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A New Vegan Cafe Coming to St Kilda Road

Plant-based food, from burgers to bowls.



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Alexandra Pyke wants her new cafe, The Alley, to cater to uncompromising vegans as well as those who are simply health-conscious.

Set to open in mid-March, the menu is 100 per cent plant-based with an aim to provide comfort food, without the guilt.

That means a Maple Bacon Burger (that's coconut bacon) and gluten-free mac'n'cheese (that's creamy bean and cashew sauce "cheese") sit alongside salads (think kelp noodles), pressed juices and acai bowls. There will be a range of grab-and-go options, and you can stay for a drink too, with craft beer and biodynamic wine on the drinks list.

Pyke has recently returned from several years in New York, where she opened popular farm-to-table restaurant, The Fat Radish, in the Lower East Side and partnered in The Leadbelly bar and vegetarian cafe The Butcher's Daughter, also in downtown Manhattan.

Architect [Travis Walton](#) is designing the space.

The Alley
417 St Kilda Road, Melbourne
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