

BEST COFFEE

By volume alone, the CBD is dominated by the six-cafe group **Mo Espresso**, with **Hemingway** and **Arlo** the jewels in their crown. **La Veen**, **Offshoot Coffee** and **Telegram Coffee** are well-patronised for good reason. Setting the standard, however, is **Howard's Groove**, a collaboration between roaster Twin Peaks and also-excellent CBD café **Smooth Operator**. Espresso or filter, it's the best in WA.

Modus has three venues all dedicated to sourcing great beans; Victoria Park is our pick for the range, pastries and things on toast. **Willing Coffee** continues its dedication to guest roasters such as Market Lane and Gardelli. Top-quality filter can also be found at **Artem** and **High Noon Saloon**.

Specialty coffee around the suburbs is mostly north of the river. Look to **Bossmen** and **Viaje** in Mount Lawley, **Stomp Coffee** in North Perth, **Arrival Hall** in Northbridge, **Cafe Leadman** on Claisebrook Road, **Myrtle Ivy** in West Leederville and City West's **Forklore** for your fix.

Ooh Coffee and **Best Wishes Coffee** are Fremantle's best and brightest, while roasters **Darkstar** and **Micrology** have opened top-end cafes in the Osborne Park industrial area.

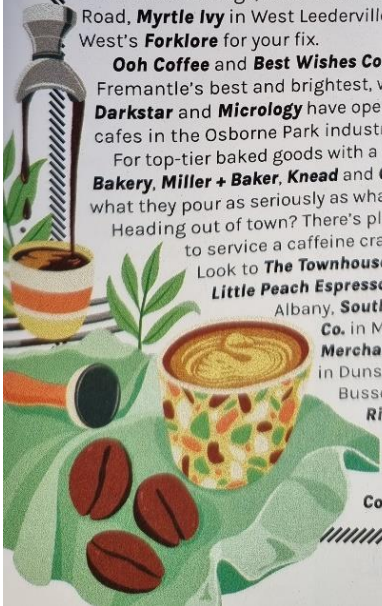
For top-tier baked goods with a cuppa, try **Chu Bakery**, **Miller + Baker**, **Knead** and **Grain**, who take what they pour as seriously as what they bake.

Heading out of town? There's plenty of spots to service a caffeine craving in style.

Look to **The Townhouse** in Bunbury, **Little Peach Espresso** and **Bred Co** in Albany, **Southern Roasting Co.** in Manjimup,

Merchant & Maker in Dunsborough (and Busselton), **Margaret River Roasting Co** in Vasse and

Quiet Life Specialty Coffee in Geraldton.



BEST BURGERS

The Perth burger scene is ever-expanding. But while there are plenty of new spots to wrap your hands around, the established players continue to dominate. **Short Order** leads the Perth pack; its Nashville-style hot chicken sandwich is a thing of beauty, as are the boozy shakes at its new Fremantle venue.

Royal's and **Hoodburger** continue to add new locations on the back of good staples, done well. While **Meet & Bun** keeps on keeping on with potato buns, organic beef and classic accoutrements.

It's satisfying to see someone new live up to its considerable hype, and **Bad Love Burger Co.** in West Leederville has hit the scene with excellent smashed patties and crisp chicken on big, saucy burgers; try the Cherry Bomb, with double beef, double cheese and cherry-chipotle barbecue sauce for the full-blown experience.

For fried chicken burgers, we can't ignore the simplicity of pop-up **Archie's**, a tip-off from **Big Don's Smoked Meats** (another pop-up), which serves the occasional brisket burger alongside Perth's finest barbecue.

Keep **Christo's Lunchbar** in Landsdale on your radar for solid staples and breakfast burgers made for easing hangovers, or go fancy at **Le Rebelle** where the medium-rare wagyu burger is filled with beaufort cheese and served in stylish bistro surrounds.

Want more? Try **Upperhand** in Swanbourne for loaded fries and extra vegan options, **115 Collective** in Merriwa for good classics, South Freo's **Big Rigz Burger Co** for grass-fed patties and Korean touches, and **Old Faithful** (in Perth and Freo) for burgers that stand up to the barbecue.

The best in WA, however? Take a road trip to **Burger Bones** in Busselton. Patties are chuck, bacon is from pigs in Jindong, buns are slow-fermented, and the Habanero Smack Patty is perfection.



BEST BAKERIES

As the lockdown-baking trend wanes, WA's artisan bakeries are still thriving. Cottesloe's **North Street Store** continues to grow; its **Big Loaf** bakery operates 24 hours a day in O'Connor, and **People's Cafeteria** is one of William Street's most exciting new venues. Yes, the cinnamon scrolls may be coveted, but don't forget to grab a baguette either.

Grain Bakery in Lathlain offers quality and value for money across the board - try their jalapeño croissants, and anything sweet. **Miller + Baker**, meanwhile, mills its own flour, and its inviting in-house café serves some of Perth's great coffee.

Knead in Scarborough excels in sourdough and bagels; get in early. Head to **Wild** in South Fremantle for pastries well worth waiting for, or duck into **Top Dup** in Willagee for Perth's best doughnuts. Unless you feel like an OG doughnut from any of the **Mary Street Bakery** shopfronts, that is.

Hit **Croff** in the CBD and **Zonts Bakehouse** in Northbridge for croissants, or **Baked 180** in Mount Lawley for cupcakes with a difference. Elsewhere, **Chu Bakery** in Highgate is still one of the city's best spots for sweets, **Butter Crumbs** in Inglewood specialises in cakes and pies and **Layers Bakery** in Subiaco does French pastries in style.

WA's regional bakeries continue to shine, too. Albany's **Bred Co** mills its own flour for its exceptional sourdough. **Margaret River Bakery** is a must-visit for breakfast and takeaway treats, while **Baked** in Busselton offers standout pies and an addictive (and exceptional) coffee éclair.

On the road? Some of our favourite pitstops include **Mount Barker Country Bakery** and **Pinjarra Bakery** for pies, as well as **Miami Bakehouse** in Falcon. And a trip north isn't complete without a stop at **Toodyay Bakery** or **Bakers Hill Pie Shop**. Whatever the flavour, the world is your pastry.



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