

aratah Brighton is an exclusive Melbourne bed and breakfast set in the heart of the trendy bayside suburb of Brighton, just 20 minutes south-west of the CBD. The four-and-a-half star property boasts an impressive array of features and is ideal for those seeking to bypass the impersonal hotels of the city and go straight for that homely comfort of a B&B.

Brigitte and Harry Orth have transformed the 125-year-old market gardener's cottage into a work of art. It is a combination of the original period charm and modern luxury living. Perched on Brighton Hill, the highest point in Brighton, the interior is richly furnished with eclectic antiques, modern furniture and artworks. With a tranquil private garden encasing a large summer swimming pool and Hydro Spa

house, it is the perfect place for a group of friends to book out all the four rooms.

One of the highlights of staying at Waratah Brighton would have to be the delicious breakfast served up daily in the dining room. Harry certainly knows how to put the 'breakfast' into bed and breakfast, with a wonderful array to choose from.

You can relax in the spacious formal guest sitting room next to the gas log fire or for the book worm there's a library with hundreds of books across a range of topics. There is also a separate informal sitting room with open fire place, leather lounges, Foxtel and direct access to a sun-shaded outdoor BBQ and entertainment area. There are four bedrooms to choose from, three with queen-sized beds and one with a single bed.

A stay at Waratah would not be complete, without the opportunity to 'live like a local' for a day. Here's a snapshot of what the locals like to do on a sunny morning.

- Pop down to the famous Dendy Beach with its colourful bathing boxes.
- Enjoy the walking and biking paths on the scenic Brighton foreshore.
- Visit the Brighton Sea Bath dating back to the 1930s.
- Play a round of golf at the Brighton or Sandringham Golf Clubs.
- Sip on a latte at Church Street, one of Melbourne's most cosmopolitan shopping and fine dining areas.
- Visit Billila historic mansion dating back to 1870.

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DINING AT WATERFRONT

While the streets around Waratah Brighton boast an impressive line-up of fine dining establishments, one place a little further down the road is turning heads and well worth the short drive. Waterfront at Station Pier Port Melbourne will make your romantic night away complete. There are two options to choose from; a relaxing casual brasserie downstairs or fine dining in the upstairs room with gorgeous views across the bay. Obviously seafood is the main cuisine, and the experience brings a new meaning to 'the seafood restaurant' with everything from Moreton Bay bugs with nuoc mam, lobster and crab ravioli, king prawns with garlic chervil butter, miso marinated wild barramundi, black lip mussels with chilli jam, scallops with red curry and whole live lobster with Singapore black pepper.

Each meal is a masterpiece, with the chef leaving no room for error and the customer service is impeccable. Waterfront at Station Pier comes from the same team behind the ever-popular Cafe Greco at Crown and will be worthy of similar accolades in years to come.

- AT A GLANCE -

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Waratah Brighton B & B is the perfect traditional bed & breakfast situated in the heart of trendy Bayside Brighton. Conveniently located only 10 minutes walk from fashionable Church Street and Brighton Beach, Waratah Brighton offers guests modern luxury living set amongst tranquil landscaped gardens, with a large swimming pool and a Hydro spa house.





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