

The American Hotel

The heart of Creswick since the 1850's

Built in the days of gold and glory, the American Hotel stands today as a unique link with Victoria's gracious and colourful heritage. The American Hotel is renowned for its fine food, excellent wines, romantic bed and breakfast accommodation and gracious function rooms. The American Hotel is the perfect venue for intimate dinner parties, lunch with friends, catered functions or dinners to impress.

The American Hotel story began in 1858, although the first licensee Thomas William Anthony established a boarding house on the site in 1853. Anthony, Wagner and Hoyt were cousins, all American and owned Anthony's Hotel conjointly. Jack Wagner was prominent in, and remained associated with Cobb & Co. for over thirty years. Wagner must have prospered as he built the Mansion "Stonington" in Malvern. The Hoyt family lent its name to Hoyts Theatres.

Not only does the American have the longest lineage of any public house in the district, but witnessed within its earliest walls the genesis of much of the borough's civic and sporting development. The American also housed, from 1859, the first thirty years of Creswick's Havilah Lodge, and accommodated many of the district's fledgling, but influential, organizations - the hotel was the unchallenged venue for banquets, political gatherings, major social functions, and meetings both annual and general, of spurious business, sporting, and civic bodies. Where else would the Borough Council adjourn when speeches, toasts and farewells were decreed? For over 15 decades significant social and political development took place in the American, which faces across Market Square. Even today it is involved in the development of Creswick, housing the registered office of the local Community bank company in 2007. At all times, the American contributed goodwill and care to a country town later famous for nurturing a remarkable number of national leaders, academics, businessmen, and artists. Prior to the opening of the railway line, the American's role in communication was emphasised by housing the Cobb & Co. depot, for stages between Ballarat and Dunolly, and Ballarat and Castlemaine. Early in its existence, the American became the rallying point for miners organisations and the centre for political gatherings and speeches. On one occasion, local electioneering included a Public Bar exhibition of appropriate cartoons drawn by a teenage Percy Lindsay.

During the last 150 years, the American Bar has attracted its measure of characters: barflies, touts, dipsomaniacs, free-wheelers, and honourable men. But one person stands out - an unpretentious politician, who was a member of Victoria's Legislative Assembly for 44 years. When the train dropped him at Creswick at the end of each parliamentary week, he headed for the American to meet with his cronies, and catch up on local affairs and gossip. It mattered not whether he was a backbencher or, at times Minister for Public Instruction, Labour, or Forests, and then Premier and Treasurer. Sir Alexander Peacock K.C.M.G. was a habitu  of the American - yet remained a total abstainer. This open welcome has been an integral factor in the longevity of the American, which has remained Creswick's dominant hostelry, despite there being an average of nineteen hotels in the town during the 1870-90s; as well as several licensed grocers and at least one colonial wine license.



CAF  WINE BAR * BISTRO * CLUB BAR * DINING ROOM * BED & BREAKFAST * FUNCTION ROOMS

AMERICAN HOTEL

Starters & Lighter options

Soup of the Day – served with a warm crusty roll *	\$10
Bowl of Chips	\$7
with gravy	\$8
with gravy & cheese	\$10.50
Cobb Loaf – topped with olives and cheese served with balsamic vinegar and olive oil	\$11
Garlic Bread – deliciously crispy and tasty	\$7
Warm Crusty Roll – with butter	\$2.50
Herb Pizza – with sweet chilli & sour cream	\$12
Available on pita bread or pizza base	
Extra sweet chilli and sour cream	\$2

Brunch Menu

available from 10 am to 5 ish

Toast – 3 slices & preserves	\$10
Croissants with ham, cheese, tomato and housemade relish	\$12
Croissants with chicken breast, avocado and tasty cheese	\$14
Toasted Sandwiches – (ham, cheese and tomato) 2 rounds on hand sliced bread	\$10
Yankee Burger with salad and chips (beef burger, egg, lettuce, onion, tomato, cheese, bacon)	\$17
Chicken and Bacon Burger with salad and chips. (crumbed chicken, bacon, cheese, tomato, lettuce, BBQ sauce)	\$16
Tart – of the day	\$18
Bacon & Eggs – 2 rashers of bacon, 2 eggs with toast	\$12
Eggs Benedict – 2 poached eggs, Virginia ham, toasted English muffins and topped with hollandaise	\$14
Eggs Florentine – 2 poached eggs, spinach, toasted English muffins and topped with hollandaise	\$14
French Toast – served with maple syrup	\$13
<i>Extra – bacon \$2, tomato \$2, egg \$2, Ice Cream \$1.50 Sour cream \$2, sweet chilli \$2, maple syrup \$2, gravy \$2</i>	
Side order of chips	\$4
Fish & Chips – fish in crispy beer batter, deep-fried with salad	\$17
Herb and Nut Crusted Chicken Skewers – served with chilli plum sauce and seasoned wedges	\$16
Chicken Tenders – crispy crumbed chicken with chips and salad	\$16
Wedges To Share – with sour cream and sweet chilli sauce	\$12
Spaghetti Carbonara – traditional carbonara tossed in a creamy parmesan sauce with bacon and onion	\$18

Mains

Garlic Prawns – tiger prawns drizzled with creamy garlic sauce served on a bed of rice with salad *	Entrée \$19 Main \$25
Cajun Calamari – prepared on the premises and coated in a special mix of cajun spices served with chips and salad	\$20
Beer Battered Fish of the day – with chips & salad or vegetables	\$22
Oven Baked Fish of the day – with chips & salad or vegetables*	\$23
Atlantic Salmon – herb & parmesan crust with crushed potatoes, steamed greens and a beetroot balsamic reduction	\$28.50
Roast Chicken Breast – with herb and bacon stuffing, traditional gravy with roast and seasonal vegetables	\$20
Chicken Parmagiana – chicken schnitzel topped with ham, napoli sauce and cheese with chips and salad or vegetables	\$22
Chicken Kiev – a whole breast fillet infused with garlic butter, created in our kitchens – served with chips & salad or vegetables	\$25
Pot Pie of the Day	\$24
Avocado Chicken and Prawns – chicken breast topped with avocado & prawns, drizzled with garlic cream served with steamed greens and potatoes *	\$26
Beef Souvlaki – tender beef strips & toasted pita bread served with traditional greek salad and topped with tzatziki	\$22
Open Steak Sandwich – porterhouse steak, lettuce, onion, tomato, housemade relish and bacon with salad & chips	\$22

Steaks

Porterhouse steak * –	\$27
Scotch Fillet * –	\$27
<i>Sauces – mushroom, green pepper, gravy or garlic butter \$2 All steaks served with chips and salad or vegetables</i>	
Cannelloni – pumpkin, baby spinach and cashew filled cannelloni baked in a rich parmesan sauce - with chips & salad or vegetables	\$21

See Specials Menu

Pasta of the day –
Risotto of the day * –
Stir-Fry of the day –

Sides

Garden salad –	\$7
Greek Salad –	\$9
Bowl of Seasonal Vegetables –	\$7
Chips –	\$4

Afters

There are more sensational desserts on our specials menu	\$11
Sticky Date Pudding – with butterscotch sauce served with cream	
Apple & Almond Praline Mille Feuille – layers of crisp praline filo filled with apples, mascarpone and cream, drizzled with toffee sauce	
Ice Cream Sundae – chocolate, caramel, strawberry, raspberry and blue heaven	
Lusciously Light Warm Chocolate Mud Cake – with chocolate gnache and fresh cream	
Extra ice cream or cream	\$1.50 per serve
Cheese Platter – selection of 3 cheeses, served with quince paste and crackers - serves 2	\$22

AMERICAN KIDS MENU

10 YEARS AND UNDER

MAIN

Calamari, Chips and Salad	\$10
Spaghetti Bolognese	
Chicken, Chips and Salad	
Fish, Chips and Salad	

DESSERT

Ice Cream – with topping & sprinkles	\$6
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* Denotes meals which can be gluten free

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