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Perth — we have slurped, crunched and indulged our way across our fine city to hunt down 123 of the best cheap eats and locations on offer.

Naturally, there are your classic cheap delicacies — parmis the size of your head, oozy burgers destined to drip down to your elbows and plump yum cha morsels that will, without a doubt, put you into a food coma.

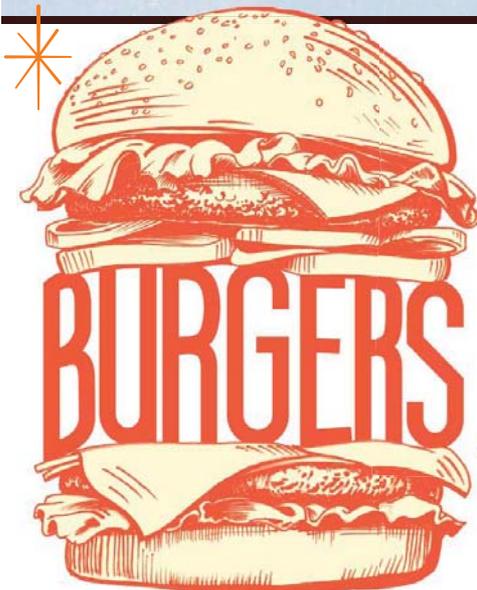
Then for the times you're wanting to live that champagne life on a craft beer budget, we've uncovered some affordable date-night spots to wow that special person without resorting to using your credit card.

Throw in some brunch bargains and continental rolls worth travelling for and your bank balance will be singing your praises in no time.

To share your favourite cheap eat, get in touch at food@wanews.com.au or tag us on Instagram @thewestfood.

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The hunch over the plate, the juices, the swatting away of pesky fingers trying to steal your chips. Nothing beats the experience of devouring a great burger.

Whether you're partial to a towering monster that you can barely get your mouth around, opt for a fresh vegan option, or refuse to consider anything but a classic cheeseburger, these are a few of Perth's best burger destinations to sink your teeth into.

SPECIAL DEALS

MONDAY

If you're not quite ready to let go of the weekend and start a new week, we feel you. Ignore responsibilities for one more day at one of these spots.

- The Wembley Hotel, Wembley**
\$10 pizza with a drink.
- Durty Nelly's, Perth**
\$20 roast diner and pint from 3pm.
- Scarborough Beach Bar, Scarborough**
\$15 porterhouse from 5pm.
- The Moon Cafe, Northbridge**
\$14.95 pizza or pasta.
- The Newport Hotel, Fremantle**
\$10 1/2kg jalapeno chicken wings
- South Street Bar and Restaurant, Hillton**
\$20 steak night.
- The Local Hotel, South Fremantle**
\$19 burger and pint.
- Hill Street Bar, Perth**
\$20 burger and pint.

HYLIN BACK BAR West Leederville

A blink-and-you'll-miss-it spot tucked at the back of brunch maestros Hylin Cafe, this is a millennial fantasy space filled with dangly greenery overload, trendy interiors and best of all, \$10 burgers on Thursdays. With three options, including a falafel burger for the vegos, you can't go wrong for a bite here before the weekend.

HOODBURGER Northbridge and Inglewood

Kicking off their foodie foray grilling up burgers in pop-up locations, there was such a demand for these generous Americana-style burgers that the team now have two permanent locations. For the nights when you're not after cheap and cheerful Asian, they have a spot in the Old Shanghai food court, as well as a restaurant in Inglewood.

ALFRED'S KITCHEN Guildford

Could there really be a burger list without featuring this 73-year-old institution? Don't expect anything fancy, but do expect the kind of combo you'd get at a friend's backyard barbecue, wrapped up in white paper with love. Also a great spot to kick back and people watch by the fire.

SHORT ORDER BURGER CO Fremantle and Perth

Once upon a time the masses would road trip to Freo to wait in lengthy lines for what many declare to be Perth's best burger, before this destination opened a CBD store. Wherever your closest fix, grab a bottle (both locales are BYO) and wear an old shirt (it is destined to get messy). Keep an eye on their Instagram for limited-time-only flavours and extra-sesh deals.

VARSIY BAR & BURGERS Joondalup, Morley, Nedlands, Northbridge and Waterford

Any AFL fan will know the locations of these spots, very, very well. Renowned not only for their affordable burgs, plus a slew of great weekly deals (hello \$5 cheeseburgers), these hotspots are equally celebrated for their massive screens playing live sport.

ROYAL'S CHICKEN & BURGERS Vic Park, Northbridge and Wembley

When a picture of a towering burger crammed with mozzarella cheese sticks, buttermilk fried chicken, bacon and all the sides attracts nearly 900 comments on social media, you know you're on to a winner. These popular joints have plenty of options for all hunger levels.



Top: Hylin Back Bar. Above: Hoodburger.
Picture: @tshoodburger/Instagram.



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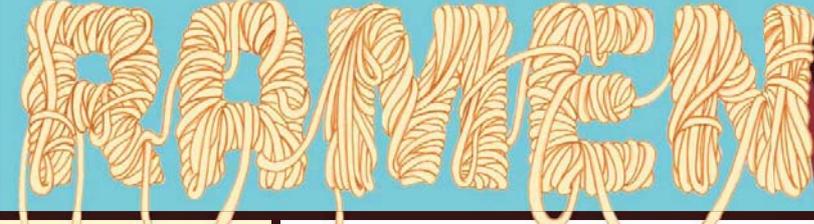
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RAMEN

Each year, thousands of West Aussies flock to Japan, drawn by the lure of sushi, the powdery snow the cool kids call “Ja-pow” or the kawaii overload that is Harajuku.

They return from the Land of the Rising Sun with a taste for Japan’s other great contribution to global cuisine: ramen.

Over a century or so, this hearty noodle soup has been elevated to an art form in Japan and the worldwide proliferation of the country’s biggest ramen chains is testament to its popularity and value for money.

A number of these chains have set up shop in Perth recently, so there has never been a better time to slurp your way through a bowl (slurping is mandatory for a traditional ramen experience, BTW).

Ben O’Shea

Here are our top 10 ramen spots in P-Town:

- 1. RAMEN KEISUKE TONKOTSU KING**
Perth
You’ll spot this tiny restaurant in the Melbourne Hotel by the queue snaking out the door. Yep, ramen aficionados can’t get enough of celeb chef Keisuke Takeda’s signature tonkotsu (pork bone) broth and the unique offer of unlimited boiled eggs.
- 2. NAO**
Perth
Established in 2003, Nao is a Perth institution when it comes to ramen. Its enviable reputation is built on huge portions, ridiculously cheap prices and a focus on house-made ingredients.
- 3. HAKATA GENSUKE**
East Victoria Park
This behemoth chain founded by Japanese ramen champion Kousuke Yoshimura opened a Perth outlet in 2017 and has been slinging delicious bowls of authentic Hakata-style ramen ever since.
- 4. IPPUDO KINGS SQUARE**
Perth
This famous Japanese chain started as a tiny ramen spot in Fukuoka in 1985, the home of tonkotsu broth. Now, it has outlets around the world, including two recently opened in Perth. The Kings Square restaurant offers a nicer dining experience.
- 5. FAT FISH RAMEN**
City Beach
This hole-in-the-wall City Beach restaurant will infuriate traditionalists by its use of diced tomato and rocket as toppings but this ramen is legit. You won’t get this much chashu pork anywhere else in town and the chicken broth is a lovely, lighter alternative for those needing a break from tonkotsu.
- 6. DOSUKOI**
Fremantle
You will not find cheaper ramen in Perth than this no-frills stall at Fremantle Markets. The miso ramen with “soft pork on top” is a steal at less than \$10 but if you’re really stingy the basic version is a mere \$7.50.
- 7. IPPUDO CAROUSEL**
Cannington
The newer of the two Ippudos in Perth sits in the swanky new food precinct at Westfield Carousel and, for whatever reason, isn’t quite as good as the aforementioned Kings Square outlet. Still great, though.
- 8. BARI-UMA**
Perth
This ramen chain from Hiroshima opened its first Australian outlet in Perth recently and its point of difference is thick-cut chashu pork. Though it is the lesser of the big chains, Bari-Uma offers beer specials, and that counts for something.
- 9. RAMEN SAMURAI**
Victoria Park
If you like your miso ramen spicy, this Vic Park restaurant specialises in the stuff. It comes beautifully presented in the Sapporo style, with sweetcorn and seared chashu pork.
- 10. OISHII**
Myaree
The tonkotsu broth at this cheap and cheerful joint in a Myaree business park isn’t as rich as the big Japanese chains but it’s a solid lunch option if you’re in the area.

