Flavours of the world at Borrack Square

With a wide range of cuisines and flavours available, Borrack Square in Altona North could be described as a shopping destination for all nations.

It's also "one of the best kept secrets in the west" according to small business marketing expert Ailsa Page of AP Marketing Works.

She says: "A number of the small business retailers regularly receive rave reviews on Google and Facebook".

India Spice Corner is just one of the popular businesses.

The modest spice retailer has attracted an international customer base thanks to its ability to stock hard-to-find spices suited to a wide range of international cuisines including Bangladeshi, Indian, Lebanese, Iranian, Pakistani and Sri Lankan.

It also stocks more than 30 different types of rice, 20 types of lentils and more than ten flours.

A new addition to Borrack Square is Pinnacle Nutrition. The smoothie bar, located on level 1 (above Pauline's Flowers), has brought a taste of Melbourne CBD to Altona North and is already proving popular with locals.

The healthy smoothie bar offers a range of delicious hydration options including energy teas, aloe vera shots and of course smoothies. It is one of 17 independently-owned smoothie bars to open across Victoria recently.

Here's a few more reasons why Borrack Square is a hidden gem in the west:

- Altona Kebab House is known for friendly staff, great deals and quality kebabs.
- Borrack Square Butcher and BBQ, great service and a fresh range of affordable meats from local producers.
- Borrack Square Charcoal Chicken is popular for burgers and juicy chickens.
- Borrack Square News Lotto and Gift recently updated its store to suit customers on motorised scooters and is considered one of the friendliest services in the area.
- HookD Fish'n'Chip is popular for its service, meal packs, potato cakes and salad/rice/burrito side dishes.
- J.T. Hair, Nail and Beauty is known for its service and fantastic pedicures.
- Kings Pizza, considered the best value for money pizzas in Newport and Altona North.
- Pauline's Flowers has a huge variety of flowers and offers international flower deliveries.
- Seaside Flat Bread Café for great-tasting and value-for-money Lebanese pastries, ideal for breakfast on the go.
- Window Café is popular for Vietnamese halal comfort dishes including Banh mi, chicken rice, fried noodles and Pho.

The range at India Spice Corner will leave you wanting for nothing. The newly-opened Pinnacle Nutrition smoothie bar is bringing a taste of the CBD to Altona North. (Pictures: Supplied)

Ms Page says: "Supporting small business owners, in particular retailers, has never been more important than during COVID-19. When you buy from a small business you are actually supporting your community."

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