

## hot tips



### FOOD

Beef burger, caramelised onions, bacon, swiss cheese, lettuce, fried egg, \$13.50



### DRINK

James Boag's Premium Lager, \$5



### DRESS CODE

Pick your strides to suit your own vibe



## Checklist

**Open:** 8am-8pm daily

**Liquor status:** Licensed

**Cards:** Yes

**Nearest tram:** Bridge Rd

**Parking:** On street, limited

**Seating:** Plenty, no need to book

**Decor:** Slick food store. Gas fire, dark timber, bare tables, polished concrete floor

**Patrons:** Twentysomething Richmonders, fiftysomething Richmonders

your mates; read the paper in the sun (I checked, in daylight, and you can); pretend to do some office work, sans office; and eat some good cafe food. There's vibe aplenty.

The tucker is tasty. I have spinach and ricotta-filled pasta and he has a stack of lamb strips on mashed potato. They're good dishes, but enough said, because the menu is updated this week.

Descriptions of meals to come look good. Brekkies include toast made with Olmecs' own brick-oven bread. Lunches and dinners include burgers (from \$12), pizzas (from \$9.50), mains, starters and sides.

This visit, we try coffee (good), hot chocolate (enormous, but weak) and between us spirit away an excellent slice of lumberjack cake — our second choice — after the waiter suggests our first pick looks a bit dry. Nice advice.

As usual, we're full as googs, but we're in no hurry to leave. It's comfy here. And comfy counts.

**IN THE WASH-UP:** It looks like a barn of a place but it's more inviting than that. The food's good and the new menu promises much. It's not bargain-basement eating but there's a nice attitude to food. The vibe's good.

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15-20 Love it, move closer

10-14 Nice try, room for improvement

5-9 Tried it once, never again

1-4 Bad coffee, bad food, bad vibe

