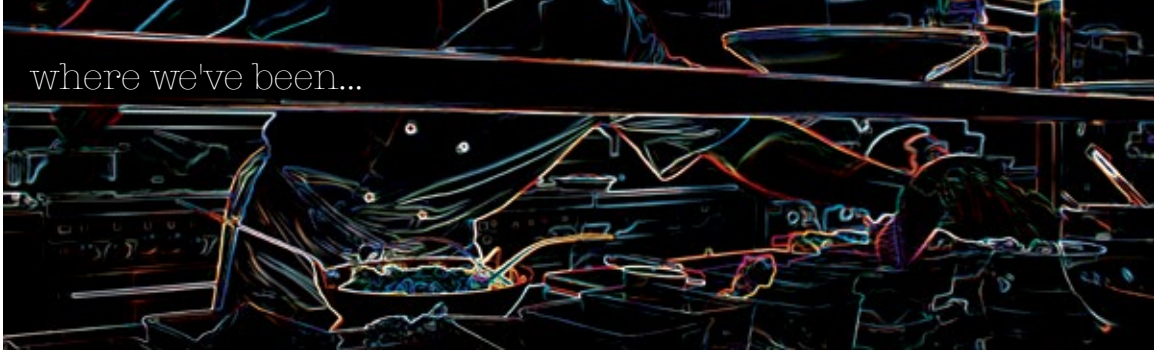


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**THE DOVE & SHEARS** The Catho by Lisa

*It took me far too long, but I finally made it to The Dove & Shears at Campbelltown Catholic Club. A girls night was a perfect excuse for dinner and live music. I immediately fell in love with the intimacy of the fit-out. The colour palette and décor, lighting, cosy booths and elegant seating, all had me feeling comfy and completely at home in no time.*

*Barman, Dino, is an old friend and I couldn't wait to enjoy one of his extraordinary cocktails again. They are always amazing and prepared with his charismatic flair. Our choices couldn't have been better: a rich intense Salted Caramel Espresso Martini and a Cherry Chapstick for me. It's made with Martin Millers Gin, Cointreau and cherry, plus a dash of angostura bitters - and ta-daaa - finished with cherry smoke. We loved the touch of theatre and Dino's familiar cheeky smile when he presented them to our table.*

*Our friendly waitress allowed us some time to sip away before returning for our order. We decided to share two plates for entrée - Tathra Place free range Lamb croquettes with burnt onion and rosemary aioli - a beautiful light crumb encasing complimentary flavours in every bite. We accompanied this dish with the lighter Proscuitto and Peach Salad with pistachio and Moscato cream. It's savoury, sweet, crunch and creamy. I always love trying a new flavour combination.*

*For mains I decided on a 200g Black Angus*

*Eye Fillet - "medium thank you" - served with fat chips, jus and bearnaise sauce. You can't beat the flavour of a chargrilled steak - and those crazy-yum square-cut chips. My sea-food-loving partner in crime was more than pleased with her choice of Grilled Swordfish With Fennel, Grapefruit and Avocado - a wonderful flavour combo.*

*Delicious cocktails, brilliant cuisine and live music by guitar vocalist, Birdman, created the perfect trifecta for our evening. We could've gone one better and ordered a Mango and Passionfruit Crème Brulee. Or maybe a Pineapple Carpaccio, Lavender, Amaretti and Lime Sorbet for Dessert - but a second cocktail won out.*

*The Dove & Shears scored a big tick from us. I don't write social media reviews unless I'm super impressed, but I made the effort to include our dining experience on their socials pages. Credit where it is due - creative flavours, friendly courteous service and stylish ambience all contributed to a memorable night out. I can't wait to try some more dishes - and more of Dino's cocktails!*