has restored ceramics for the National Gallery and the Australian Wedgwood Society, ornate picture frames, and other antique artworks and accessories.

Edmund's primary business and skillset is in the restoration of oil paintings and other works of visual art affected by ageing, often working with local auction houses.

Edmund began photographing to document the restoration process, which he likens to the before-and-after of cosmetic surgery. Using his camera equipment, Edmund soon launched himself into photography, particularly portraiture. “I want to capture the essence of their soul,” he said. “True intimacy in art is found in the human face.”

Edmund is a strong believer in giving to your community

and receiving a sense of fulfilment and belonging in return. He is involved with the **St Anthony's Church**, the **Hawthorn Arts Society**, and runs art classes in the local area. He often visits local Glenferrie traders to deliver cuttings of his plants, especially now that the new weekly green bin collection allows him to garden more often. He prefers to explore Glenferrie on foot, often walking to **Bunnings** on Burwood Road, the **Hawthorn Aquatics and Leisure Centre**, local cafes and restaurants such as **Viet Star**, and his favourite hang-out, **The Resistance Bar and Cafe**. “I love the youth and the energy of the place, it's getting younger and more dynamic and more alive.”

Edmund hopes to teach free restoration classes to the community so that they may have the skills to support themselves wherever they are in the world. “I'm a people person. If I can teach people skills, I am happy,” said Edmund. “There is nothing better than giving. It is better than receiving.” ■