

# Not Café Bar !

Since the early 1990s Sydney has risen to fame as the chrome and foccacia capital of the southern hemisphere. Given that barristers ingest obscene amounts of caffeine and seem to spend more than their fair share of time in the numerous cafés surrounding our courts, the editor of Bar News thought that a brief review of what is available might be of some help to those wishing to expand their caffeine horizons.

## Federal/Supreme Court District

### Bar Association,

#### Lower Ground Floor, 174 Phillip Street

The Bar Association café has the advantage of a captive audience. The coffee is good and the scones come highly recommended by Campbell Bridge. The café's big advantage is that Annie, Anne and Gordon know the customers by name and face, so that when hung over or tired, and speech is all too much effort, there is no need to articulate your order as they already know it.

### Level 14, Supreme Court Building

Our advice is, don't go for the coffee - go for the views!

### Carruthers, Macquarie Street (next to the Supreme Court)

The café is named after the famous boxer and it is all we can do to resist a tacky one liner like "coffee that packs a punch". The coffee is, however, wonderful and the vegetarian food is nothing short of sensational. Carruthers' serves the best vegemite toast in Sydney. The café is also a great place to hide.

### Simpatico, 140ish Phillip Street

This café has recently changed hands and, though the food remains at a high standard, the coffee is now served weak. Not the place to go for that caffeine hit. Has the major disadvantage of being full of solicitors that you have recently lied to in relation to the work you are supposed to have done on their particular brief.

### Café Due Mondì, Chifley Tower

Coffee is good. Food, though not sampled, appeared quite good. Has the same disadvantage as Simpatico. Same goes for any café located in a building full of solicitors. Worse still, you will probably end up having to buy them all coffee.

### Hyde Park Barracks, Macquarie Street

When we first came to the Bar, we thought the Hyde Park Barracks was an extension of the Bar Common Room. The food is simple and effective and the service is always excellent and prompt. Not the place to go to get away from other barristers (or to conduct a discreet affair).

### Loreto's, Martin Place Circle

One of our favourites. Located in the Martin Place Circle, Loreto's continues to serve the best coffee and foccacia in Sydney.

### Coluzzi, Cnr King and Elizabeth Streets

Has the advantage of being next to the bus stop and on the way back from the Downing Centre/John Maddison Tower. Great to drop in when you just can't face going back to chambers or are getting off the bus in the morning. See comments for Bar Association café. It is always crowded, which can only mean that others agree with our assessment of the coffee as being excellent.

### Castle King, Cnr King and Castlereagh Streets

Harry is gone, but the legend lives on. The new owners have attempted to maintain the same formica paradise that was Harry's domain. Coffee, at last attendance, was still excellent and the cakes make a visit worthwhile. Breakfast is the high point of the day, with the "pig and chicken" being a real winner.

### Paradiso, MLC Centre, Cnr King and Castlereagh Streets

The food is great and the service is excellent. The coffee is very good, but the outdoor tables may be a bit cold for winter.

### The MLC Centre, Cnr King and Castlereagh Streets

The MLC Centre is chock full of places to get coffee. We haven't tried them all as we are too lazy to walk that far.

## Around the Downing Centre

### The Piazza, Ground Floor, Downing Centre

The Piazza is conveniently located on the ground floor of the Downing Centre. The coffee is good and the cakes edible. We haven't tried the hot food as we are usually too upset to eat after taking yet another pasting in the motions list. Has the big disadvantage of also being full of people you lied to. If you are lucky, you may get to run into some of the more famous members of the legal profession. Our advice is not to get between a camera and Chris Murphy.

### The Maddison Café, Ground Floor, John Maddison Tower

The Maddison Café is located on the ground floor of the John Maddison Tower. It tends to get crowded but is very good. See Comments for The Piazza.

### Bambini, Liverpool Street (opposite Downing Centre)

David Pritchard insisted that we get away from all the horrible lawyers and head to a groovy little café which also turned out

to be full of horrible lawyers. *Bambini* is located opposite the Downing Centre and is run by the people who used to run *Simpatico*. The food is therefore excellent and the coffee sensational.

#### Stanley Street, East Sydney

On any Saturday morning Stanley Street contains more barristers than a Paddington art gallery on opening night. It's a great place to read the paper and watch implausibly built human beings waddle back from the City Gym. Take your choice of cafés, but *Divinos* is our pick.

There is, of course, the alternative of making coffee in chambers. We advise against this as it provides for only a minimum amount of time wasting.

As pointed out, it is important to attend these cafés with a litany of lies so as to be able to explain the whereabouts of various pleadings and advices, not to mention articles for *Bar News* that you have promised to an editor hanging out for a strong coffee! ☐

*Three struggling juniors who prefer to remain anonymous.*

### Around Parramatta

Even travelling to the centre of the universe (Parramatta, of course) from the city's eastern sea port (Sydney) need not involve bringing one's cut lunch and thermos anymore.

For a decent coffee, whether it is the new Dairy Farmers Friend (café latte), or the old Dairy Farmers Friend (Cappucino), or even the short black for medicinal purposes only, when at Parramatta try *Zucchini's* at 144 Marsden (for District, Local and Family Court attendees) or *Rami's* at the corner of Charles and Macquarie Streets (for proximity to the Compensation Court).

Both eateries offer new café food, with *Zucchini's* offering a mix of Middle Eastern wraps with the more usual Italian-style foccacia, pasta of the day, lentil soup, etc.

For no coffee, but a quick Thai lunch, try the *Thai Soup Kitchen* at the rear of the Parra-Mall off George Street. This is "back to the laminex tables" good, no fuss food, especially the laksas. ☐

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#### Example of case details as listed in CaseBase

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==PRIMARY CASE==
Underwood
v Commonwealth Bank of Australia
(1995) 56 FCR 145

==JUDGE(S)==
Lindgren J

==COURT==
FedCt (NSW)

==DATE OF JUDGEMENT==
02/03/1995

==ANNOTATION==
Cited Westpac Banking Corporation v Hodgson Pastoral Co
(1996) NSWConvR 55-765
See Farm Debt Mediation Act 1994 (NSW)
(1995) 6 JBFLP 229

==WORDS & PHRASES==
enforcement action
farm mortgage
farm
property
power over

==STATUTES==
Farm Debt Mediation Act 1994,
Farm Debt Mediation Act 1994 (NSW), s41(1)

==CATCHWORDS==
Mortgages and Securities
    Stay of proceedings under Farm Debt Mediation
    Act 1994 (NSW)
    Enforcement action in respect of a farm mortgage
    Proceedings by bank for repayment of money owed by applicant.
    Where applicant had granted a stock mortgage to the bank over
    sheep pastured on leased farm.
    Whether the Bank's claim involved the taking of "enforcement
    action" in respect of a "farm mortgage" within the meaning of the
    Act.
    Held: a stock mortgage was not a "farm mortgage".
    The word "farm" refers to land, not stock.
    The Act extends the meaning of "farm" to include machinery.
    The powers of entry in a stock mortgage do not constitute "power
    over" a farm.
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