



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: *Golden hour at the al fresco dining area of La Popular Taqueria; Street art adds to Port Adelaide's layered history; La Popular presses its tortillas in-house; Port Adelaide's iconic lighthouse.*



HIP HOOD

Port Adelaide

From its Kurna origins to its maritime HEYDAY, this precinct's cobbled *STREETS* and *HERITAGE* buildings are now a *VIBRANT* community hub, says Tegan Forder.

BORN OUT OF ITS first inhabitants and subsequent maritime industry, Port Adelaide is an unpretentious blend of history, culture, buzzy watering holes and epicurean finds that locals are protective of, and many visitors are yet to discover.

Settled by the Kurna People tens of thousands of years ago, the suburb located on the Lefevre Peninsula has been a trade and commerce hub since Colonel William Light glided up the Port River in 1836.

The area's history is reflected in its heritage-listed buildings and cobbled streets. And with government and commercial investments breathing new life into the neighbourhood, the main strips of Commercial Road and St Vincent Street are attracting new venues to complement old favourites.

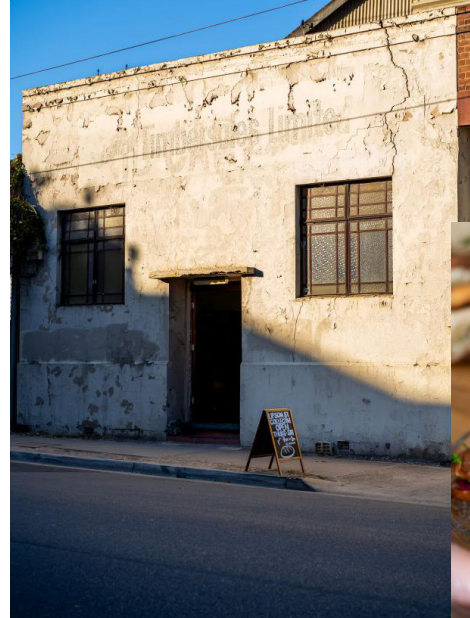
Dylan Nettleton, co-owner of new venue 10 Gallon Hat, says he and partner Stacey Costopoulos were drawn to the area for its history and untapped potential.

"We love the mix of venues and would always welcome more. Each has its own unique vibe and story, and you can easily wander between each one while taking in the area's history and scenery.

"There are a variety of experiences on offer here and the area has such a community feel and a strong creative energy that other suburbs around Adelaide don't have," he says. "Port Adelaide is rapidly changing."



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LIPSON STREET COLLECTIVE

Hidden away between mechanical workshops is the mouth-watering partnership of Butter: Canteen & Provisions and Sourdough by Paul. Signposted by a chalkboard out front, inside you see the bakers hard at work churning out bread, pastries, cakes and biscuits. Grab a loaf of jalapeño sourdough, a freshly baked green pie with buttery pastry and the best carrot cake you've ever had. But get in early – the prized pastries often sell out by late morning. @lipsonstreetcollective on Instagram

Quest Port Adelaide

Overlooking the Port River in the heart of the historic waterfront precinct, the Quest Apartment Hotel is within walking distance of the area's main attractions. The property offers 192 contemporary apartments across two buildings, all with kitchen and laundry facilities. questapartments.com.au



COLAC

Keeping Pirate Life company on the east side is a new distillery, bar and restaurant complex built within the old Colac pub. You'll be spoilt for choice: Bootleg Social has a menu packed with Italian dishes such as *cocciolette*, lamb ragù and *salmoriglio* pasta, while Eliots Restaurant features a refined set menu centred around black Angus rump cap and lighter small dishes. For a view of the river during summer, make a beeline upstairs to Belles Botanica rooftop bar. colacportadl.com.au →

Banksia Tree Cafe

This much-loved cafe boasts that 95 per cent of its menu relies on South Australian ingredients and suppliers. It serves up breakfast, brunch and lunch seven days a week; indulge in the XO blue swimmer crab scramble, baked eggs or French toast. Add a mimosa and linger as you watch the bustle of St Vincent Street. thebanksiatree.com



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Sitting on the banks of the Port River, the Aboriginal Cultural Centre took 30 years of planning with Kurna Custodians as a place to heal the land and bring the community together to celebrate First Nations heritage and culture. It features activity and performance spaces, a cafe, playground, sprawling native gardens and a beach to spot the river's local dolphin inhabitants. cityofpae.sa.gov.au





Wonderwalls

Look around the corners and up high for glimpses of more than 80 murals by local, national and internationally renowned street artists as part of Wonderwalls, Australia's largest and longest-running street art festival. Download the Wonderwalls map to follow the trail and discover one of the largest outdoor galleries in the world. cityofpae.sa.gov.au



PIRATE LIFE BREWING

The Port Dock train station, opened in 2024, delivers you straight from the city to the door of this giant brewhouse. The space is matched by its generous vibe, craft beer selection and food offering (think karaage chicken chops, salads and New York striploin). Spend a sunny Sunday afternoon listening to live music or hunker down inside during the cooler months. piratelife.com.au

10 GALLON HAT

This moody bar has brought contemporary vibes and live music to St Vincent Street. The owners did much of the renovation themselves on the 150-year-old building, successfully maintaining its charm while adding subtle mid-Western touches. Indulge in the famed spicy margarita or a local drop of red and mop it up with a bar menu consisting of salty white anchovies, charcuterie and cheese. [@10gallonhatbar on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/10gallonhatbar)



LA POPULAR TAQUERIA

Voted as having the best taco in town, this local favourite has fast become a destination dinner spot. Book ahead for authentic Mexican recipes like the cochinita (braised pork cooked in banana leaves), the Baja-style cauliflower taco and pescadillas (folded fried tortilla filled with fish cooked in tomatoes and onions). The tacos are prepared using tortillas freshly made from Australian maize, locally sourced fish and free-range meat. lapopulartaqueria.com.au



DUTCH COFFEE LAB

This is the place to go if you like your coffee strong. The specialty coffee roaster supplies households throughout the Lefevre Peninsula and serves up the best flat whites in the area. The coffee comes with homemade Dutch treats (try the butter cake and *stroopwafel* brownies), plus satisfying toasties served with a side of crisps. dutchcoffeelab.com **AT**



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