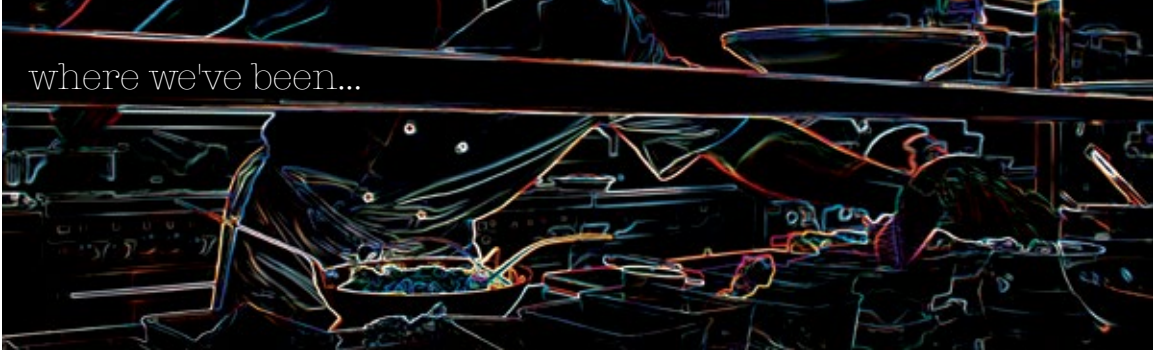


where we've been...



EL JANNAH Campbelltown

When 'El Jannah' announced on Facebook they were coming to Campbelltown, my daughter Brooke tagged me in the conversation. "You should know about this," she suggested. Brooke had lived in Merrylands for a while and 'El Jannah' is famous around those parts for simple Lebanese food and sublime charcoal chicken. I then notified the magazine's Facebook followers of the impending opening... Wow! By the reaction, Brooke was not the only one to know about 'El Jannah'.

I investigated further and found that 'El Jannah's' charcoal chicken and chicken burgers were also favourites with Sydney's food media. They had been listed in 'Good Food Guide's Top Ten Chicken Dishes in Sydney', 'The Urban List's Best Lebanese Restaurants' and virtues extolled many times in The Telegraph and Sydney Morning Herald. So what is all the fuss about?

Kirsty (PA) and I visited El Jannah late in Spring to investigate on your behalf. Although, judging by the hoards of people filling the refurbished restaurant, I think most of you have already been there. Originally the building was a Pizza Hut I believe. The fit out is slick and modern, but this is a family restaurant. The layout, style and intent has more to do with the giant chains than a regular restaurant. Take the kids, make some noise and enjoy the food.

The food. Neither of us ordered the chicken. Fail! I had the EJ Platter: 3 skewers (Tawouk, Kafta and Lahme), hommous, babaganouj,

chips, garlic, chilli bread. Kirsty tried the Falafel Plate. We loved what we ordered (they're big!) but we will have to go back for El Jannah's famous chicken dishes.