



While you're out enjoying summer, and Christmas, and all the trappings that go with the *silly season*, don't forget to rate a few eating venues.

It's wonderful to see a flurry of ratings over the past few months, almost entirely from the South Island. One can only assume that if you live in Auckland, you can't afford to eat out!

There is an exciting new initiative for you with this issue. You'll probably find it lying on the floor just next to where you removed your journal from its envelope.

Introducing the all new CRAI *Pocket*

*Rating Form!* This is something I've been thinking about for some time. I'm always arriving at restaurants and cursing myself for not being armed with CRAI forms for myself and my guests.

The pocket version gives you something that you always have in your wallet. Even if you only have one, at least you can get everybody at your table to rate the venue on their napkin—or perhaps a spare one which hasn't been used!

There is a very good reason for only sending you one with this issue. I'm very keen to get feedback on whether this works or not, so rather than print

thousands only to find that you hate them, we've done a trial print. Please try it out during one of your dining out experiences over Christmas. Once done, send in the rating, AND provide some feedback on the card itself.

Oh, and in case you're about to ask, we are looking seriously at an online entry system. Our concern at present is that not many people have internet access while they're at their table, and the rating system does work best if you do it while you're dining. Let us know if you have thoughts on this.

Stuart

**Readers are encouraged to rate eating establishments which they visit by completing a simple form available on-line from [www.acoustics.ac.nz](http://www.acoustics.ac.nz), or contact the Editor. Repeat ratings on venues already listed are encouraged.**

## Auckland

Andrea (form. Positano), Mission Bay	(1) ★★★
Aubergine's, Albany	(1) ★★★★★½
Backyard, Northcote	(1) ★★
Bask, Browns Bay	(1) ★★★
Bay (The), Waiake, North Shore	(1) ★★★★★
Bolero, Albany	(1) ★★★★★
Bouchon, Kingsland	(1) ★★
Bowman, Mt Eden	(1) ★★★★★½
Bracs, Albany	(1) ★★★★★
Brazil, Karangahape Rd	(1) ★★★
Buoy, Mission Bay	(2) ★★★★★½
Byzantium, Ponsonby	(1) ★★★
Café Jazz, Remuera	(1) ★★★★★½
Carriages Cafe, Kumeu	(1) ★★★★★
Charlees, Howick	(1) ★★★★★
Circus Circus, Mt Eden	(1) ★★
Cube, Devonport	(1) ★★
Del Fontaine, Mission Bay	(1) ★★★★★
Delicious, Grey Lynn	(1) ★★★★★
De Post, Mt Eden	(1) ★★
Dizengoff, Ponsonby Rd	(1) ★★
Drake, Freemans Bay (Function Room)	(1) ★★
Eiffel on Eden, Mt Eden	(1) ★★
Eve's Cafe, Westfield Albany	(1) ★★★½
Formosa Country Club Restaurant	(1) ★★★★★
Garrison Public House, Sylvia Park	(1) ★★★★★½
Gee Gee's	(1) ★★★
Gero's, Mt Eden	(9) ★★★
Gina's Pizza & Pasta Bar	(1) ★★★½

Hardware Café, Titirangi	(1) ★★★★★
Hollywood Cafe, Westfield St Lukes	(1) ★★½
IL Piccolo	(1) ★★★★★
Jervois Steak House	(1) ★★★
Kashmir	(1) ★★★★★
Khun Pun, Albany	(2) ★★★★★
Kings Garden Ctre Cafe, Western Springs	(1) ★★
La Tropezienne, Browns Bay	(1) ★★
Malaysia Satay Restaurant, Nth Shore	(1) ★★★★★
Mecca, Newmarket	(1) ★★★★★
Mexicali Fresh, Quay St	(1) ★★
Mezze Bar, Little High Street	(16) ★★★★★
Monsoon Poon	(1) ★★★★★
Narrow Table (The), Mairangi Bay	(1) ★★★★★½
One Red Dog, Ponsonby	(1) ★★★
One Tree Grill	(1) ★★★
Orbit, Skytower	(2) ★★★★★
Patriot, Devonport	(1) ★★★½
Pavia, Pakuranga	(1) ★★★★★
Prego, Ponsonby Rd	(1) ★★
Remuera Rm, Ellerslie Racecourse	(1) ★★★★★
Rhythm, Mairangi Bay	(1) ★★
Rice Queen, Newmarket	(12) ★★★★★
Sails, Westhaven Marina	(2) ★★★★★
Scirocco, Browns Bay	(1) ★★★
Seagers, Oxford	(1) ★★★★★
Shahi, Remuera	(1) ★★★½
Shamrock Cottage, Howick	(1) ★★
Sitting Duck, Westhaven	(1) ★★★½
Sorrento	(1) ★★½
Stephan's, Manukau	(1) ★★★★★

★ Lip-reading would be an advantage. ★★ Take earplugs at the very least. ★★★ Not too bad, particularly mid-week.  
★★★★ A nice quiet evening. ★★★★★ The place to be and be heard.



Tempters Café, Papakura	(1) ★★★★★
Thai Chef, Albany	(1) ★★★★★
Thai Chilli	(1) ★★★★★
Thai Corner, Rotherham Bay	(1) ★★★★★
Tony's, High St	(1) ★★★
Traffic Bar & Kitchen	(1) ★★
Umbria Café, Newmarket	(1) ★★★★★½
Valentines, Wairau Rd	(1) ★★★★★
Vivace, High Street	(2) ★★½
Wagamama, Newmarket	(1) ★★★★★½
Watermark, Devonport	(1) ★★
Woolshed, Clevedon	(1) ★★½
Zarbos, Newmarket	(1) ★★
Zavito, Mairangi Bay	(1) ★★ ★

## Ashburton

Ashburton Club & MSA	(1) ★★★★★½
Robbies	(1) ★★★
RSA	(1) ★★★★★
Tuscany Café & Bar	(1) ★★★

## Bay of Plenty

Alimento, Tauranga	(1) ★½
Imbibe, Mt Maunganui	(1) ★½
Versailles Café, Tauranga	(2) ★★

## Blenheim

Raupo Cafe	(1) ★★
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## Cambridge

GPO	(1) ★★★★★
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## Christchurch

3 Cows, Kaiapoi	(1) ★★★★★
Abes Bagel Shop, Mandeville St	(1) ★★★★★
Alchemy Café, Art Gallery	(1) ★★★★★
Anna's Café, Tower Junction	(1) ★★★★★
Annie's Wine Bar, Arts Centre	(16) ★★★★★½
Arashi	(1) ★★
Azure	(2) ★★★
The Bog	(1) ★★★★★
Bully Haye's, Akaroa	(1) ★★
Café Bleu	(1) ★★★
Caffe Roma	(1) ★★★★★
Cashmere Club	(1) ★★★★★
Christchurch Casino	(1) ★★
Christchurch Museum Cafe	(1) ★★★★★
Cobb & Co, Bush Inn	(1) ★★★
Coffee Shop, Montreal Street	(1) ★★
Costas Taverna, Victoria Street	(1) ★½
Coyote's	(6) ★★★
Decadence Cafe, Victoria St	(1) ★★★★★
Drexels Breakfast Restaurant	(1) ★★★★★½

Dux de Lux	(1) ★★★★★
Foo San, Upper Riccarton	(1) ★★★★★½
Freemans, Lyttleton	(8) ★★★★★½
Gloria Jean's, Rotherham St	(1) ★★★★★
Golden Chimes	(1) ★★★★★
Governors Bay Hotel	(1) ★★★★★
Green Turtle	(1) ★★★★★
Harpers Café, Bealey Ave	(1) ★★★★★
Hari Krishna Cafe	(1) ★★★
Holy Smoke, Ferry Rd	(1) ★★
Honey Pot Cafe	(8) ★★★
Indian Fendalton	(2) ★★
Joyful Chinese Rest., Colombo St	(1) ★★★★★
Kanniga's Thai	(1) ★★★
Le Café, Arts Centre	(1) ★★★
Little India	(2) ★★★★★
Lone Star, Manchester Street	(15) ★★



Lone Star, Riccarton Road	(1) ★★★★★
Lotus Heart, Colombo Street	(1) ★★★★★
Manee Thai	(1) ★★
Mexican Cafe	(6) ★★★
Old Vicarage	(2) ★★★★★½
Petrini, Ferrymead	(2) ★★★★★½
Phu Thai, Manchester Street	(1) ★★★
Portofino	(3) ★★★★★
Pukeko Junction, Leithfield	(1) ★★★★★
Red, Beckenham Service Centre	(1) ★★★★★
Red Elephant	(1) ★★★★★
Retour	(1) ★★★
Riccarton Buffet	(2) ★★★★★½
Richmond Workingmens' Club	(2) ★★★★★
Robbies, Church Corner	(2) ★★★★★½
Route 32, Cust	(1) ★★★★★
Saggio di Vino	(3) ★★★★★½
Salt on the Pier, New Brighton	(6) ★★★★★½
Santorinis Greek Ouzeri	(1) ★★
Scarborough Fare	(1) ★★
Simo's Moroccan	(8) ★★★★★
Speights Ale House, Tower Junction	(1) ★★★★★
Terrace View, Cophthorne Central	(1) ★★★★★



Tap Room	(9) ★★★
The Bridge, Prebbleton	(1) ★★★★★
The Bicycle Thief	(1) ★★★★★½
The Flying Burrito Brothers	(1) ★★
The Sand Bar, Ferrymead	(2) ★★★½
The Vault, Cashel Mall	(1) ★★★★★
Tokyo Samurai	(1) ★★★★★
Tutto Bene, Merivale	(1) ★★
Wagamama, Oxford Terrace	(6) ★★★
Waitikiri Golf Club	(1) ★★
Waratah Café, Tai Tapu	(1) ★★★
What Bar, Hotel SO	(1) ★★

## Clyde

Old Post Office Cafe	(1) ★★★★★
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## Dunedin

A Cow Called Berta	(1) ★★★½
Albatross Centre Cafe	(1) ★★★★★
Bennu	(1) ★★★★★
Bx Bistro	(1) ★★★★★
Chrome	(1) ★★★★★½
Conservatory, Corstophine House	(1) ★★★★★
Fitzroy Pub on the Park	(1) ★★★★★
High Tide	(2) ★★
Nova	(1) ★★★★★
St Clair Saltwater Pool Cafe	(1) ★★★★★½
Swell	(1) ★★
University of Otago Staff Club	(1) ★★

## Gore

Old Post	(1) ★★★
The Moth, Mandeville	(1) ★★★★★

## Greymouth

Cafe 124	(1) ★★★
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## Hamilton

Embargo	(1) ★★★★★
Gengys	(1) ★★
Victoria Chinese Restaurant	(1) ★★★★★

## Hanmer Springs

Saints	(1) ★★★★★½
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## Hastings

Café Zigliotto	(1) ★★★
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## Havelock North

Rose & Shamrock	(1) ★★★½
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## Masterton

Java	(1) ★★
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## Napier

Boardwalk Beach Bar	(1) ★★★★★
Brecker's	(1) ★★★★★
Café Affair	(1) ★★
Cobb & Co	(1) ★½
Duke of Gloucester	(1) ★★★★★½
East Pier	(1) ★★
Estuary Restaurant	(1) ★★★★★
Founder's Cafe	(1) ★★★★★
Napier RSA	(1) ★★★★★
Sappho & Heath	(1) ★★

## Nelson/Marlborough

Allan Scott Winery	(1) ★★★★★
Amansi @ Le Brun	(1) ★★★★★
Boutereys, Richmond	(1) ★★★★★
Café Le Cup, Blenheim	(1) ★★★★★
Crusoe's, Stoke	(1) ★★★★★
Cruizies, Blenheim	(2) ★★★★★½
Grape Escape, Richmond	(1) ★★★★★
Jester House, Tasman	(1) ★★★★★
L'Affaire Cafe, Nelson	(1) ★★
Liquid, Nelson	(1) ★½
Lonestar, Nelson	(1) ★★★★★
Marlborough Club, Blenheim	(1) ★★
Morrison St Café, Nelson	(1) ★★½
Suter Cafe, Nelson	(1) ★★
Verdict, Nelson	(1) ★★
Waterfront Cafe & Bar, Nelson	(1) ★★★★★
Wholemeal Trading Co, Takaka	(1) ★★★★★

## New Plymouth

Breakers Café & Bar	(1) ★★★
Centre City Food Court	(1) ★★★★★
Elixer	(1) ★★★★★
Empire Tea Rooms	(1) ★★★★★½
Govett Brewster Cafe	(1) ★★
Marbles, Devon Hotel	(1) ★★★★★
Pankawalla	(1) ★★★★★
Simplicity	(1) ★★★★★
Stumble Inn, Merrilands	(1) ★★★★★
Yellow Café, Centre City	(1) ★★★★★
Zanziba Café & Bar	(1) ★★★★★

## Oamaru

Riverstone Kitchen	(1) ★★★★★
Star & Garter	(1) ★★★★★
Woolstore Cafe	(1) ★★★★★

## Palmerston North

Cafe Esplanade	(1) ★★★★★
Chinatown	(1) ★★★★★
Coffee on the Terrace	(1) ★★½



Elm	(1)	★★★★½
Fishermans Table	(1)	★★★★★
Gallery	(2)	★★★★
Rendezvous	(1)	★★½
Roma Italian Restaurant	(1)	★★★
Rose & Crown	(1)	★★
Tastee	(1)	★★★

## Queenstown

Bunker	(1)	★★★★
The Cow	(1)	★★★
Sombreros	(1)	★
Tatler	(1)	★★★★
Winnies	(1)	★★★★★

## Rotorua

Cableway Rest. at Skyline Skyrides	(1)	★★★★★
Lewishams	(1)	★★★
Woolly Bugger, Ngongotaha	(1)	★★★
Valentines	(1)	★★★★★
You and Me	(1)	★★★★★
Zanelli's	(1)	★★

## Southland

Lumberjack Café, Owaka	(1)	★★★★★
Pavilion, Colac Bay	(1)	★★
Village Green, Invercargill	(1)	★★★★★

## Taupo

Burbury's Cafe	(1)	★★★
Thames		
Thames Bakery	(1)	★★★
Waiheke Island		
Cortado Espresso Bar	(1)	★★★★
Cats Tango, Onetangi Beach	(1)	★★★★

## Wanganui

3 Amigos	(1)	★★★★½
Bollywood Star	(1)	★★★★½
Cosmopolitan Club	(1)	★★★★
Liffiton Castle	(1)	★★½
RSA	(1)	★★★★½
Stellar	(1)	★★★★½
Wanganui East Club	(1)	★★★★

## Wellington

162 Cafe, Karori	(1)	★★★★★
180o, Paraparaumu Beach	(1)	★★
88, Tory Street	(35)	★★
Anise, Cuba Street	(1)	★★
Aranya's House	(1)	★★★★★
Arizona	(1)	★★
Astoria	(2)	★★★

Backbencher, Molesworth Street	(1)	★★★
Bordeaux Bakery, Thorndon Quay	(1)	★★
Buzz, Lower Hutt	(1)	★★½
Brewery Bar & Restaurant	(5)	★★★★
Carvery, Upper Hutt	(1)	★★★★★
Chow	(1)	★½
Cookies, Paraparaumu Beach	(1)	★★★★½
Cosa Nostra Italian Trattoria, Thorndon	(1)	★★★★
Gotham	(6)	★★★★½
Great India, Manners Street	(1)	★★★★½
Habebie	(1)	★★
Harrisons Garden Centre, Peka Peka	(1)	★★★★
Hazel	(1)	★★
Katipo	(1)	★★★★★
Kilim, Petone	(4)	★★★★½
Lattitude 41	(3)	★★★★
Legato	(1)	★★
Le Metropolitan	(1)	★★★★★
Loaded Hog	(5)	★★★★½
Manhattan, Oriental Bay	(1)	★★★★
Maria Pia's	(1)	★★★
Matterhorn	(1)	★★★
Mungavin Blues, Porirua	(1)	★★★★★
Original Thai, Island Bay	(1)	★★★★
Parade Cafe	(1)	★★
Pasha Cafe	(1)	★★★★
Penthouse Cinema Cafe	(1)	★★½
Pod	(1)	★★½
Rose & Crown	(1)	★★★★★
Shed 5	(1)	★★
Siem Reap	(1)	★★
Speights Ale House	(1)	★★
Sports Bar Cafe	(1)	★★★★
Stanley Road	(1)	★★★
Stephan's Country Rest., Te Horo	(1)	★★★★★
Windmill Cafe & Bar, Brooklyn	(1)	★★

