light meals

(AVAILABLE from open - 5pm)

GARLIC PIZZA BREAD - \$11.90 /V/

Garlic pizza bread with parmesan.

GRILLED BREADS & DIPS – \$11.90 |V||VG|

Freshly baked breads char-grilled and served with home-made dips.

SOUP OF THE DAY - \$13.50

Hot soup made from fresh local ingredients, served with toasted ciabatta.

Please ask wait staff for today's flavour.

SHRIMP COCKTAIL - \$13.90 | CGF |

Always popular classic shrimp cocktail served in a bed of lettuce and bound in a brandy rose sauce.

LOADED WEDGES - \$14.00

Seasoned wedges with bacon, cheese, sour cream & sweet chilli sauce.

FISH TACOS - \$15.00

3 fish tacos with chipotle mayo & slaw.

STICKY BBQ WINGS - \$16.00 | CGF |

Fresh free range chicken wings marinated in our whiskey & cola BBQ sauce served with a creamy blue vein dip & fresh celery sticks.

CREAMY SEAFOOD CHOWDER - \$16.90

Succulent seafood bound in a creamy velouté, served with toasted ciabatta.

CRISPY SALT & PEPPER SQUID - \$17.90

New Zealand squid served on a home-made slaw finished with an Asian sweet dressing & Japanese mayo.

GREEN LIP MUSSELS - \$19.90 | CGF |

Freash steamed mussels in a creamy yellow curry sauce, served with toasted ciabatta.

CANNELONI - \$19.90 IVI

Home-made pumpkin, spinach & ricotta baked canneloni, served with sour cream.

PAUA FRITTERS - \$22.00

Fresh paua fritters served on roasted beetroot & roquette finished with a hollandaise drizzle.

WHITEBAIT FRITTERS - \$22.00 | CGF |

South Island whitebait fritters, served with a creamy chorizo mayo on char-grilled ciabatta.

Lunch salads

(available from open - 5pm)

BALSAMIC ROASTED BEETROOT & GRILLED HALOUMI SALAD - \$16.90

Balsamic roasted beetroot with roquette, red onion, cherry tomatoes & grilled haloumi with a balsamic drizzle.

CAESAR SALAD (FREE RANGE CHICKEN) - \$18.90

Classic free range chicken & bacon caesar with Cos lettuce, croutons, parmesan & a creamy caesar dressing, topped with a poached egg.

CAESAR SALAD (MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS SALMON) - \$18.90

Marlborough sounds smoked salmon tossed in cos lettuce with croutons, parmesan & a creamy caesar dressing, topped with a poached egg.

WARM BEEF SALAD - \$18.90

Pan seared beef strips in a mesculin medley with toasted sesame seeds, topped with a sweet chilli dressing.

CRISPY CHICKEN SALAD - \$18.90

Southern fried chicken strips tossed in fresh salad garden greens with cherry tomatoes, baby spinach, parmesan cheese, topped with a smokey chipotle dressing.

sides

CREAMY MASHED POTATOES - \$5.50 /V/

Creamy mashed potatoes.

GREEN SALAD - \$6.50 | CGF | | D | | V | | VG |

Green salad with a balsamic dressing.

ROASTED SEASONAL VEGETABLES - \$6.90 | CGF | | V |

A medley of local seasonal vegetables roasted in herbs.

FRESH STEAMED VEGETABLES - \$6.90 | CGF | | V |

Fresh local seasonal vegetables steamed & dressed with olive oil & toasted sesame seeds.

SMALL FRIES – \$5.50 | **LARGE FRIES** – \$9.00 | V |

Crispy fries served with tomato sauce or aioli.

mains

(available from open - 5pm)

NANA'S ROAST - \$14.90

Your choice of roast beef or pork, served with roasted potato, kumara & pumpkin, cheesy brocolli & cauliflower, finished with a red wine jus.

BANGERS 'N' MASH - \$14.90

Locally made sausages, served on creamy mash potato with a pea puree, finished with a onion gravy.

200g STEAK, SALAD & FRIES - \$17.90 | CGF |

200g sirloin steak cooked to your liking, served with a fresh green salad, crispy fries & your choice of sauce: Diane, Garlic Mushroom, Garlic Butter, Peppercorn OR Red Wine Jus.

VEGETARIAN DISH OF THE DAY - \$19.90

Please ask wait staff for today's creation.

CLASSIC FISH & CHIPS - \$21.90

Fresh fish cooked in your choice of golden lager batter OR Panko crumbs served with a fresh garden salad, crispy fries, home-made tartare & tomato sauce.

THAI RED CHICKEN CURRY - \$22.50 | CGF |

Fresh free range chicken cooked in a creamy coconut red curry sauce, served with basmati rice.

BABY BACK RIBS - \$25.90

Hawke's Bay slowly braised pork spare ribs roasted with our own bourbon BBQ sauce and topped with toasted sesame seeds accompanied with wedges & a fresh green salad.

BRAISED OXTAIL - \$27.00

Slow cooked oxtail, served on a kumara mash with baby spinach, finished with a spicy tomato gravy.

WHALE PLATTER - \$29.90

Fresh steamed mussels, squid, crumbed fish & prawns served with fries & salad.

CATCH OF THE DAY - \$31.90 | CGF |

Fresh locally sourced fish delivered daily and prepared differently each day. Please ask wait staff for today's catch.

STEAK, EGGS & FRIES – \$31.90 | CGF |

South Island farmed scotch fillet steak, cooked to your liking and served with fried eggs, fries & garden salad. Served with your choice of sauce: Diane, Creamy Garlic Mushroom, Garlic Butter, Peppercorn or Red Wine Jus.

SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA - \$39.90 | CGF |

OUR SIGNATURE DISH

Pan seared scallops on an Asian slaw, mini whitebait & paua fritters on toasted ciabatta, salt & pepper squid with smoked chipotle mayo, pan fried prawns on pineapple & chilli salsa & fresh steamed mussels with tomato & lime salsa.

thirsty burgers

(AVAILABLE ALL DAY)

BEER BATTERED FISH BURGER – \$19.90

Today's locally caught fresh fish golden lager battered served in a brioche bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, home-made tartare sauce & aioli. Served with crispy fries.

Companion Beer: Monteith's Pilsner: Handle \$8.00

CHAR - GRILLED CHICKEN BURGER - \$19.90

Char-grilled chicken breast, served in a brioche bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, smoked chipotle mayo & aioli. Served with crispy fries.

Companion Beer: Tiger: Handle \$8.50 **GRILLED VENISON BURGER - \$19.90**

AWARD WINNING BURGER

High country premium venison patty served in a brioche bun with waxed cheddar, lettuce, tomato, caramelised onions, plum sauce & aioli. Served with crispy fries.

Companion Beer: Heineken: Handle \$9.00

BBQ BACON BEEF BURGER - \$19.90

Char-grilled angus beef pattie, served with BBQ bacon in a brioche bun with lettuce, cheese, tomato, beer battered onion rings, & aioli. Served with crispy fries.

Companion Beer: Murphy's Stout: Pint \$9.50

VEGETARIAN BURGER - \$19.90 /V/

Grilled haloumi, portobello mushrooms and falafel served in a brioche bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, chipotle mayo & aioli. Served with crispy fries.

Companion Beer: Export 33: Handle \$8.00

thirsty thin crust pizzas

(AVAILABLE ALL DAY)

VEGETARIAN PIZZA - \$19.90 /V/

Spinach, red onion, tomato, feta, olives, mushrooms, cheese & basil pesto swirl.

MEAT LOVER'S PIZZA - \$21.90

Bacon, beef strips, chorizo, red onion, mushrooms, cheese & BBQ sauce.

SEAFOOD PIZZA – \$23.90

Prawns, calamari, shrimp, fresh local fish, red onion, baby spinach & hollandaise sauce.

CHICKEN PIZZA - \$23.90

Chicken, spinach, red onion, brie cheese & cranberry drizzle.

desserts

(available all day)

MIXED BERRY CRUMBLE - \$12.90

Home-made mixed berry crumble served with raspberry & white chocolate ice-cream, finished with fresh whipped cream.

DARK CHOCOLATE TERRINE - \$13.90 | CGF |

Home-made dark chocolate terrine served with a berry couli.

TIRAMISU - \$14.90

Coffee & wine soaked lady fingers, layered with a mascarpone cream, & amaretto, finished with a light dust of dutch cocoa.

CHEESE CAKE — \$14.90

Home-made individual cheesecake with ice-cream and fresh whipped cream. Please ask wait staff for today's flavour.

ICE CREAM TRIO - \$14.90

3 flavours of ice-cream served with fresh Hawkes Bay Fruits. Please ask wait staff today's flavours.

AFFOGATO – \$16.90 | CGF |

Kapiti vanilla bean ice cream with a double shot of espresso served with your choice of Baileys or Frangelico.

BANANA & MORO FILO PARCEL - \$16.90

Moro bar & fresh banana, wrapped & baked in filo pastry, served with vanilla bean ice-cream, finished with fresh whipped cream.

SELECTION OF FINE NZ CHEESES

SELECTION CHEESE BOARD - \$24.90

A selection of Te Mata brie, blue & aged waxed cheddar served with water crackers, onion jam, grapes & gherkins.

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