



FROM DUSK
'TIL DAWN

THE COOL ON COLLINGWOOD

The transformation of Collingwood, Melbourne, to culinary hotspot is bringing in a new wave of visitors

9am: Start the day buzzing with breakfast at Proud Mary (172 Oxford St, Collingwood, tel +61 (3) 9417 5930), generally regarded as having Melbourne's best coffee. Their espresso machine is said to be the only one of its kind in Australia and worth a fortune, which is probably why only the city's best baristas are allowed to touch it.

10.30am: Collingwood might be known for its clothing factory outlets, but the real gems and bargains are located at the Lost and Found Market (12 Smith St, Collingwood, tel +61 (3) 9419 4477), which has four floors packed with vintage clothing, books, furniture and general bric-à-brac.

12pm: It might be cheating crossing the road to Fitzroy's Crumpler Custom Store (85 Smith St, Fitzroy, tel +61 (3) 9417 5776), but it's worth the 10-second dash, just to see

these iconic messenger, camera and travel bags being made first-hand.

12.30pm: Wade through the sea of locals lining up for their daily fix of Trippy Taco (48 Smith St, Collingwood, tel +61 (3) 9415 7711) vego Mexican fare and enjoy the incredible value for money. The burrito is delish and big enough for two, though the "trippy fries" could be *the* Collingwood dish.

2pm: For that hard-to-find blues album, or if in search of some tunes from independent local artists, it's likely that The Last Record Store (304 Smith St, Collingwood, +61 (3) 9416 2000) stocks it. You know the place is respected when a song was named in its honour and staff are happy to offer insights into Collingwood's pub music scene.

4pm: Monsieur Truffe's (90 Smith St, Collingwood, tel +61(3) 9416 3101) speciality is the decadent array of chocolate, derived mostly from speciality cocoa beans in South America. As you would expect, their thick hot chocolate knocks back any afternoon



FROM LEFT: Proud Mary; Monsieur Truffe's hot chocolate; Smith Street



CHRIS BADENOCH

"A few years ago Smith St was a place you wouldn't really hang out at night as it was still a bit dodgy, but things have changed."

chills. A perfect place to read the paper.

6pm: Masterchef star Chris Badenoch, a local boy and new restaurateur, has seen his vision come alive at Josie Bones (98 Smith St, Collingwood, tel +61 (3) 9417 1878). He complements a 200-strong beer list (perhaps the city's best), with an array of unusual dishes such as Trotter Fritters and Rolled Pigs Head. "Josie Bones brings a serious side to beer and a dedicated approach to the Entire Beast philosophy to eating meat. It's an important approach to eating and we intend to show people that alternative cuts are not as scary as some people may imagine."

9pm: Iconic music venue and Melbourne institution The Tote Hotel (67 Johnston St, Collingwood, tel +61 (3) 9419 5320) showcases a gritty array of local and international acts that like to play it loud. Wear the entry stamp with pride and don't forget that the beer garden often has free late night barbecues if you're peckish. ★