

Best places to go out

“Boasting a great front bar atmosphere and of course, menu”

There is world outside of the uni bar! I promise you, I have discovered some great escapes that reign supreme when compared to downing goon in your dorm or your campus watering hole.

Rooftop Bar (and Cinema) and The Toff in Town

Tucked away on the top floor at 252 Swanston Street, a swell little haunt perfect for a quiet drink. And throughout summer, the humble rooftop is transformed into a cinema. In the same building, just a short lift-ride down on level 2 is a swanky, romantic little bar called the Toff in Town. Often playing host to a slew of bands every weekend, it looks more like a cabaret theatre than a bandroom that would have the likes of Die! Die! Die! or My Disco play. Also available is a menu of reasonably priced, but a little bit fancy meals. rooftopcinema.com.au
thetoffintown.com

Cherry Bar

The mentioning of ‘mad tunes’ brings me well and truly to my next favourite hang, Boasting the title of ‘Melbourne’s first authentic Rock bar’ and appropriately positioned as such on AC/DC lane in the CDB, this dingy little very late night spot is every music fan’s dream. Open Wednesday through to Sunday till late, Cherry Bar, all bathed in its dark autumnal colours, caters to your every rock and roll need. It’s a great



place to both sit around with a drink on their red vinyl couches and listen to the Television, Cramps or Black Sabbath record spinning or to get up and dance till they kick you out sometime in the early morning.
myspace.com/cherrybarmelbourne

Northcote Social Club and East Brunswick Club

These are two of my favourite

places to catch not only some amazing Australian bands, but also a slew of great international acts. They also boast a great front bar atmosphere and of course, menu. Both are open seven days a week and have their own specials such as \$12 Parma night on Tuesdays and either kitchen can cater for your vegetarian needs.

northcotesocialclub.com

eastbrunswickclub.com

The Workers Club

What used to be the rather rough Rob Roy on the corner of Brunswick and Gertrude, is now transformed into the Workers Club, the newest live music venue on the block and already one of my very favourites. Shows every weekend and also open for lunch and dinner seven days a week. Freshly renovated, with a clean but rustic appeal. Monday is \$2.50 pot night.


theworkersclub.com.au

Veggie Bar

Though I do adore the other places for a bite to eat, Veggie Bar is my favourite place to eat. I’m not vegetarian myself, but Veggie made amazingly delicious food for a very reasonable price, as well as many vegan and gluten free alternatives. Being positioned right in the heart of Brunswick st does have its downside though, as it is always busy! But if you don’t mind sitting at giant communal tables every so often, they will also always fit you in the best they can.

vegiebar.com.au

The Collingwood and Fitzroy area has a plethora of amazing live venues and bars, such as Yah Yah’s, The Evelyn, The Birmingham and most famously the Tote. Due to out-of-touch liquor licensing laws, Melbourne’s live music community has been struck the blow of losing the Tote and soon after the Arthouse on Elizabeth Street. It began in Sydney, and now Melbourne’s venues are at risk. It is really important to support not just Melbourne bands but also the live music venues, because without the stages to grace there will obviously be no live music at all.

Viva La Tote! 

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