



Bang for your buck ... Revolver's "ultimate" burger. Photo: Anthony Johnson

## THE WINNERS ARE ...

### EVERYDAY EATS CHAMP

**Chat Thai**  
20 Campbell Street, Haymarket, 9211 1808

The Chat Thai chain has gone from strength to strength of late, with various venues offering fiery Thai food, soothingly sweet desserts and an atmosphere as vibrant as the food.

### BEST NEW CHEAP EAT

**El Loco**  
64 Foveaux Street, Surry Hills, 9211 4945

Dan Hong is on a roll. This super-colourful, cheerfully cheap Mexican eatery has brought big crowds back to The Excelsior.

### EVERYDAY EATS HALL OF FAME

**Faheem Fast Food**  
194-196 Enmore Road, Enmore, 9550 4850

Faheem is a long-time favourite for Pakistani and Indian food; the setting is basic, service swift and prices low.

### BIGGEST BARGAIN

**The Apprentice**  
TAFE Sydney Institute, Harris Street, Ultimo, 9217 5527

Fine-dining that's as cheap as chips. A training ground for TAFE hospitality students, you'll get all the frills without the big bill.

### BEST BREAKFAST

**Copo Cafe & Diner**  
135 Victoria Road, Drummoyne, 9719 9057

This relative newcomer is floating our brekkie boat with its South American-leaning dishes, plus the classics and scrumptious frappes, shakes and Campos coffee.

### FAVOURITE PIZZA

**Pizza Mario**  
Shop 9, Ivy, St Margarets, 417-421 Bourke Street, Surry Hills, 9332 3633

It's hard to fault Pizza Mario's thin, nicely chewy-based pizza with toppings that are sparing but spectacularly full of flavour.

### BEST VEGETARIAN FEED

**Nourishing Quarter**  
315 Cleveland Street, Redfern, 8399 0888

The meat-free menu has a Vietnamese focus but globetrotts gallantly. Flavours are big and the whole package is loads of fun.

### BEST SWEET TREAT

**Gelato Messina**  
241 Victoria Street, Darlinghurst, 8354 1223

The only entry to win the same Everyday Eats award two years running; Messina continues to wow with inventive and utterly delicious gelato creations.

### BEST VIEW

**The Boathouse**  
Barrenjoey Boathouse, Governor Phillip Park, Palm Beach, 9974 3868

Open decking over the water and a mega-eye-ful of the prettiness of Palm Beach make for a long lunch you'll want a camera on hand for.

### FAVOURITE RAMEN

**Ryo's**  
125 Falcon Street, Crows Nest, 9955 0225

This low-key ramen bar has a large and loyal following and it's no wonder: the ramen features top-notch noodles and broth, right through to the clean-as-a-whistle aftertaste.

### FAVOURITE BURGER

**Revolver**  
291 Annandale Street, Annandale, 9555 4727

Single beef patty, smoked mozzarella, pickled cucumber, beetroot, tomato and rocket, with a side of lemon-roasted chat potatoes. Irresistible.

### FAVOURITE EAT STREET

**John Street, Cabramatta**

The ultimate cheap-eats foodie fantasia, John Street bustles with queue-fronted (mainly Vietnamese) eateries, vibrant fruit and grocery shops, juice stalls, cafes and true street food stalls.

## THREE-STAR WINNERS

Each entry in *Everyday Eats 2012* is rated by a star from one to three. Rankings are awarded for food, value, ambience, service and decor. The food is paramount. Here are the three-star winners:

### EAST

Bondi's Best, Bondi; Cafe Sopra, Waterloo; Chairman Mao, Kensington; Four in Hand, Paddington; Lucio Pizzeria, Darlinghurst; Nourishing Quarter, Redfern; Pompei's, Bondi; Sushi

Yachiyo, Darlinghurst; Three Blue Ducks, Bronte; The Wine Library, Woollahra; Yokozuna, Darlinghurst.

### SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST

Alley Break Cafe, Cronulla; HAM (Harry and Mario), Cronulla.

### CENTRAL

121BC, Surry Hills; Boteco, Surry Hills; Bourke Street Bakery, Surry Hills; Cafe Giulia, Chippendale; Chat Thai, Haymarket; The Carrington, Surry Hills; Din Tai Fung, Sydney;

El Loco, Surry Hills; Home, Sydney; Pizza Mario, Surry Hills; Shortgrain, Surry Hills; Single Origin Roasters, Surry Hills; Spice I Am, Surry Hills; Sydney Madang, Sydney.

### WEST

Bau Truong, Cabramatta; Cheema da Dhaba, Granville; Hai Au, Canley Vale; Hong Fu, Parramatta; Pho Tau Bay, Cabramatta; The Union, Penrith.

### NORTH AND NORTH-WEST

The Boathouse, Palm Beach; Fourth

Village Providore, Mosman; Hooked Gourmet Seafoods, Greenwich; Makan @ Alice's, Thornleigh; Makoto, Chatswood; Mamak, Chatswood; Pilu Kiosk, Freshwater; Ryo's, Crows Nest.

### INNER WEST

3 Weeds, Back Bar, Rozelle; Black Star Pastry, Newtown; Cafe Viva, Balmain; Copo Cafe & Diner, Drummoyne; Na Zdrowie, Glebe; Revolver, Annandale; Sideways Deli Cafe, Dulwich Hill; Yen for Viet, Marrickville.



Top-notch ... Nourishing Quarter.