

## Autumn Day Menu – 10am – 3pm

### Brunch:

Homemade traffic Muesli made daily with fresh fruit and organic natural yoghurt	\$9.50
B.L.T in a toasted bagel	\$14.50
Raspberry Hotcakes with banana & maple syrup	\$13.50
With bacon	\$16.50
The Gorge Breakfast with poached free range eggs, honey cured bacon, slow roast tomato, mushrooms, potato rosti, gourmet sausage and toast	\$18.50
Warmed croissant with free range scrambled eggs, smoked salmon & crème fraiche	\$16.50
Black pudding with portabello mushroom hollandaise sauce and watercress	\$16.50
traffic Montreal – smoked salmon on a toasted English muffin & homemade hollandaise	\$16.50
traffic Benedict – with premium honey cured bacon and homemade hollandaise	\$16.50
traffic Florentine – with spinach and homemade hollandaise	\$15.50
Two free range eggs, fried, scrambled, poached or boiled with toast	\$9.50
Extra sides	per serving \$4
Streaky bacon	Potato rosti
Mushroom	Toast & butter
Grilled tomatoes	Hollandaise
breakfast sausages	Smoked salmon
Black pudding	avocado (seasonal)

### Lunch:

Hummus with warm ciabatta bread	\$9.50
Artisan loaf served warm with garlic or herb butter	\$5
Bowl of traffic olives	\$5
Soup of the day with ciabatta bread	\$10.50
Homemade farmstyle chicken liver pate with warm bread, salad greens	\$14.50
Pasta of the day - Chefs choice of pasta using seasonal produce	\$15.50
Seafood Fish cake – this is no ordinary fish cake and is served with salad greens, poached egg and sundried tomato Pesto	\$16.50
Salt 'n Pepper Calamari with salad greens & blue cheese mayonnaise	\$15.50
Seasonal salad with honey cured bacon, brie and strips of seasoned hot chicken with Traffic dressing	\$17.50
Steak Sandwich with caramelised onions Traffic relish on toasted Foccacia bread with fries	\$20.50
Traffic Burgers – both with salad, cheese, roasted beetroot, caramelised onions, Traffic relish and Fries	beef burger \$20.50 Vegetarian burger \$18.50
Traffic Wedges – Potato wedges served with grilled cheese, chilli sauce and sour cream	\$14 with bacon \$16
Chunky Fries with homemade aioli and ketchup	\$7
Side salad with Traffic Dressing	\$5

We only use fresh, in-season products - sometimes unavailable  
 We only use free range eggs in our cooking and baking  
 We use Rice Bran oil for deep frying  
 (Rice Bran is naturally light and clean tasting and is high in antioxidants such as vitamin E and high in 'good' mono and polyunsaturated fats).

### Pizzas: (see reverse )

\* Check blackboard for details, fresh fish priced daily when available

## Pizzas:

*All our pizzas are made fresh when ordered with a fresh tomato base and mozzarella cheese - Please allow 20 minutes*

<b>Margherita</b> - Red onions, tomatoes and basil. (additional anchovies and/or olives \$2 per extra)	\$18.50
<b>Traffic Favourite</b> - Ham, pineapple, mushroom and tomato	\$19.50
<b>Primo</b> - Strips of med rare beef fillet, horseradish cream, onion marmalade and mushrooms	\$23.50
<b>Americano</b> - Smoked chicken, cranberry, red onion, cream cheese	\$23.50
<b>Carnivora</b> - Cabanossi, salami, ham and BBQ sauce	\$23.50
<b>Seafood</b> - Salmon, prawns, cream cheese and capers	\$23.50
<b>Mediterranean</b> - Sundried tomatoes, olives, peppers, artichokes, aubergine, mushrooms, red onions, feta and rocket.	\$24.50

## Before we came .....



In 1934 building was under way of a new theatre for Otaki. The outer foundations were concrete, the front wall covered with Steltex and finished rough-cast and all other walls covered with corrugated iron.

Special attention was given the flooring as the hall was to be used largely for dances. The whole of the interior wood-work was oil-stained, the stage was 3 ft. 6 in. high, hot and cold running water laid on throughout, and electrical fittings were installed. All at an estimated cost of £1,600, (\$4,640), and all in readiness for the grand opening.

The new theatre, built to the order of Mr A. D. Webster, by the well-known contractor, Mr J. Gillespie, was opened in the June when there was an attendance of over five hundred people, the great majority being dancers who tripped the light fantastic till the early hours of the morning.

The dress circle contained a large number of sight-seers. Among those present were visitors from Palmerston North, Wellington, and all towns between the two centres. His Worship the Mayor and the Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Rourke), members of the Otaki Borough Council, and other local bodies, were present and all expressed admiration at the splendid building, which reflected credit on those responsible. ....

The lighting effects were very pleasing, while it is gratifying to know that the drapings, carpets, etc., were supplied locally, Mr H. B. Edhouse carrying out his work in a most capable manner. The floor, which had undergone special preparation, promised to be a very fine one.

The orchestras were mounted on a platform in the centre of the room, an innovation that was appreciated. The supper was served on the spacious stage.

The theatre was not architecturally a noteworthy building; it was very plain, perhaps suitably austere and unadorned for the Depression years. However it hosted many happy events, such as 'Annual New Year's All Night Monster Dance' with three orchestras including 'The famous band Jim McComb's Rhythm Kings.

Rose Shows were held there in the late 1930s as well as various social gatherings in addition to dances, particularly during World War II when it was also used for packing goods for the soldiers. Later (from around 1946-7) it became a tobacco factory, then used for storage.

The building was demolished in 2006 making way for four new retail outlets. While the building had little architectural merit the native timbers used for the floor and stage were salvaged for recycling.

This re-cycled timber has been used in the traffic bar & cafe using the stage timber for table, counter and bar tops and the floor timbers as wall covering behind the bar and open fire.



**Fuel @ traffic.**

**High octane tasting club**

**Wine - Boutique beer -  
gourmet food**

**First Thursday of every month**

**Interested?**

**ask our crew for details**