

# BEAN THERE, DOG THAT

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## INTREPID TREKS INTO DOG CAFÉ SOCIETY

### WEST BEACH BATHERS PAVILION

330 Beaconsfield Parade, St Kilda, VIC  
Opening hours: Wed-Fri 10am - 5pm,  
Weekends & Public Holidays 8am - Sunset

If the location is anything to go by than the Pavilion has got it made. Situated on one of Melbourne's premier dog beaches on Beaconsfield Parade. A large wooden deck built right on the sand provides ample room for you and your puppies with plenty of shade. The Pavilion, built in 1928, has been restored with an art deco look to it and sitting in one of the deck chairs, overlooking the beach, it really does feel like 1928.

The venue is fully licensed, offers a fairly standard menu for breakfast and lunch. A highlight would be the large selection of ice cream, including a number of dairy free sorbets.

Unfortunately, whilst there are numerous water bowls around the venue there is nothing on the menu for our canine friends, but the location does make up for that. Beaconsfield Parade is also ideal for stroll or jog with your dog on lead.

We had a glorious time there, sitting on the deck sipping latte and throwing the ball onto the beach for a game of fetch.

**Bean Rating: 2/5 (inconsistent pours)**

### GASWORKS CAFE

Cnr Graham & Pickles Street, Albert Park, VIC  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am - 4pm, Sat-Sunday 8am - 5pm

Right in the middle of Gasworks Arts Park, Gasworks Cafe is fully licensed and offers a large selection of both healthy and not so healthy meals for both breakfast and lunch. The outside seating area is large enough not to cause any issues with even the largest dogs, and whilst a water bowl is provided, there aren't any doggie treats on the menu. This seems to be a trend. Service was very friendly, orders were taken at the table and the meals arrived without delay. Gasworks Park, even though it is on the small side, is doggy heaven. Our canine friends can hunt through the bushes searching for that elusive prey, run to their hearts content or play fetch in the open areas. It is somewhat shielded from traffic which should be enough to keep all but the most determined dogs away from cars. Nearby Lagoon Reserve is great alternative if the park gets too busy. Port Melbourne beach (off lead all year around) is a 3min walk away.

**Bean Rating: 3/5**



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