

# Village Voice



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## **COME TO THE PARTY CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**6.00 pm Tuesday 14 December**  
at Chiswick Gardens (next to Pruniers Restaurant)  
Ocean Street Woollahra

**Santa Claus...Jumping Castle...  
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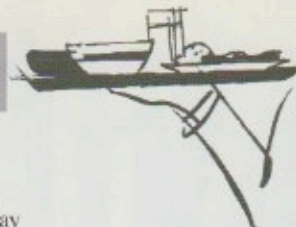
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# West Woollahra Restaurant Guide



The Queen Street and West Woollahra area has 22 eateries ranging from such notables as the Bistro Moncur, Claude's and Pruniers to the humbler, but no less vital and popular, pavement cafes and takeaways. We're listing them all, with vital information over two issues. The first part covers the 11 restaurants. Our next issue will list the 11 cafes and takeaways.

## Big Mama Trattoria

51 Moncur Street 93267629

Licensed. Dinner Tuesday-Saturday

For 18 years Vittorio Preziuso has been creating Big Mama's warm Italian friendly feeling. Extensive menu includes some delightful surprises like Whore's Spaghetti (do they really savour tomatoes, capers and olives?). We particularly like to tuck in to the enormous plate of three different pastas (\$45) washed down with a bottle of Pinot Grigio. Entrees \$16, most mains \$26, pasta \$20. Australian and Italian wines.

## Bistro Moncur

Corner Moncur & Queen Streets 9363 2519

Licensed. Lunch Tuesday-Saturday, dinner daily

The redoubtable Damien Pignolet is in command of the area's landmark restaurant offering many gourmet rarities as well as the expected. Not a place for cheapskates but you can dine comparatively cheaply by choosing a substantial entrée, such as the delicious French onion soufflé gratin (\$18) with fries or green salad (both \$7.50). Service friendly, knowledgeable and efficient. Entrees from \$16.50, entrée of blue swimmer crab omelette \$29, mains \$26-\$39, desserts \$15-\$16. Excellent wine list.

## Buzo Restaurant

152 Jersey Road 9328 1600

Licensed. Dinner Monday-Saturday

A restless restaurant. The very popular Buzo is moving to 3 Jersey Road, formerly Corsetti. We are promised the same opening hours and the same quality Italian cuisine with such dishes as vincisgrassi (porcini mushrooms, prosciutto and truffle lasagne). Hopefully the tables will be less crowded. A set charge of \$50 for three courses. Thoughtful wine list.

## Café Nino

39 Ocean Street 9327 2747

BYO. Dinner Monday-Saturday

More than a café, in fact one of Sydney's best BYOs for food quality. Varied menu, strong on Italian and seafood. Typically fettacine alla Pia (she's the chef) cooked in tomato and cream sauce with lobster (\$32.90/\$43.90). Lovely chips, delicious desserts. Blackboard indicates nightly specials. Entrees \$15-\$30, pasta in two sizes \$12.60-\$20.80, mains \$26-\$39.90, desserts \$5.50-\$12.90. Corkage \$3 a head.

## Centennial

88 Oxford Street 9362 3838

Licensed. Lunch & dinner daily

A recent makeover has considerably expanded the dining room which has the bright efficient air of a large modern bistro. Good selection of dishes and breezy service. Very popular are the pizzas (\$18.50-\$25.80) which you can watch being cooked on the wood fire oven. Entrees \$16.80 for a mezze plate to \$29.80 for a dozen oysters. Mains \$23.80-\$34.50, desserts \$11.50-\$13.90.

## Claude's

10 Oxford Street 9331 2325

Licensed & BYO. Dinner Tuesday-Saturday

Sydney's best degustation restaurant, now owned by chef Chui Lee Luk. Many would think twice about paying \$150 for a tasting menu of eight dishes but their excellence makes it worthwhile for many well-heeled food enthusiasts. Typical degustation goes from smoked salmon consommé via fresh-water crayfish with potato gnocchi to strawberry soufflé. Some nights three courses available for \$125. BYO a steep \$10 a bottle.

## Light Brigade

2a Oxford Street 9331 2930

Licensed. Dinner daily

A signature dish is jungle shredded crisp fish and twice cooked eggs, so we are obviously in eastern exotic territory. Chameleon-like, this pub restaurant's cuisine has changed often, presumably according to who runs the kitchen, but the quality is generally satisfactory. Charges of the Light Brigade (sorry!): entrees \$13-\$18, mains \$24-\$32, desserts \$12. Smaller vineyards feature in the wine list.

## Lord Dudley

236 Jersey Road 9327 5399

Licensed. Lunch & dinner Monday-Saturday

The Lord Dudley justly prides itself on its warm English-style atmosphere. So the blackboard menu in the basement dining area offers such dishes as corned beef hash with fried eggs and grilled tomato. No less than 17 beers on tap and the wine list is extensive. Fascinating exotica on the walls and an area called the King's Bordello. Dishes \$8-\$26, desserts \$11.50.

## Pruniers Restaurant

65 Ocean Street (in Chiswick Gardens) 9363 1974

Licensed. Lunch Wednesday-Friday, Dinner Wednesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. The area's oldest restaurant keeps up its distinguished reputation under noted chef David Hewson. Menu has original touches such as orange crusted calamari with blue eye brandou. The magnificent bombe Alaska is flamed at the table by your chef. Sunday morning jazz brunch is popular. Sound wine list. Entrees \$16-\$20, mains \$31-\$34, desserts \$20.

## Quaife's Restaurant (Hughenden Boutique Hotel)

Quaife's offers a basic menu of popular dishes at reasonable prices. The Hughenden plate, antipasto with crusty bread, comes in two sizes, large (\$18.50) is enough for two. For hearty appetites, Quaife's offers steak and kidney pie (\$18) which you could follow with a sticky date pudding (\$8.50). Elegant high tea offered every day. Entrees \$8-\$18.50, mains \$13-\$23, desserts \$5.50, wines by glass or bottle.

## Zigolini's 9326 2337

107 Queen Street

Licensed, Lunch and breakfast daily, dinner Tuesday-Saturday

A popular meeting spot in the heart of Queen Street. Extensive cuisine described as 'Mediterranean inspired' which means both Italian and Greek dishes. Basic menu supplemented by blackboard specials. Several dishes available entrée or main course size. Wine list has gratifying emphasis on small Australian vineyards, most available by the glass. Entrees and mains \$10-\$30, desserts \$10.

Robin Brampton

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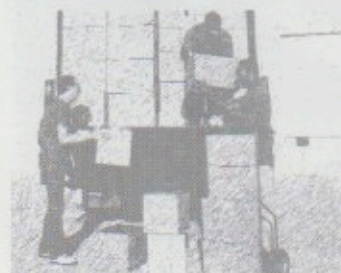
# chat street

Congratulations to our new member for Wentworth, **Malcolm Turnbull**, who won the hotly contested seat convincingly after a fight that initially looked like going down to the wire. His Maiden Speech is as we go to print, on Monday November 29. Prior to the election Turnbull organised a meeting at Paddington RSL in September to discuss community concerns regarding the effects of the Cross City Tunnel on traffic in Streets in Paddington and Woollahra.

The illustration below of the Woollahra Hotel is by Alex Lavroff from Impressions of Sydney. This company will paint an A2 portrait of your home for \$500 - a great gift idea for Christmas. Check their website for examples: [www.impressionsofsydney.com](http://www.impressionsofsydney.com) or phone 9361 4588 or 0417662758.



An exciting prize for the silent auction to be held on our Christmas Carol night on 14 December is a picnic lunch party on Sydney Harbour for 4 people on board the classic yacht "Varuna". The lucky winners will be suitably transported to and from home in a Classic Rolls Royce or Bentley. Dr John Musgrove has donated the yacht outing, Australia in Style the transport, Queen Street Deli the picnic and Woollahra Liquor Store the champagne and wine.



## arrivals, departures and relocations

Number 43 Queen Street sold almost as soon as it came on the market, and we are waiting to find what might replace **Auchenachie & Son**. Once a private hotel, the building has undergone various uses. This committee member has fond memories of working there when it was **TB Clarke Pty Ltd**, a magazine publisher and distributor. Here she condensed cricket books for the 'World Cricket Digest'. At that time a

The Association's **Cabaret Evening held at the Hughenden Hotel** on 3 November was a great success. **Comedienne Judy Glen** entertained the fifty-odd guests to a musical evening, **A Comedy of Arias**, an amusing send-up of many well-known opera arias. Her wonderful voice and perfect timing delighted the audience, many of whom joined her with gusto in the finale.

The Association is indebted to our major sponsors for the **Carols, Pruniers, goodyerDonnelley Real Estate and Ursula King Travel** who have ensured that this popular community function will be a great success.

Architects **John Grove** and **Andre Porebski** have each been awarded the **Woollahra Conservation Award 2004** which acknowledges new buildings or major alterations in a Conservation Area. Grove's was for the gallery, café and terrace houses on the Holdsworth and Jersey Road corner, and Porebski's for **The Grove**, off Queen Street.

The **Woollahra Philharmonic Orchestra** will hold its final concert of the year at The Scots College, Bellevue Hill on Sunday December 5 at 2.30pm. The program is Arthur Benjamin's Cotillon Suite, Aram Katchaturian's Violin Concerto and Beethoven's Symphony no 5. Tickets available at the door. Phone 93630203.

Provisionally the **AGM of the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association** will be held on Tuesday 19 April 2005 at the Holdsworth Street Community Centre. Details to follow in next *Village Voice*.

The placing of 'no stopping' signs in Holdsworth Street has gone haywire. *Village Voice* has measured their various distances from the kerb alignments of Morrell Street and Weldon Lane and they vary from 5.7m to 10.5m. Obviously if they were uniformly 5.7m fewer parking spaces would be lost. Opposite the Holdsworth Centre Council employees simply used the existing post, 10.5 metres from Morrell Street, swapping the 'school' sign for a 'no stopping' sign. This remarkable economy of effort has removed crucial metres of space where mothers of young children could temporally stand to deliver their kids to the Centre.

*Annette Robinson & Diana Dennison*

corpulent private investigator operated out of the rather down-at-heel ground floor premises. On the top floor was a cupboard-sized office with 'something or other' Cleaning Services on the door. The phone never stopped ringing; it was from here that the local SP Bookie ran his business.

*Diana Dennison*





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