

ICE, ICE, *Baby*

Every day it seems like a new ice-cream parlour opens in Perth, each more tantalising than the last. As our civic duty to you, dear reader, we've taken it upon ourselves to try each one – tough gig, we know. Whether it's velvety traditional Italian gelato or mango ice-cream so concentrated it tastes just like biting into the fruit, we give you the scoop (sorry) on the best in the state.

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Features



NEW ICE-CREAM PLACES



CHICHO GELATO

No one could accuse the couple behind Chicho of being unimaginative. Schooled in the art of traditional gelato making at a Bologna university; hipster ingenuity via Portland and New York food vans; and explosive Latin flavours by way of South American travels, Chez and Carly De Bartolo know a thing or two about making exotic gelato. A few of our favourites include rockmelon and prosciutto, peanut butter and jelly, and lemon and basil.

Taste test Their chocolate gelato was smoother than Don Draper, and the salted caramel sauce and crunchy peanuts drizzled on top were insanely delicious. Plus, we've got to give them bonus points for combining three of our all-time fave flavours in one. Afterwards, I tried the lemon and basil sorbet, which turned out to be the perfect palate cleanser – tangy and tart with just a subtle hint of the herb for extra freshness.

Where Twilight Hawkers Market, Maylands Hawker Markets, Perth Upmarket



WHISK CREAMERY

Two young Italian lads would be making their nonnas proud with this old-fashioned gelateria, which serves gelato hand-crafted fresh from WA milk and cream. Don't be fooled by the soft-serve machines: this is made the authentic way, with traditional flavours and toppings to match. If you're after gimmicky frills like Gummi Bears or Froot Loops, go elsewhere.

Taste test I tried the panna cotta strewn with coconut flakes and strawberries – it was super creamy with a subtle hint of tartness, and a hell of a lot tastier than most actual panna cottas I've had lately. Meanwhile, my friend was in raptures over her scoop of coffee: she claimed tasted just as it does in Italy (and with a Florentine husband, she'd know).

Where 151 Rokeby Road, Subiaco



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