

## State Theatre Centre

<http://www.statetheatrecentrewa.com.au/>

*There is no doubt this Kerry Hill Architects designed building is a game changer for Perth. The quality of the space and its clever urban gestures make for a grandeur gateway into the city. It is blingtastic in the most elegant of ways. You may be short on time, but if you get a chance the State Theatre Centre's program is launching on the 5th of May and it is well worth seeing this fantastic project in action. I would definitely recommend having a look both day and night to witness this great project come alive.*

## Sinabro

<http://www.urbanspoon.com/r/338/1567769/restaurant/Perth/Sinabro-Northbridge>

*Tucked behind a Korean restaurant on Francis Street, is... the backyard beauty Sinabro. Its one of Perth's best kept secrets – kinda. Just look for the queue of people lining the driveway of 100 Francis Street and you'll discover one of the best (and most value for money) meals in town. It may not be much to look at, but the atmosphere of plentiful Korean Barbeques sizzling away more than makes up for it. It's a bit of a hike from the centre of Northbridge, but if you are after a tasty meal it's worth the journey.*

## La Petite Galerie

<http://www.lapetitegalerie.com.au/>

*Located in CODA Studios Building for Diversity Complex La Petite Galerie is Perth's smallest gallery, and while it may be Perth's smallest arts venue here is proof that good things come in small packages. Exhibition space, shop and artists in resident programs are all part of this teenie tiny space that bursts out of Newcastle Street with aplomb. Adjacent is another great project by CODA Studio, the Women's Health Building – a visit is the perfect opportunity to combine seeing projects from this fantastic local practice along with this cute creative space.*

## Tea for Tu

<http://tu.com.au/site/spaces/tea-for-tu/>

*Tucked behind the Tu Boutique is Tea for Tu, a micro sized tea parlour that packs a punch. Visit the shop and the stairwell gallery on your way to a little R and R at the back of William Street with this gorgeous little indoor/outdoor venue. You can also browse for design journals and homewares as you sip on a freshly made brew. It's another gorgeous little venue that may not be so obvious from the street, but worth the effort to find. You can also access it from Lock Lane (next to the Mechanics Institute).*

## The Butcher Shop

<http://www.thebutchershop.com.au/>

*Started by local legend Aimee Johns, The Butcher Shop started out as Keith and Lottie in 2004. Back in those days, William Street was more of a thoroughfare than a vibrant street, but Aimee's vision and commitment to Northbridge has helped make the area what it is today. Aimee along with Lake Bovell started On William (<http://www.onwilliam.com.au/>) a network and guide for Northbridge businesses and creative enterprises and recently released Creative Crops (<http://www.creativecrops.com.au/>) a local guide to all this creative. The Butcher Shop is part art supplies, fashion, zine, books, accessories and gallery with a studio sitting above. See where it all began by paying a visit to this great location.*

## Little Willy's

<https://www.facebook.com/LittleWillys> <file://localhost/LittleWillys>

*So the conference has demanded a lot of brain power and/or you're feeling a little drained from a few too many the night before... you need to head to Little Willy's for a breakfast pick-me up. Great coffee and breakfast menu sitting on William Street, so the perfect location to bus it back / or walk to the convention centre for more archi-inspiration. Little Willy's is also responsible for Perth's smallest coffee shop Bookend (next to The Bird), so if you need another little pick me up I recommend stopping by.*

Billy Lee's

<http://www.urbanspoon.com/r/338/1370080/restaurant/Perth/Billy-Lees-Chinese-Restaurant-Northbridge>

So it's 11.45pm and the desire for Chinese food won't go away... where do you go? Billy Lees. It's a Perth institution! Located in Chinatown, you can uncover this little laneway destination via Roe Street or James Street (via the Northbridge Food Court). A little duck and a little Tsing Tao can go a long way on a Friday night.

Pica and PICA Bar

<http://www.pica.org.au/>

<http://www.pica.org.au/view/PICA+Bar/1742/>

PICA (the Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts) long been one of my favourite places in Perth, holding a number of high quality (and provocative) exhibitions and performances. Housed in what was originally a school, the building was artfully transformed by architects Donaldson and Warn a number of years ago to become home to contemporary arts in Perth. Sitting alongside the gallery is the PICA bar which bleeds out into the cultural centre, and allows you to take in the view of an area that has been transformed in recent years to become an active hub for locals and tourists alike.

The Mechanics Institute (aka The Mechanics)

<http://mechanicsinstitutebar.com.au/>

The Mechanics is perched on a rooftop accessed by an entrance at the rear of 222 William St (Lock Lane). It may take a bit of discovery to get to but it's well worth the effort and is designed by local practice Finespun. The bar took out the 2013 small bar award, and is home to some of Perth's best (and reasonably priced) cocktails. An added bonus is the Flipside Burgers you can order from the bar that are delivered from the burger bar below – however during post conference drinking sessions, you may be interested in the Mechanics crowning glory the "Epic Bloody Mary" cheeseburger garnish and all.

The William Street Bird (aka The Bird)

<http://www.williamstreetbird.com/>

One of Perth's first small bars when liquor licensing regulations changed a few years back. Started by a couple of young guys having a crack it has become one of the city/ Northbridge fringe key destinations for drinks, gigs and a lovely lazy Sunday sesh. Its rear courtyard contains great glimpses of the city and is a great dusk – night time venue for the view. The interior design is by local practice David Weir Architects, a practice responsible for a number of great hospitality spaces.

The Moon

<http://themoon.com.au/>

The Moon has been a home away from home for Perth's creatives for many years. Back in the day, it was one of a handful of late night burger bars and has become a mecca for hungry and thirsty locals. It's also home to Perth's Poetry Club, so if you're in town on Sunday you may get a bit of spoken word with a side of fries. In all seriousness The Moon's menu contains everything from cocktails, pasta, salads to their famous desert pizzas. You call pull into a booth or sit on a couch out the back, relax and enjoy the retro atmosphere from lunch until late.