

Let's take a stroll

Discover a selection of must-visit local breweries, wineries and distilleries within Merri-bek. From mainstays to the best-kept secrets located down side streets, we've round up a bunch of breweries and distilleries, plus venues serving a few locally-made brews, spanning Brunswick, East Brunswick, and Coburg. Find your new tippie of choice, chat with the brewers, grab a meal or snack or just kick back in Merri-bek, the home of craft beverages.

We're a little bit spoilt for choice in Merri-bek. All along Sydney Road and in the back streets, are the perfect spots for a casual catch-up, after-work drink, birthday celebration or Sunday session. Grab the family, friends or neighbours and plan your next local adventure. Dogs welcome – the more the merrier! The best way to get around is on foot, by bike or to catch public transport.

A stroll to discover your local breweries, distilleries and urban wineries – it's just the thing to hit the spot. Great brews? Tick. Great vibes? Tick. See you on the trail!

Enjoy your beverages – but please do so responsibly

Keep your H2O levels up, grab a bite to eat and choose a shaded spot outdoors.

Each of the venues listed serve alcohol-free options and many have a mid-strength brew available. If you're pregnant or breastfeeding, it's safest not to drink alcohol.

We encourage sustainable travel. Leave the car at home and walk the short distance between venues, ride your bike or catch public transport.

Local public transport options

TRAIN: Upfield Line

Jewell, Brunswick, Anstey, Moreland, Coburg and Batman stations.

TRAM ROUTES:

No. 19 to North Coburg

No. 1 to East Coburg

No. 6 to Moreland

No. 96 to East Brunswick

BUS ROUTES:

503 via Albion St

504 via Brunswick Rd

506 via Dawson St

508 via Victoria St

509 via Victoria St

510 via Moreland Rd

526 via Pentridge

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Alchemy Brewing

396 Lygon St, Brunswick East
Mon - Thurs 4pm - 11pm
Fri 4pm - 1am
Sat 12pm - 1am
Sun 12pm - 11pm



Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2020

Head brewer: Pim Muter

Fun fact: The Alchemy site was previously the home of Cleggs Haberdashery, Australia's oldest fabric store, complete with purple walls and carpet on tiles flooring.



Brewdog Pentridge

Pentridge Prison, E Building
 T 101/1 Champ St, Coburg
Mon-Wed 12 noon - 10pm
Thu-Sat 12 noon - late
Sun 12 noon - 10pm

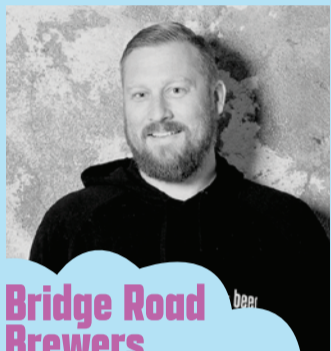


Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2022
Brewdog Pentridge does not brew beer on site, however does serve brews from some of the other local breweries mentioned in this guide

Signature beverage or drink style: Punk XPA, Shandy Shack, E Division Pale Ale

Venue Manager: Erin & Lisa

Fun fact: The venue is located at the historic Pentridge Prison site in Coburg and Brewdog is proudly carbon negative.



Bridge Road Brewers

East Brunswick
 East Brunswick Village,
 129 Nicholson St
Wed - Fri 4pm - late
Sat-Sun 12 noon - late



Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2005 and opening a permanent home in Merri-bek in May 2023

Signature beverage or drink style: Beechworth Pale Ale

Head brewer: James Dittko

Fun fact: The pop-up bar is made entirely out of cardboard furniture and fittings.



Brunswick Aces

124 Weston St, Brunswick East
Bar
Fri-Sat 3pm - 11pm

Bottle Shop

Mon-Fri 9am - 5pm
Sat 12 noon - 11pm



Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2017

Signature beverage or drink style: Non-alcoholic and alcoholic cocktails

Head distiller: Dr Cameron Hunt

Fun fact: Brunswick Aces is Australia's first non-alcoholic distillery and non-alcoholic bar.



Coburg Brewing Co

229-231 Sydney Rd, Coburg
Mon-Thurs 3pm - 10pm
Fri-Sat 12 noon - 11.30pm
Sun 12 noon - 10pm



Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2013

Signature beverage or drink style: Coburg Lager & Pentridge Pale Ale

Head brewer: Aled Evans

Fun fact: The microbrewery is 100% solar-powered and punters can brew their own beer with the Head Brewer.



Co-Conspirators Brewing Co

377 Victoria St, Brunswick
Wed-Sun 12 noon - late



Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2016 and opened in 2021

Signature beverage or drink style: The Matriarch NEIPA

Brewer: Director – Deon Smit and Olmo Maud

Fun fact: The space was once an engineering firm that manufactured tram tracks.



Foreigner Brewing Co

Factory 12, 102 Henkel St, Brunswick
Fri 4pm - 11pm
Sat 3pm - 11pm
Sun 12 noon - 8pm

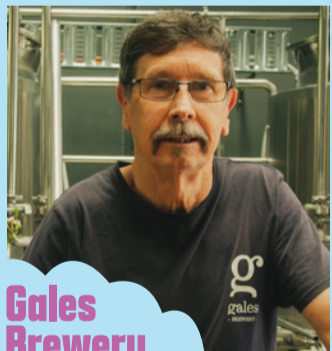


Year est. & in Merri-Bek: Pilot brewing began 2013, opened in 2016

Signature beverage or drink style: Czech Pilsner

Brewers: Peter Denison, Mira Koman & Max Whewell

Fun fact: Both co-founders were born in Czechoslovakia, so the brewhouse and equipment were custom built to make Czech Pilsner.



Gales Brewery

28 Gale St, Brunswick East
Fri 4pm - 11pm
Sat 12 noon - 11pm
Sun 12 noon - 9pm

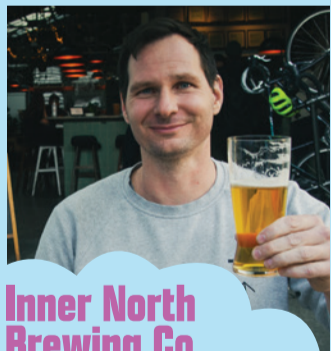


Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2022

Signature beverage or drink style: Grumpy Dave's NEIPA

Head brewer: Dave Williamson

Fun fact: After 40 years of homebrewing, Dave opened his first venue, Gales in 2022 and as such is one of the newest additions to Merri-bek's growing brew scene.



Inner North Brewing Co

10A Russell St, Brunswick
Wed 4pm - 10pm
Thur-Fri 4pm - 11pm
Sat 12 noon - 11pm
Sun 12 noon - 9pm



Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2018

Signature beverage or drink style: When Life Gives You Lemongrass

Head brewer: Zachary Skerritt

Fun fact: The space, now a plant and light-filled brick warehouse, was originally built in the late 1960s as a "coldworks".



Noisy Ritual

249 Lygon St, Brunswick East
Thurs 5pm - late
Fri 5pm - 11pm
Sat 1pm - 11pm
Sun 12 noon - 6pm



Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2014 and opened in 2016

Signature beverage or drink style: Core wines (approachable), B-sides (experimental) and Full Noisy (top tier).

Winemaker: Alex Byrne

Fun fact: Noisy Ritual was founded by two old school friends after the chance discovery of a fermenter under Cam's house in 2014.



Temple Brewing Co

124 Weston St, Brunswick East
Wed-Thurs 5pm - 11pm
Fri-Sat 12noon - 11pm
Sun 12 noon - 9pm



Year est. & in Merri-Bek: 2012 originally and 2015 in its current iteration

Signature beverage or drink style: Bicycle Beer & Okinawa Sour

Head brewer: James Mullins

Fun fact: All beers served on tap are brewed onsite with the microbrewery and brewpub co-located.



Welcome To Brunswick

1 Frith St, Brunswick
Wed-Thurs 4pm - 10pm
Fri 4pm - 11pm
Sat-Sun 12 noon - late



Year est. & in Merri-Bek: Opened in Merri-bek 2018

Signature beverage or drink style: Henry's Welcome to Haze

Head brewer: Henry Tier, 4 Pines Brewing Co

Fun fact: People travel from all over Melbourne to enjoy Henry's dry, English-style cider and Welcome to Haze won a Gold Medal at the AIBA awards in 2021.

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- Bike Paths
- Train Line
- Train Station
- Tram Line
- Pet Friendly
- Family Friendly
- Full Menu
- Food Trucks
- Snacks
- Take-away Welcome
- Vegan Options
- Live Music
- Indoor &/or Outdoor



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