

## 29 Altona Beach

A favourite for families and fishermen alike, Altona Beach is where the locals unwind in warmer weather. You'll find rods, reels and leisurely strollers along the length of the heritage-listed pier. Kite surfers gather, hoping for a gust in the usually-still waters, while lifeguards keep watch during the summer. Altona Beach is the perfect spot to unwind after a salty swim. Where you enjoy a picnic of fish and chips from one of the beachfront shops and settle in under the shade of the Norfolk Pines, or even take your canine friends for a wander at the dedicated Dog Beach.

127 Esplanade, Altona



## Best Kept Secrets of the Inner West



The inner west is the kind of place where you chat to neighbours while grabbing coffee on the walk to the train station, look to the talents of local makers to decorate your home, and spend weekends deciding whether you will visit the beach, the park or both.

Locals and visitors alike share in the same sense of discovery when they stumble across a newly opened spot to eat, or uncover a hidden gem that has been around for generations. Register now to see more of our Best Kept Secrets of the Inner West, and keep up-to-date on all things The Fabric.

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## It's cocktail hour somewhere

### 05 Bar Joliet

Tucked neatly into Harrington Square, Bar Joliet is a cosy, vintage art deco space. An ideal meeting spot for an after-work tippie, comfy gathering with friends, or fun and friendly date night, the bar is named for John Belushi's character in Blues Brothers. They host regular events at Bar Joliet, including trivia nights and tastings. While the bar doesn't serve much in the way of food, they encourage BYO snacks or ordering your dinner from a neighbouring restaurant. Pop in and ask for a cocktail or mocktail recommendation, there's something here for everyone.

10 Harrington Square, Altona · [jolietbaraltona.square.site](http://jolietbaraltona.square.site)  
@jolietbar\_altona

### 20 Mamma Chen's

Good times, good vibes, good music. That's the promise Mama Chen's makes... and it delivers. A Footscray hotspot with an epic gig schedule, Mama Chen's is where you go to support local artists, and enjoy a broad variety of live music and entertainment—From local and international bands to open mic and even karaoke nights. The venue is warm, inclusive and just a whole lot of energy and fun. We recommend keeping an eye on their Instagram as that's where they loop in the locals on the weekly gig guides, open mic callouts, event announcements and drink specials.

42A Albert St, Footscray · [mammachens.com.au](http://mammachens.com.au)  
@mammachens

### 02 Patchwork Park

The Fabric's considered masterplan offers over three hectares of abundant green space, including Patchwork Park, where every moment is a celebration of life. Patchwork Park is the ideal place for social engagement, or just to embrace an outdoor lifestyle. Locals can gather with loved ones at the fully equipped picnic and barbeque spaces, while the avid gardeners, chefs and hosts alike will cherish the communal herb gardens. The park also features a sculptural playground, which ignites curiosity and adventure for toddlers, teens, and in-betweens.

Cnr Lavender Bld and Primrose St

### 03 The Cook's Patch

A meanwhile community space  
The Cook's Patch is a meanwhile community space for The Fabric residents to gather, grow food and celebrate the love of gardening and food with their neighbours. For approximately the next 4 years, until the site becomes home to the final stage of apartments at The Fabric, residents will have access to this community-managed kitchen garden facility to connect over the sharing of food, gardening and learning.

Shared garden, shared responsibility

The Cook's Patch features a shared garden with planter beds for residents to collectively grow and harvest food. Cook's Patch members will help care for and maintain the garden and decide how produce is going to be used and shared.

Bookable kitchen space

The kitchen space features cooking facilities and a dining table which will be used for community events, workshops and will be available to book for small private gatherings. Use of the kitchen space will be free for community and member-related activities, with a space hire fee for private bookings to all residents only.

## Deli delights and bi-weekly shopping

### 09 Matteo's Delicatessen

Renowned in the west for their authentic deli-style sandwiches and delicious Industry Beans coffee, Matteo's Delicatessen serves up traditional Italian fare. Matteo's sticks to what they do best, so you'll find only a select few sandwiches on the menu. The SPS or Cold Cuts are suited to meat enthusiasts, and the Real Italian is a fresher, Caprese-style. The deli also has rotating specials, keeping it fresh and seasonal. The deli fridges and shelves are stacked with grazing platter supplies, from cheeses, marinated veggies, salami and mortadella to specialty condiments.

30 Pier St, Altona · [matteos-delicatessen.square.site](http://matteos-delicatessen.square.site)  
@matteosdelicatessen

### 08 Gordon St. Bakery

Led by a French Chef, Gordon St is a double-fronted bakery filled to the brim with French delights. Originally opening as a small dine-in café, it has been so well received by the locals, they've expanded the space a couple of times already to accommodate demand. Authentic baguettes, croissants and sourdough are baked in house... sometimes right in front of you. Gordon St Bakery is the perfect place to pick up treats to take with you to a dinner party, picnic, or just to eat on the walk home. But we suggest you get in quick, as they sell out.

142 Gordon St, Footscray · [gordonstbakery.com](http://gordonstbakery.com)  
@gordonstbakery

### 12 Spotswood Hotel

An eclectic pub, The Spotswood Hotel offers a casual vibe with traditional pub food, and some slightly fancier options. Inner west locals can stop in for the usual quick parma or curry with drinks, or a slower dining experience. A great spot to bring your friends and family for your next Sunday lunch, the venue caters to all members of the community and offers regular specials (including always-on discounts for workers and seniors). Spotswood Hotel is child-friendly, they even offer a complimentary dessert and drinks with any 'tiny human' meal.

62 Hudsons Rd, Spotswood · [spotswoodhotel.com.au](http://spotswoodhotel.com.au)  
@spotswoodhotel



### 07 Goods Grocer

Your new local, The Goods Grocer is an Altona specialty grocer that aims to elevate your shopping experience. Offering delicious produce and shelf staples, the store is located on Harrington Street and promotes fresh, seasonal and local. The interiors are reminiscent of being in a Wes Anderson film, with a stunning retro colour palette and vibrant wayfinding throughout the aisles. For the times you're too busy to cook, they also offer pre-cooked meals and deli goods from renowned Melbourne providers. Come for the experience, keep coming back for the food.

2 Harrington Square, Altona · [goodsgrocer.com.au](http://goodsgrocer.com.au)  
@goodsgrocer



## Staples of the inner west

### 15 Offshoot Botanica

A mini-jungle piece of paradise located in Seddon, Offshoot Botanica was originally part of Simple Form's Design Store. They launched their own HQ in 2020 to share their passion for greenery with the community. Offering not only beautiful indoor plants, but a considered collection of botanical accessories and ceramics, Offshoot Botanica will bring joy and life to your home. The team is always willing to give friendly advice and support in your plant journey. They also offer their services as stylists for business or home.

86 Charles St, Seddon · [off-shoot.com.au](http://off-shoot.com.au)  
@offshoot.botanica

### 17 Innerwest Vinyl

Music aficionados, behold. Innerwest Vinyl in Yarraville is the place to go for your records. Your friendly neighbourhood record store sells an extensive and eclectic range of new and second-hand vinyl. The staff are extremely knowledgeable about all things music and are always keen to give recommendations, whether you're after a review of a recent release, or something a bit off the beaten track. They are genre-ambiguous, and there's something in store for all tastes. Get inspired and explore their incredible collection.

48 Anderson St, Yarraville  
@innerwest\_vinyl

## Your local community

The Fabric has been designed to nurture a strong sense of community, creating a vibrant and connected place to call home. Designed with walkability in mind, the green masterplan takes you on a journey through streets lined with leafy green trees, contemporary architecture, beautiful private front gardens while connecting you to your future everyday needs.

### 01 MEKKO at The Fabric

MEKKO Apartments at The Fabric is more than just a place to live, it's a beautifully designed, sustainable living experience. Mirvac's award-winning design team has infused every aspect of MEKKO with the essence of artfully crafted design. Come home to a welcoming façade that pays tribute to the site's industrial heritage with a textural and robust design, blending seamlessly into the vibrant community of The Fabric.

Fabric Drive, Altona North · [mekko.mirvac.com](http://mekko.mirvac.com)

## Nurture your health and creativity

### 37 Yoga Path

Located in neighbouring Newport, Yoga Path is a neighbourhood yoga school with a penchant for props to improve your alignment. The studio is centred on Iyengar practice for increased strength and flexibility, the philosophy bringing clarity and focus to improve physical and mental wellbeing. The studio is warm and welcoming, and features an incredible support wall with ropes to assist you in your practice. An inclusive place, Yoga Path is beginner-friendly and taught by expert instructors who are here to guide you through your yoga journey.

5 Hall St, Newport · [yogapath.com.au](http://yogapath.com.au)  
@yogapathnewport

### 25 Toast & Honey Studio

A creative studio and bespoke botanical store, Toast and Honey is located in Spotswood. Maria, the founder, is a friendly and creative soul who is passionate about design and greenery and its impact on wellbeing. Maria designs and paints each planter by hand, in store, each product beautiful in its simplicity and considered design. Toast and Honey also offers masterclass workshops, where you can design and paint your very own planters, as a solo endeavour of self-expression, or just to enjoy a fun and creative sip-and-snack session with friends.

101 Hudsons Rd, Spotswood · [toastandhoney.com.au](http://toastandhoney.com.au)  
@toastandhoneystudio

## Introducing MEKKO at The Fabric. Artfully crafted apartments, designed for happiness.

Display Gallery—Coming Soon  
198b Blackshaws Road, Altona North

Mon: 1pm–5pm  
Tues–Sun: 11am–5pm

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## Your local neighbourhood

This pocket guide is a snapshot of highlights from our journey through the Inner West, as we share the go-to places and hotspots favoured by the locals — all within close proximity to Mirvac's newest community, The Fabric.

Areas to explore have been highlighted in the below key.

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