



THE GRID CAFE Oran Park

An impromptu lunch with my youngest son is always a joy. I was close to Chad's home with only a few magazine chores to get out of the way. I rang him while driving. "Lunch?" is the abbreviated version of our brief conversation. "Yep!" was the reply. "I've just got to go to Gregory Hills Shopping Village and then come grab you."

Gregory Hills Shopping Village is one of our key distribution points. The magazines stand next to the ATM at the Espresso Warriors entrance is hard to keep up with. Gregory Hills loves our magazine. Thank you.

I picked up Chad and headed to Podium Centre, Oran Park for another popular magazine stand. Located at the entrance next to Commonwealth Bank, this one too needed a serious top up of magazines.

Our lunch was at Grid Cafe, which is on the Peter Brock Drive facade of the shopping centre - next to the land sales office. The two owner operators, Aron and Krishna have amazing hospitality pedigree, having met and become friends working at the fabulous OTTO Ristorante, Woolloomooloo.

The food at Grid Cafe is appropriately simple for a suburban cafe, but wonderfully achieved by an expert kitchen. The boys have a strong fanbase who appreciate the quality on offer.

Chad and I decided on inside, but the cafe has at least as many seats outside. Spring

must be the perfect season for Grid Cafe. We settled in to read the menu. Again, it's quite simple, but there are highlights which showcase the talented kitchen.

My Lime Coriander Salmon is one. Normally an almost weekly salmon eater, months of sickness including Covid 19, had seen me drift away from the tasty fish. "I am ready," I thought to myself. And I am so glad I was. What a lovely subtle dish full of fresh tasty ingredients.

It looked great too. Crispy skin salmon, next to a moulded mound of brown rice topped with a coriander, tomato and capsicum salsa. A drizzle of the lemon wedge provided and I was ready to hook in.

Midday had only just clicked over and Chad went for an all day breakfast menu item. "Breakfast Burrito and a long black please." For me the decision was a glass of wine or not. I decided against the indulgence, but nice to know that Grid is licensed. Good to know too that Grid choose to serve our local coffee roaster La Casa del Caffè.

A simple but high quality lunch in a very convenient location. Grid even has a decent size carpark at its door. Who knows - you might get lucky! Anyway, the shopping centre has stacks of parking.

Add The Grid to your list people of Camden's new north west. Although I think most of you are well aware of the cafe.