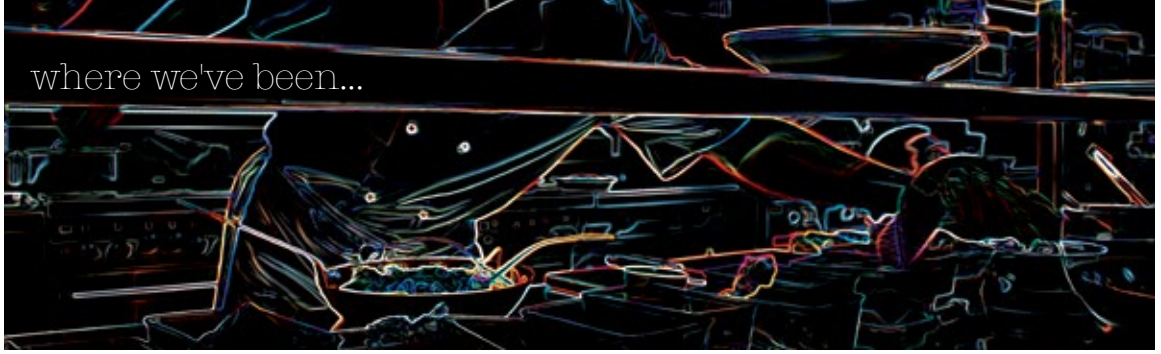


where we've been...



The TASTE Italian Grill Park Central

The Taste Italian Grill is a lift ride from my office, when the Macarthur Charity Dinner committee decided to hold a debrief there, it was at the very least, convenient. It was a good decision for other reasons too: the food; the casual but stylish atmosphere; the quality wine list; did I mention the food?

I think The Taste is one of the most consistent restaurants in the district. The kitchen is superbly managed. Head Chef, Adnan doesn't have to be there every shift for the food to be excellent, and it usually is. The menu is a fairly simple Italian grill plus the obligatory pizza and pasta. Not just any pizza and pasta though. My family loves the pizzas and I think The Taste's pasta is as good as anywhere in Macarthur - every time too.

You might have guessed what I ordered on this Thursday evening then - Pasta! I am a fan. I went for Spaghetti Gamberi with Napolitana Sauce. Consistently great cooking of pasta is a wonderful asset for any kitchen. These guys nail it. I 'Hoovered' my meal while assorted dishes were similarly devoured around the table. My brother Michael went for a rib eye steak - he loved it. The other three went for variations of skewers. I have sampled them before, a very tasty meal. Actually, I got to finish off Brooke's chicken skewers. She was sitting beside me.

We discussed our wonderful fundraising event (page 44), the very few minor issues that had been raised. For our first attempt, the

evening went quite smoothly. The five of us are very proud. We raised our glasses of Mt Riggs Shiraz to success, and to the future of our event, bigger, better and more effective next year.

The Taste was the perfect choice for our casual celebration. But we knew it would be.