

# FORTHCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

## FEBRUARY

Friday 9th	Nick Barker
Saturday 10th	Baby Lemonade & Royale
Friday 16th	Nick Barker
Saturday 17th	Celtic City Sons
Friday 23rd	Nick Barker
Saturday 24th	Celtic City Sons

## MARCH

Friday 1st	Tongue N Groove
Saturday 2nd	Blue House
Friday 8th	BOOF
Saturday 9th	Blue House
Friday 15th	BOOF
Saturday 16th	Blue House
Friday 22nd	BOOF
Saturday 23rd	Blue House
Friday 29th	BOOF
Saturday 30th	The Waifs

## APRIL

## AUTUMN 1996



# GOWINGS



EATING OUT  
STEPHEN DOWNES

## Amazing Grace

**Gowings Grace Darling**, 114 Smith Street,  
Collingwood. Phone 9416 0055.

The atrium has simple charm and style, with its red brick and bluestone walls and art by Tim Storrier and Clifton Pugh (from the late Dennis Gowing's collection). Water trickles across the window overhead and translucent white drapes are slung in catenaries. The restaurant offers very good modern brasserie tucker, the service is precise and there is excellent white linen and fine cutlery and glassware.

### CRITICS CHOICE

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 1995 THE AGE 31

*A warren of eating and drinking areas signifies that this is no mere pub.*



Dining

RITA ERLICH

#### THE CHECK

**Gowings Grace Darling Hotel**, 114 Smith Street,  
Collingwood  
Telephone: 9416 0055

Licensed  
Lunch: Monday-Friday from noon-2.30pm  
Dinner: Monday-Saturday from 6pm  
Seating: 70; function rooms, non-smoking area  
Owners: Samantha Gowing and Chris Gowing  
Chef: Nicholas Wyman

**Food:** \*\*\*\*  
Well-chosen menu, with a lively blend of old classics and new ideas

**Wine List:** \*\*\*\*  
About as good as you could hope for, with a user-friendly list of wines by the glass as well

**Ambience:** \*\*  
Fresh and friendly, and enough space for everyone and everything

**Cards:** AE BC DC MC V

**Cost:** About \$75 for two, plus drinks

#### What the stars mean

Exceptional: \*\*\*\*\*  
Excellent: \*\*\*\*  
Very Good: \*\*\*  
Good: \*\*  
Acceptable or Basic: \*

No star means the restaurant is not considered up to standard in that area.

## GOWINGS RIGHT ON A SATURDAY NIGHT

#### THE JUDGMENT

In the four years since Dennis Gowing died, daughter and son Samantha and Chris have kept the beat at Grace Darling with integrity and style. Long-term chef Nicholas Wyman appears to be enjoying the "new" man-cooking so much that he is with greater precision. The wine list is extensive and reasonably priced. Ten drops come by the glass.

**SCORE:** \*\*\*½

\*\*\*\* Excellent  
\*\*\* Very good  
\*\* Good  
\* Acceptable  
▼ Fail

## GOWINGS FORTHCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

### NICK BARKER ACOUSTIC

FEBRUARY 9TH, 16TH, 23RD

Taking a break from working in the studio, acclaimed singer/songwriter Nick Barker joins us for acoustic shows over February. Nick will perform his own original tunes from his latest project as well as some toe tappin' old favourites.



### BABY LEMONADE & ROYALE

FEBRUARY 10TH  
ONE SHOW ONLY

Sassy, Jazzy, Brassy Cabaret Royale at its finest featuring BABY LEMONADE, a local performer composer, singer and dancer extraordinaire. She has been wooing Melbourne audiences with her glamorous and quirky style with old show tunes such as "Hey Big Spender" and "Stormy Weather" to modern arrangements of "Material Girl" and "I Will Survive". BABY LEMONADE will be accompanied by acclaimed pianist John McAll aka "Johnny Royale". This will be a great night's entertainment... guaranteed.



### CELTIC CITY SONS FEBRUARY 17TH & 24TH

Back by popular demand, this dynamic band will no doubt have the floorboards creaking once more when they return in February. Combining eclectic sounds with their unique style, the Celtic Sons have attracted a huge following across the nation.

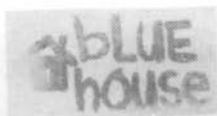


## ROB BURKE'S TONGUE N GROOVE MARCH 1st

Together with vocalist Russell Smith and John McAll on piano, acclaimed saxophonist Rob Burke returns for one night only in March. The funky jazz sounds of Tongue N Groove have delighted Gowings patrons in the past and we can look forward to an evening of very smooth tunes.

## BLUE HOUSE MARCH 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD

After performing to full houses over January, this dynamic acoustic three piece feature unique rich harmonies and a vibrant stage presence. We welcome their return to Gowings in March.



## "BOOF"

MARCH 8TH, 15TH, 22nd, 29TH

A five piece funky acoustic combo sourced from the Amsterdam cafe scene. Comprising double bass, accordion, guitar and drums, BOOF have been described in the press as one of the best bands in Holland.



## KAVISHA MAZZELLA

APRIL 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH

With an upbringing that bridges Irish, Scottish, Burmese and Italian heritage, and having spent her early childhood learning instruments such as the classical piano and traditional mandolin, Kavisha's music mixes a brew of contemporary and traditional styles. Together with her band The Passion Flowers, Kavisha will perform Saturdays in April.



## THE WAIFS

MARCH 30TH

APRIL 5TH, 19TH, 26TH

A blend of standard blues, an abundance of soul and a little bit of country make up the original sounds of The Waifs. Initially from Perth, they migrated to the East and have been spreading their individual style around town for the past few months.

the waifs

## 1995 ACCOLADES

1995 proved to be our finest year to date culminating in winning these coveted awards:

### 3AW/De BORTOLI HOTEL OF THE YEAR



Chris Gowing, Brian Gotthard (De Bortoli), Sam Gowing, Sir Lunalot (3AW)



"HIGHLY RECOMMENDED" -  
TUCKER SEABROOK  
'AUSTRALIA'S WINE LIST  
OF THE YEAR'



## AT DAY AT THE RACES THE GOWINGS GRACE DARLING HANDICAP



Join us in The Member's Dining Room at Flemington on Sunday 18th February when we sponsor the inaugural **Gowings Grace Darling Handicap** in conjunction with Flemington's International Food and Wine Festival which will be held over that weekend. (Please note that patrons wishing to attend will need a VRC Member's ticket, and please remember; no denim, no mobile phones).

## ST VALENTINES DAY

Wednesday 14th February is lover's day and where else would you possibly want to spend such a romantic occasion but in The Restaurant at Gowings!  
Book now for a four course dinner.  
\$36.50 per person.



## NEW EXHIBITION LISA KINGMAN

Inspired by European travel, Lisa's 'Rabbit Trap' series depict the emotional turmoil and often frustrating adventure of a backpacker's journey. A limited series of screen prints are now on display in The Bar.



THE AGE

good  
food

CRITICS  
CHOICE

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SPECIAL  
CATEGORIES  
Best  
pub bistro

Gowings Grace Darling