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**THE BACKBENCHER**  
GASTROPUB

Menu No.46 'A New Force' Summer 2017 – 2018

*The Backbencher offers fresh NZ café fare, made on premises, for healthy everyday eating and value for money with a generous serving of political satire on the side.*

**SHARED ENTREES + LIGHT MEALS**

<b>S. Joyce's breads</b> .....	13.5
Toasted Russian rye, sementi & Turkish breads, Phoenix chutney, dukkah, local olive oil, eggplant-pomegranate puree <i>Master of the 'pork barrel'? Yeah...nah!</i>	
<b>T. Mallard's paté</b> .....	15
House chicken liver, mushroom & cracked pepper pate, bread-n-butter pickle, plum & rhubarb relish, toasted breads <i>The Backbencher's famous House Made!</i>	
<b>J. A. Genter's summer greens</b> .....	15.5
Chargrilled eggplant, steamed summer greens, romesco, balsamic, toasted almonds <i>A fresher approach to representation and advocacy.</i>	
<b>P. Bennett's salmon salad</b> .....	17.5
Beetroot cured salmon, quinoa, rocket, sprout, radish salad, avocado-lemon whip, dukkah <i>Still sleepwalking to...defeat.</i>	
<b>G. Brownlee's arancini</b> .....	15
Crumbed tomato, paprika & smoked brie risotto balls, pesto, aioli, leaves <i>About to enjoy the rough and tumble from the other side.</i>	
<b>M. Wood's sweetcorn polenta &amp; chickpea salad</b> .....	16.5
Baby spinach, chickpea, preserved lemon & feta salad, soft sweetcorn polenta	
<b>w char-grilled haloumi or lamb kofta kebabs</b> .....	21.5
<i>Big boots to fill or another bright new perspective?</i>	
<b>P. Twyford's duck croquettes</b> .....	17
Panko crumbed 'pulled meat' croquettes, Asian slaw, sprouts, pistachio, romesco, aioli <i>Be careful what you wish for...</i>	
<b>D. Clark's calamari</b> .....	15
Salt & pepper calamari, fresh leaves, Asian slaw, lemon, Kaitia Fire dip	
<b>w a side of hand cut chips</b> .....	19
<i>We won, we won...now what do I do again?</i>	
<b>C. Hipkin's Portobello mushrooms</b> .....	19.5
Squash-ginger puree, Portobello mushroom caps, sprouts, baby tomato, sorrel pesto, Pecorino <i>Maybe just stick to knitting in NZ.</i>	
<b>B. English's Casablanca salad</b> .....	19.5
Chargrilled cauliflower, pickled red cabbage, dill, bulgar wheat, baby tomatoes, capers, spinach, eggplant-pomegranate puree, toasted seeds	
<b>w panko crumbed haloumi or lamb kofta kebabs</b> .....	25.50
<i>Won the battle, lost the war.</i>	
<b>'The Journo's' Drinking Platter (for 4-6 persons)</b> .....	49
Southern fried chicken drumsticks, cajun wings, calamari, hand cut skin chips, fresh fish fingers, sausage bites, chutney, condiments, dips <i>Sustenance to conduct the scrutiny.</i>	
<b>A 'Tory' Tasting Plate (for 2-4 persons)</b> .....	44
House pate, cured salmon, arancini, manuka smoked brie, chutney, mixed marinated olives, bread-n-butter pickle, lamb koftas, dips, spreads, grilled breads <i>Born to rule?...sometimes winning is losing.</i>	
<b>SANDWICHES (wild-card lunches)</b>	
<b>D. Seymour's chicken sandwich wrap</b> .....	23
Grilled chicken thigh, bacon & brie in a soft flour tortilla, avocado-lemon puree, fresh leaves, bean sprout salad, natural chips <i>Not giving up lightly, striving for oxygen, beating the drum.</i>	
<b>R. Mark's reuben sandwich</b> .....	19.5
<b>w 2 fried eggs</b> .....	23
Toasted Russian rye, choka mayo, leaves, bread-n-butter pickles, red cabbage 'kraut', natural chips	
<b>w corn beef and melting swiss cheese or roasted Portobello mushrooms</b> .....	
<i>Chomping at the bit for power and prestige...</i>	
<b>J. Collin's cheese burger</b> .....	22
<b>w 2 fried eggs</b> .....	25.5
Pan roasted ground beef & venison patty, house chutney, fresh leaves, aioli, smoked cheddar, pickled beetroot, natural chips <i>Hardly likely to keep her head down.</i>	

**MAIN PLAYERS (of Government)**

<b>Sir Winston's lamb rump</b> .....	29
Pan roasted lamb rump, honey-herb glaze, chargrilled cauliflower, chickpeas, rocket, preserved lemon, feta whip, toasted pinenuts, drunken raisins <i>We all know it's coming...</i>	
<b>J. Adern's fresh fish creation</b> .....	28
Pan seared fresh market fish, roasted butternut, eggplant-pomegranate puree, baby tomato-sprout salad, sorrel pesto, pistachio crumb <i>Anointed, crowned, motivated, negotiated, relentless, long awaited, positive, progression... to power!</i>	
<b>G. Robertson's scotch fillet</b> .....	33
Chargrilled scotch fillet, duck fat roast baby potatoes, arrabiata, summer greens, hollandaise <i>Social objectives through strong economics-easy!?</i>	
<b>A. Little wild risotto</b> .....	23
Risotto with wild & red rice, squash-ginger puree, rocket, grapefruit, hazelnut salad	
<b>w harissa roasted chicken breast</b> .....	28
<i>Eternal 'red street cred' for stepping aside in favour of the chosen one.</i>	
<b>J. Shaw's fettucine</b> .....	27
Pasta of choka spiced venison & beef meatballs, Portobello mushrooms, creamy sweetcorn polenta, sorrel pesto, pecorino <i>The fresh face of acquiescence...and feeling lucky.</i>	
<b>K. Davis' crispy duck breast</b> .....	31
Crispy skin pan roasted med-rare duck breast, fetta whip, potato roesti, quinoa, sprout, radish, mango & pickled red cabbage salad <i>Loyal henchman or sitting...?</i>	
<b>D. Parker's sausages</b> .....	26
Pan- roasted pork, sage & parsley sausages, duck fat roast potatoes, red wine jus, herb roasted tomato, hollandaise <i>...And the cards fell nicely.</i>	
<b>S. Jones' F &amp; C</b> .....	24
Panko crumbed fresh fish, lemon, tartare, house salad, toasted seeds, natural chips <i>Double meanings, wheeling &amp; dealing ways ...to the table.</i>	

**SIDES + CONDIMENTS**

<b>Natural chips, aioli</b> .....	5.5
<b>House salad (dressed)</b> .....	6
<b>Avocado whip, beansprout salad</b> .....	6.5
<b>Duck fat roast baby potatoes</b> .....	6
<b>Roast butternut, chargrilled cauliflower, rocket, raisins, pinenuts</b> .....	6.5
<b>Steamed summer greens, chargrilled eggplant, toasted almonds</b> .....	6.5
<b>Grilled buttered Turkish bread</b> .....	2.5
<b>Garlic mushrooms flats</b> .....	6
<b>Two fried eggs</b> .....	4
<b>Shaved pecorino</b> .....	3
<b>Potato roesti</b> .....	5.5
<b>Swap to GF focaccia</b> .....	2.5
<b>Aioli, house dressing, hollandaise, homemade tartare, apple &amp; tomato chutney, 1812 beer seeded mustard, tomato relish</b> .....	1

**TO FINISH (A 'brighter'... opposition)**

<b>J. Coleman's bruleé</b> .....	10
Espresso & salted caramel bruleé, tuilles, maple-hokey gelato, soft cream <i>Leadership aspirations in disarray much like Dunedin hospital.</i>	
<b>S. Bridges' tart</b> .....	10
Chocolate tart, boysenberry compote, soft cream, espresso gelato <i>'Bridges?...maybe the party should have learnt from Northland.'</i>	
<b>A. Adams's cheesecake</b> .....	10
Rum & raisin cheesecake, spiced shortbread, vanilla bean gelato, soft cream <i>Got the short straw in pre-election portfolio debates.</i>	
<b>M. Barry's Eton mess</b> .....	10
Seasonal fruits, meringue, lemon curd, soft cream, bitter hop sorbet <i>A blue rose with opposition thorns?</i>	
<b>N. Kaye's double affogato</b> .....	8
Vanilla bean or maple-hokey gelato, double shot espresso in demi-tasse	
<b>add a shot of any liqueur</b> .....	add 5
<i>Her time may yet cometh like her red foe...</i>	

**Note:** If you have any special dietary requirements please speak to the wait staff.

