La Tratt

Fairfield RSL, 14 Anzac Avenue, Fairfield **Tel 9727 5000** Map 6

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Score 14/20

It's Bali-meets-Vegas as you roll up to Fairfield RSL with its leaping flame torches along the driveway and glitzy, chintzy fit-out. But tucked away from the pokies, La Tratt is all class, with its warm, chocolate-brown interior, spot-on service and tempting Italian fare. Get the party started with addictively salty crumbed olives, stuffed with a smear of pork and veal ragu. Slightly underwhelming tomato was the only letdown in an otherwise fine salad with San Daniele prosciutto, buffalo mozzarella and basil. No such issues with ripper breadcrumb-stuffed, prosciutto-wrapped sardines, dished up with full-flavoured heirloom tomatoes. Fall-apart osso buco is rustic, rich and swiftly devoured, while twists of pasta with slipper lobster get a spicy kick in the pants from chilli-packed, creamy tomato sauce. And if you can't decide which dessert to have, spread your bets and have them all - the tasting platter is a winner; melting, gooey dark chocolate fondant with apple compote hits the jackpot.

Hours Wed-Sat 6-9.30pm Typical prices E \$17 M \$30 D \$14 Cards DC AE V MC Eftpos Wine Affordably priced range of quality Australasian labels; 14 by the glass Chef Jason Joannou Owner Fairfield RSL Club Seats 60; wheelchair access; bar Kid friendly www.fairfieldrsl.com.au And...don't fancy the drive? Catch the train the station's just across the road.