

AT LOCHIEL HOUSE OUR EGGS ARE FREE RANGE, BIODYNAMIC LOCAL EGGS
THE MEAT WE SOURCE IS FREE RANGE
WE SOURCE THE BEST QUALITY AND SUSTAINABLE FISH
FRUIT, VEGETABLES & HERBS ARE SOURCED FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS & OUR KITCHEN GARDEN
ENQUIRE ABOUT OUR 'BOOK A CHOOK' SUNDAY ROAST LUNCH

CAFÉ MENU – NOT SERVED AFTER 11AM ON SUNDAY

EGGS, BACON & TOAST	\$10
TRUFFLED SCRAMBLED EGGS & MIXED MARKET MUSHROOMS	\$16
FULL COUNTRY – EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE, MUSHROOMS, TOMATO & KIPFLER CHIPS	\$18
EGGS BENEDICT – POACHED EGGS, BACON, SPINACH ON TOAST WITH HOME MADE HOLLANDAISE	\$21
TEA SMOKED SALMON, POACHED EGGS & SPINACH ON TOAST WITH HOME MADE HOLLANDAISE	\$21
PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH – SALUMI, CORNICHONS, OLIVES & MAFFRA CHEDDAR	\$17
PULLED PORK SANDWICH, COLESLAW & MAKERS MARK BBQ SAUCE	\$17
STEAK SANDWICH, BEETROOT, MUSTARD MAYO & ONION RINGS	\$17
LOCHIEL "CREAM TEA" (3 SCONES & TEA OR COFFEE)	\$13

CHILDREN'S PORTIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

VARIATIONS ON BREAKFAST ALSO AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

AFTERNOON TEA IS SERVED UNTIL 4.00PM

A LA CARTE MENU

SERVED FROM 12 EVERY DAY

ENTRÉE

CAULIFLOWER CHEESE SOUFFLÉ	\$18
TEA SMOKED SALMON, GREEN BEANS, ANCHOVY MAYONNAISE, QUAIL EGG & GARDEN GREENS	\$19
LOCAL PINE MUSHROOMS, BRIOCHE, HERB OIL & DUCK; HEARTS & EGG	\$16
CHARCUTERIE BOARD, BREADS & GARNISH	\$24
BUTTERNUT SOUP, CHESTNUT BUTTER, BUSH PEPPER CRÈME FRAICHE & CAPSICUM PUREE	\$16

MAIN

NOSE TO TAIL PORK BELLY, TROTTER CROQUETTES, TAIL & POTATO HASH, TETE DE COCHON WITH CARROTS FOUR WAYS, APPLE PUREE & CRACKLING	\$36
ASSIETTE OF LAMB DAUPHINOISE POTATOES, ONION PUREE, MINT GEL & ONION RINGS	\$36
WILD KINGFISH BRAISED CHICKEN WINGS, JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE PUREE, KALE CHIPS, FONDANT POTATOES, LYONNAISE AIOLI, CAPER SHALLOT SALAD	\$34
BEEF THREE WAYS BEEF CHEEK COTTAGE PIE, HANGER STEAK, BONE MARROW, SPINACH PUREE & SPROUTS	\$36
GNOCCHI CHESTNUT PUREE, SWISS BROWN, WOOD EAR, ENOKI, OYSTER AND PINE MUSHROOMS, EGG YOLK	\$30

SIDES

GREEN MARKET VEGETABLES DRESSED IN A VINAIGRETTE	\$8
KIPFLER POTATO CHIPS, PARMESAN & TRUFFLE	\$8
LOCHIEL GARDEN SALAD	\$8

DESSERT

LEMON & MERINGUE; CHEESECAKE, LEMON CURD, LEMON VERBENA
ICECREAM \$16

MILK & HONEY PANNA COTTA, HONEY SORBET, CINNAMON CRUMB & BEE
POLLEN \$14

CHOCOLATE; ZOKOKO CHOCOLATE FONDANT, DEHYDRATED CHOCOLATE
MOUSSE, MILK SORBET, CHERRY GEL, WHITE CHOCOLATE PARFAIT \$18

SELECTION OF AUSTRALIAN CHEESE SERVED WITH WALNUTS, DEHYDRATED
GRAPES, TRUFFLE HONEY & FRUIT TOAST

1 CHEESE \$12

2 CHEESE \$16

3 CHEESE \$20

TEA & COFFEE

COFFEE; ALL \$3.50, EXTRA SHOT \$1.00

ESPRESSO
MACCHIATO
PICCOLO LATTE
FLAT WHITE
CAPPUCCINO
LATTE
LONG BLACK
MOCHA
HOT CHOCOLATE

TEA; ALL TEA \$4.00

ENGLISH BREAKFAST BLEND
CHAI (SPICED BLACK TEA WITH CLOVES, CARDAMOM, ROSE PETALS & VANILLA)
EARL GREY

HERBAL INFUSIONS

CHAMOMILE
GREEN TEA
FRESH MINT
FRESH LEMON VERBENA
PEPPER- MINT
ROOIBOS

OUR 'LOCHIEL HOUSE BLEND' OF COFFEE IS SOURCED LOCALLY FROM COFFEE WAREHOUSE IN KURMOND. IT IS A BLEND OF ORGANIC BEANS THAT ARE GROWN IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA, ETHIOPIA & SULAWESI, INDONESIA. ALL OF OUR COFFEE IS GROUND TO ORDER.

WE SOURCE OUR FINE LEAF TEAS FROM PINE'S SILVERTIP TEA & COFFEE IN CASTLE HILL.

DRINKS

BELOKA SPARKLING MINERAL WATER (NSW) 750ML	\$9.00
FRESH JUICE OF THE DAY	\$4.50
BILPIN APPLE JUICE	\$3.50
COKE, DIET COKE, LEMONADE, GINGER ALE, SODA WATER, TONIC WATER	\$3.50
CORKAGE PER WINE BOTTLE	\$8.00

THE HISTORY OF LOCHIEL HOUSE

LOCHIEL HOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1825 BY JOSEPH DOUGLAS(S) - A FORMER CONVICT - ON 50 ACRES OF LAND GRANTED TO HIM BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY. LOCHIEL HOUSE WAS ORIGINALLY NAMED 'IVY LODGE', AND WAS THE FIRST ACCOMMODATION HOUSE IN THE AREA.

JOSEPH DOUGLAS IS SAID TO BE BORN IN NORTHERN IRELAND IN C1783. IN 1814 HE WAS CHARGED IN SCOTLAND WITH STEALING A SILVER WATCH AND TWO PIECES OF COTTON CLOTH. HE ARRIVED IN THE COLONY IN 1815 AND, FOR THE DURATION OF HIS SEVEN-YEAR SENTENCE, WAS EMPLOYED AS AN AGRICULTURAL LABOURER. AFTER EXPIRATION OF HIS SENTENCE, HIS FAMILY JOINED HIM HERE. MARY ORR DOUGLAS (NEE BURGESS) AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN ARRIVED IN 1823. ANOTHER THREE CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEM IN THE COLONY.

THE DOUGLAS FAMILY WERE THE FIRST SETTLERS IN THIS PART OF THE 'CURRYJONG' BUSH, WHICH BECAME KNOWN AS DOUGLAS HILL. DOUGLAS HILL OPERATED AS A FARM, WITH ANIMALS AND ORCHARDS, AND IVY LODGE WAS RENOWNED FOR ITS LODGING AND MEALS. IN 1839, LADY FRANKLIN, WIFE OF THEN GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA, FOUND AT IVY LODGE "A NEAT CLEAN HOUSE WHERE WE MIGHT VERY WELL SLEEP, AND GOOD EATING ALSO". MILITARY FROM WINDSOR SOMETIMES SPENT THEIR LEAVE HERE. IN 1841 THE GRANT SUBDIVIDED, BUT IVY LODGE CONTINUED TO OFFER LODGING AND NOURISHMENT TO TRAVELLERS. IN 1851 A SATISFIED TRAVELLER WROTE TO THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD THAT, AT IVY LODGE, ONE COULD GET "...TEA, COMFORTABLE BED, BREAKFAST, STABLING AND FODDER FOR HORSE; ALL FOR 5 SHILLINGS"

AFTER JOSEPH'S DEATH IN 1865, IVY LODGE WAS SOLD TO JOSEPH ONUS, A RESIDENT OF RICHMOND. IT CONTINUED AS A LODGING HOUSE UNTIL IT CHANGED HANDS AGAIN. THE NEXT OWNERS, DRs JAMES & ANDREW CAMERON, RENAMED LOCHIEL AND USED IT AS THEIR MOUNTAIN HOME. JAMES CAMERON WAS A DOCTOR OF DIVINITY, WHO ARRIVED IN THE COLONY IN 1856 TO BECOME FIRST MINISTER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN RICHMOND. ANDREW CAMERON WAS A DOCTOR OF MEDICINE WHO ARRIVED FROM SCOTLAND IN 1868. WHILE LOCHIEL BELONGED TO THE CAMERONS, THE FIRST POSTMASTER OF KURRAJONG HEIGHTS, GEORGE WITNEY, OPERATED THE POST OFFICE FROM HERE.

IN 1884 THOMAS WALKER WAS APPOINTED POSTMASTER OF KURRAJONG HEIGHTS. BORN IN CORNWALL OF SCOTTISH PARENTS, THOMAS HAD ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA AS A FREE MAN C1870. HE AND HIS WIFE, MARY ANN (NEE MAHONEY), LIVED IN LOCHIEL HOUSE AND RAN THE POST OFFICE FROM HERE. LATER, THOMAS WALKER SHIPPED A PREFABRICATED HOUSE FROM ENGLAND TO BE ERECTED NEXT TO LOCHIEL. HE MOVED HIS FAMILY AND THE POST OFFICE TO THIS NEW BUILDING, WHICH STILL STANDS TO THE LEFT OF LOCHIEL.

IN 1905, ON THE DEATH OF JAMES CAMERON, THOMAS WALKER PURCHASED LOCHIEL HOUSE AND 40 ACRES OF LAND WITH ORCHARDS BETWEEN LOCHIEL AND PANORAMA POINT. RECORDS SHOW THAT THOMAS WAS STILL POSTMASTER IN 1914, AT THE AGE OF 73. HE DIED IN 1922, LEAVING THE PROPERTY TO HIS ELDEST DAUGHTER, LINDA MAY WALKER. LINDA & HER HUSBAND, CHARLES JOSEPH HOBBS, WERE LIVING IN LOCHIEL

HOUSE AT THE TIME AND MOVED THEIR SURVIVING FOUR CHILDREN UP TO JOIN THEM AND LIVE IN EXISTING WORKMAN'S COTTAGES ON THE PROPERTY. CHARLIE HOBBS TURNED PANORAMA POINT INTO A PICNIC SPOT AND PLANTED THE PINE TREES ACROSS THE TOP OF THE RIDGE ABOVE LOCHIEL. IN THE 1950S THE 40 ACRES WERE SOLD AND BECAME KNOWN AS CHERRY PARK.

IN 1992, WHILE LEASED AS AN ART GALLERY, LOCHIEL HOUSE WAS AUCTIONED. THE NEW OWNERS REFURBISHED THE HOUSE IN 1994, MAKING THE NECESSARY CHANGES FOR LOCHIEL TO BECOME A CAFÉ, BUT THE ORIGINAL CHARACTER OF THE BUILDING WAS RETAINED. THE CAFÉ RAN AS A SUCCESSFUL STEAK AND PASTA RESTAURANT FOR SEVEN YEARS, MONIQUE AND TONY TOOK OVER AND TRANSFORMED LOCHIEL HOUSE INTO AN AWARD-WINNING RESTAURANT IN THEIR TEN YEARS AS CHEF/OWNERS.

AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF SEARCHING JESS AND WAYNE BY CHANCE HEARD ABOUT LOCHIEL HOUSE BEING UP FOR SALE AND AFTER TAKING IN THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN, QUIRKY COTTAGE AND COZY ATMOSPHERE WERE COMPELLED TO BUY AND TURN LOCHIEL INTO BOTH AN ACCESSIBLE AND MODERN EATERY FOR LOCALS AND VISITORS ALIKE, AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF THEIR JOURNEY THEY ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF LOCHIEL HOUSE AND HOPE THEY WILL BE EMBRACED BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY HERE IN THE BEAUTIFUL HAWKESBURY REGION.