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Best bites in Bentleigh: 6 eateries you won't want to miss

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For a little suburb tucked away in Melbourne's southeast, this busy – yet peaceful – neighbourhood has become quite a foodie haven.

Centre Road is studied with stellar cafes, bustling eateries and quirky quickspots. It's attracting Bentleigh locals, as well as visitors from across Dandenong – and beyond.

Gary Peer Bentleigh director, Leon Goussard and his team share where they prefer between inspections and recharge after auctions. Get ready, you're in for a treat!

1. Fifth Chapter

It's morning, which means it's coffee time. So where will you find the Gary Peer & Associates Bentleigh team? At Fifth Chapter, of course.

This Bentleigh cafe isn't trying to impress anyone with kooky dishes. But impress us it does. Think yummy menu items you'd expect from your local cafe – only plated to perfection.

Husband and wife owners, Harry and Georgia, bring decades of food experience to their fifth culinary project together.

And with Harry greeting you at the door with his infectious smile, you'll find yourself carrying his positive energy through the rest of your day. Or that could just be the coffee kicking in!

What to order?

If you're on the go, we suggest grabbing a quick Panini Burger – a Georgia specialty. This one-hander balances the right amount of naughty crunch with crisp tomato and lettuce.

Have time for a post-lunch food coma? Dive in and enjoy a bowl of light and fluffy gnocchi. You can choose from five different sauces: Napoli, Amatriciana, Bolognese, Carbonara and Creamy Mushroom. All so delicious and hearty as the next.

[Visit Fifth Chapter's website](#)



2. Good Times Milk Bar

After good food, good coffee, and good times?

Well, this pastel painted, California inspired with bar themed cafe is the place to spend a restorative morning off or a sunny afternoon with friends (and the four-legged variety).

If you like to eat a work of art for breakfast and devour a visual masterpiece for lunch, you're in for a delight. Each meal is skillfully put together to appeal to the eye before it appeals to the taste buds.

What to order?

Choose the Pua Farmers snax, and we know you'll be choosing it again... and again. With a crunchy shell on the outside and soft and tasty inside, you won't leave a piece on the plate – even the side salad will disappear before your eyes!

And by all means, order a coffee or orange juice. But if the sun's shining and it's your day off, why not upgrade to an Espresso Martini or Mimosa?

[Visit Good Times Milk Bar's website](#)



3. The Bentleigh Social

What's the new thing Centre Road has been missing? A go-to destination for a Friday knockoff drink and nibble!

Since opening its warehouse doors in February 2022, The Bentleigh Social has well and truly lived up to its name – serving Bentleigh locals with good vibes, wicked food and a wide selection of taplers to close off a hard work week.

What to order?

Steak lovers rejoice. The 'From the Smoker' menu features a star-studded line up of brisket, pork ribs, chicken and lamb shoulder – all slowly smoked to perfection in the eatery's very own smoker.

Staying away from meat? The Veggie Plate is stacked with smoked mushrooms and pulled jackfruit, so you can still enjoy all those rich and hearty flavours.

[Check out Bentleigh Social on Instagram](#)



4. Souder Bentleigh

Fancy an Asian fusion fusion explosion in Bentleigh's largest beer garden? Well, you'll be sure to delight in Bentleigh's buzzing foodie hotspot, Souder Bentleigh.

This is the place to go if you want to keep your palate guessing. Souder's share plates and main meals are reminiscent of traditional pub meals, yet they'll spike your taste buds with the fresh and vibrant flavours of southeast Asia.

What to order?

For entree, you can't go past the 5 Spice Salt & Pepper Calamari. With its XO chill mayo and red chili, you'll feel the heat. Making the refreshing – yet bold – Pua Tom Collins cocktail can't fix!

To stay on the seafood theme, we recommend the Steamed Garumundi for your main course. This bright bowl is packed full of tangy, fresh and mouthful flavours – leaving you satisfied but with room for a salted caramel and Cinnamon Donut coupled with salted caramel.

[Visit Souder Bentleigh's website](#)



5. Sloppy Joe's Deli

Think of all the wild food combinations you dreamed of as a kid – but were never allowed to eat. Well at Sloppy Joe's Deli, the best of your dreams have finally come true.

This New York-style deli has extreme food lovers coming from near and far to experience its drink-worthy 'slogas', and decadent homemade donuts and cookies.

The food may be naughty, but every menu item is made fresh to order with the highest quality ingredients. Even the toasted bread is no more afterthought – it's the star of the sandwich show!

What to order?

If someone were a bathroom jilt, we'd say order it all!

But for your first visit to Sloppy Joe's, we recommend the crowd favourite: The Twelfth Street Milk. This treatise comes with creamy cheddar and goodness with rich mushroom flavours.

However, you can't go past the Fried Chicken Burger, quite literally. The size of your head. It gets two thumbs up – and takes two hands to devour.

[Check out Sloppy Joe's Deli on Instagram](#)



6. The Little Banh Mi House

If you're not out about in Bentleigh and need a quick, cheap and oh-so-tasty lunch, stop by The Little Banh Mi House. This authentic Vietnamese shop chains out the foodiest street food you'll find in the Dandenong area – and is a regular midday stop for the team at Gary Peer & Associates Bentleigh.

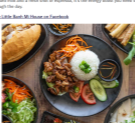
But don't be put off by the lunchtime crowd, the service is speedy. You'll be biting into a banh mi before you can say 'xin chào!'

What to order?

It would be unfair to omit The Little Banh Mi House and not leave with a banh mi in hand. So we recommend the classic BBQ chicken roll. With a slathering of hoisin sauce, it's a clear winner for us.

Need a little pick me up to carry you through the afternoon? Try the Vietnamese Iced Coffee. With sticky condensed milk and a fresh shot of espresso, it's the energy boost you need to keep you powering through the day.

[Check out The Little Banh Mi House on Facebook](#)



Ready to treat your taste buds? Message your brunch buddies – it's time to sample the best of Bentleigh.

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