



OUR STORY

The Mess & Barracks is the culmination of a long-held vision by the Ararat RSL, and in 2023, that dream became a reality with the acquisition of the historic Courthouse Hotel. This unique space is crafted with one purpose in mind: to serve as a welcoming haven for veterans and the incredible community that stands by them. Here, we offer a place where you can come together, share stories, and forge new memories. It's a space designed not just for our veterans, but for the next generation to find connection, support, and camaraderie.

The Ararat RSL has always been committed to fostering a sense of community that extends far beyond its walls. With The Mess and Barracks, we are proud to take that mission to the next level. This is a place where friendships are built, laughter is shared, and everyone—whether local or visiting from beyond the region—feels like family.

"The Mess" is our dining area, where great food and conversation are always on the menu. "The Barracks" offers comfortable accommodations for community members, visitors, and veterans alike. We can't wait to see this space become a vibrant hub for connection, storytelling, and unforgettable experiences.

Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey. We look forward to creating lasting memories with you, your loved ones, and all who walk through our doors. Welcome to The Mess and Barracks!



BEVERAGES

HOT

C **4.50** | M **5.50** | POT OF TEA **6.50**

COFFEE

Latte | cappuccino | espresso | chocolate | long black | short black | flat white | mocha | decaffeinated Almond soy lactose free oat 0.50 Add syrup caramel | vanilla 0.50

POT OF TEA

English breakfast | lemon & ginger | chamomile | peppermint

Iced coffee | iced latte | iced chocolate Almond | soy | lactose free | oat | 0.50 CHAI

Spiced | turmeric | vanilla | dirty

ICED TEA

Mango | peach | strawberry

SMOOTHIES

SNICKERS

Banana | peanut butter | dates | cocoa | chia | vanilla extract almond milk (N)

TROPICAL EUCALYPTUS BLISS

Mango | pineapple | passionfruit | banana | macadamia | honey coconut water | mint (N)

GREEN GODDESS

Spinach | avocado | cucumber | banana | coconut | chia Add vanilla protein scoop 2

11

MILKSHAKES

Chocolate | vanilla | strawberry

HRVST COLD PRESS JUICE

CLOUDY APPLE

100% sweet and juicy Australian apples

ORANGE SKY

Orange pineapple lemon & turmeric

RUBY TUESDAY

Watermelon pink lady apples pear rhubarb & lime

SOFT DRINK

5 Energy drink | coke | no sugar | post mix | tonic | mineral water

ALCOHOLIC

SUNRISE STRAWBERRY MIMOSA

Grand Marnier | strawberry | orange juice | sparkling wine

BLOODY MARY

Vodka | lemon | tomato juice | salt | pepper | Tabasco | Worcestershire | celery

8AM - 11:30AM

LAZY-BREKKIE BURGER

EGG N BUN 12

Soft bun | bacon | egg | tomato relish | golden hash brown | spinach BBQ sauce

SAUSAGE N BUN 15

Soft bun | sausage patty | egg | tomato relish | golden hash brown | spinach | BBQ sauce

MUSHROOM N BUN (GF, V) 14

GF bun | confit portabella | smash avocado | golden hash brown | spinach | chipotle sauce

EGGS YOUR WAY

EGGS POACHED/ SCRAMBLED/ FRIED W SOURDOUGH OR MULTIGRAIN TOAST

BREAKFAST

MORNING SWEET TOOTH TREAT

Pancakes | crispy bacon | maple syrup

Pancakes | fresh berries | whipped cream | chocolate sauce

French toast | caramel pistachio | toffee sauce (N)

Crepes | fresh berries | whipped cream | chocolate sauce (N)

SIDES: Ice Cream | maple syrup | nutella (N) | honey | blueberries 2

LITTLE SOLDIERS (12 YEARS OLD & UNDER)

EGGS ON TOAST WITH BACON

HAM + CHEESE TOASTIE

NUTELLA ON TOAST (N)

CREPES, MAPLE SYRUP, VANILLA WHIPPED CREAM

SIGNATURE EGG BENNY ON BRIOCHE BUN

Smoked salmon | wilted spinach | poached egg | hollandaise | dill pesto 26 Pulled pork onion jam wilted spinach poached egg hollandaise crackling 24

BBQ beef | BBQ sauce | wilted spinach | poached egg | hollandaise | herb oil 25

Bacon & ham | wilted spinach | poached egg | hollandaise | vegie crisps 23

M&B SMASHED AVO (GFO, V) 22

ALL DAY BREAKFAST FRI SAT SUN

Seasonal mussy avo | avo mousse | preserved cherry tomato | crumbed feta | dill

M&B BREKKY 24

Chipolata sausage | bacon | avocado | roast tomato | spinach | hashbrown | beans | eggs

SIDES:

10

Gluten free option 1

Hollandaise 3

Tomato relish | mayo 2

Tomato | feta | hash brown 4.5

Burger sauce 3

Avocado | charred greens | mushrooms | eggs 4 Bacon | smoked salmon | salt + pepper haloumi 5

All served with your choice of sourdough or multigrain

M.R.E. TOASTIES

HALOUMI TOASTIE (V, GFO) 18

Turkish bread | crispy haloumi | olive tapenade | spinach | preserved tomato

Bacon 5 fries 5

MEAT N CHEESE TOASTIE (GFO) 18

Sourdough | meatlover | cheddar cheese | crispy bacon | avocado mustard mayo

Bacon 5 fries 5

CHICKEN TOASTIE (GFO, N) 18

Sourdough | chicken | cheddar cheese | crispy bacon | avocado |

Fries 5

All served with your choice of traditional sourdough / multigrain

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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS? JUST ASK

Vg vegan | V vegetarian | Gf gluten free | Gfo gluten free option S seafood | N nuts present

While we make every effort to accommodate gluten-free requests, we cannot guarantee a completely gluten-free environment. Our food is prepared in a space where gluten is present, and cross-contamination may occur. Please dine with caution if you have a severe gluten allergy. Thank you for your understanding!



AUTHENTIC WOODFIRE PIZZĂ

GARLIC PIZZA FOCACCIA (V) 20

Stracciatella cheese | black garlic | wild rocket | EVOO

WOODFIRE PIZZA FOCACCIA 22

Grana Podano cheese | prosciutto di parma | wild rocket | EVOO

MESS MARGHERITA (V) 25

San Marzano tomato | mozzarella | basil | tomato | EVOO

ARMY GREEN "OLIVE DRAB" (V, N) 27

San Marzano tomato | mozzarella | zucchini | eggplant | peppers | basil pesto | olives

LANNENS LANE (V) 27

Grilled vegetables | sundried tomato tapenade | basil | mozzarella cheese | chimichurri

TROOPS FORMAGGI (V) 29

Buffalo mozzarella | gorgonzola | mature cheddar cheese | Parmigiano Reggiano

WARRIOR CAPRICCIOSA 30

San Marzano tomato | turkey ham | artichoke | mushroom | taggiasca olives | pepperoni

BATTLE DIAVOLA 33

San Marzano tomato | chorizo | sausage meat | buffalo bocconcini chili flakes | olives

SPITFIRE - EXPLOSIVE 34

Pepperoni | pickle jalapeno | mozzarella cheese | hot honey | red sauce | chilli flakes | EVOO

HIGH - EXPLOSIVE 35

Pepperoni | spicy salami | chorizo | shaved ham | mozzarella cheese chilli jam red sauce green chilli

FORCE 34

Porcini paste | basil | mozzarella cheese | forest mushroom | shiitake powder | pepper | truffle oil

MACONOOCHIE 35

Braised beef | truffle apple paste | basil | mozzarella cheese | green apple trio pepper

NAVY M.R.E. 33

Prosciutto | Napoli | basil | mozzarella cheese | wild rocket | eggplant chips | trio pepper

CALZONE TANKS

VICKERS 28

Turkey ham | mozzarella | ricotta cheese | peppers | arugula salad

M3 GRANT (S) 28

Salmon affumicato | fresh mozzarella | goats cheese | parmesan | arugula salad

M1 ABRAM (S) 32

Frutti di mare | San Marzano tomato | prawns | calamari | confit tuna | crab | mussels

OUR PRIDE

HIGHER RANK (S) 34

Garlic chilli prawns | basil | parsley | cherry tomato | lemon confit | sweet chilli sauce

MEATLOVER 36

Beef brisket | pepperoni | bacon | ham | mozzarella | shallot | BBQ sauce

GREASY JERKY 38

Smoked short ribs | crispy pork belly | mozzarella | shallot | parsley | black pepper

LITTLE SOLDIERS (12 years old & under)

PEPPERONI PIZZA

Napoli | mozzarella | pepperoni

MARGARITA PIZZA

Napoli | mozzarella | basil (v)

HAWAIIAN PIZZA

Napoli | mozzarella | pineapple | ham

HOMEMADE DPIZZSERT

LEMON MERINGUE (V, N)

Lemon curd | lime & lemon zest | salted meringue | double cream

DOUBLE CHOCOLATE (V, N)

Vanilla custard | dark & white choco | m&m's | double cream

HAZELNUTS (V, N)

Melted nutella | crush hazelnuts | marshmallow

PISTACHIO (V, N)

Pistachio crema | crush pistachio | caramelized pistachio | maldon salt | EVOO

ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS:

Chicken tikka 8

Chicken shawarma 8

Prawns 12 Smoked salmon 12

Beef chorizo 8 Buffalo mozzarella 8

Pineapple 6 Truffle mushroom 12 Grilled vegetables 8 Double cheese 8

16

18

SUPPER

AVAILABLE 5PM - LATE

SMALL PLATES

TRUFFLE CHIPS 10

FLAT BREAD AND DIPS (V, VG) 16

Trio flavoured butternuts | crispy flat bread

FOCACCIA AND DIPS (V, VG) 16

Taggiasca olive and sundried tomato tapenade | Maldon salt bread

TOSSED GNOCCHI (V) 16

Mushroom | spinach | parmesan cheese | creamy garlic



TAKEAWAY AVAILABLE

SHARE PLATES

CHAR GRILLED OCTOPUS (S, GF) 29

Potato bravas | tomato | confit lemon | lemongrass oil

PAN SEARED SCALLOPS (S, GF, N) 29

Tomato chutney | wakame | confit lemon | basil oil

GARLIC PRAWNS (S) 29

Confit garlic | citrus oil | smoked paprika | crispy kale

CRISPY PORK BAO BUN (3) 29

Spicy chimichurri | pork crackling | apple salsa | bao bun

GIVE ME "6" BUFFALO WINGS 25

Buffalo sauce | pickle cucumber | celery

PEPPER BEEF 32

Trio pepper sauce | glace broccolini | crispy garlic bread

SIGNATURE PLATES

BLACKENED SALMON SOFT TACOS (3)(S) 28

Asparagus | tomato salsa | avo | sour cream

BLACK ANGUS SLIDERS (3) 30

Truffle mayo | baby cos | cheddar cheese | fries

PORK SLIDERS (3) 30

Pork rillette | Asian slaw | smoked paprika | crispy kale | fries

CAJUN CHICKEN SLIDERS (3) 28

Ranch sauce | pickle cucumber | baby cos slaw | fries

BEEF WELLINGTON 39

Red wine sauce | glace broccolini | potato mash | prosciutto

PASTA PLATES SERVED WITH GARLIC BREAD

PENNE BOLOGNAISE (GFO)

Penne pasta | rich meat sauce | parmesan cheese | EVOO

PRAWN LINGUINE (S, GFO)

Linguine pasta | prawns | cherry tomato | basil | red chilli | garlic | parmesan EVOO

TRUFFLE TAGLIATELLE (V)

Tagliatelle | truffle paste | mix forest mushroom ragu | parmesan EVOO

DUCK MALFATE (N)

Mosaic pasta | duck breast | porcini mushroom | parmesan | hazelnuts | EVOO

GNOCCHI (V, GFO, N)

Potato gnocchi | sage butter | parmesan | EVOO | hazelnut

DESSERT

TIRAMISU (N)

Cheese mascarpone | lady finger biscuit | cocoa powder

SIZZLING BROWNIE (N)

Chocolate brownies | vanilla ice cream | chocolate sauce

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