



**THE ROYAL EXCHANGE OF SYDNEY**  
ESTABLISHED IN 1851

**LIGHT LUNCH**

*(Includes a drink)*

- Salt & Pepper calamari with pear apple & radish watercress slivered avocado salad & lime aioli. \$ 25  
Grilled scallops with peperonata, salad & homemade aioli \$ 25.  
Bruschetta with prosciutto, thinly sliced rock melon & goat's cheese \$ 22.  
Summer spinach, peach & pecan salad. \$ 22 V. G.F.  
Grilled haloumi with asparagus, heirloom tomatoes & lemon thyme vinaigrette. \$ 22.

**MAINS**

*(Includes a drink)*

- Chicken Caesar salad with baby cos lettuce, garlic croutons, soft boiled egg, grilled chicken, anchovies, prosciutto & baby heirloom tomatoes. REX Caesar salad dressing \$ 26  
Smoked salmon nicoise salad with green beans, new potatoes, soft boiled egg & summer mixed leaf. \$ 26.  
Flathead fish fillets beer battered with chips & mushy peas **or** salad \$ 27  
Traditional Old English Pork Sausages with creamy mash, Mushy peas & caramelized red onion gravy \$ 26  
Wagyu beef burger with bacon & avocado & chips \$ 26  
Grain fed 250-gram Rump steak with beer battered fries & salad \$ 27  
New York cut sirloin steak with roasted sweet potato chips, sugar snap peas & vine roasted tomatoes. \$ 34 GF  
Lamb back strap with grilled zucchini, roasted baby beetroot, summer leaves & a mint, coriander & lemon yogurt \$ 34  
Pan roasted corn fed chicken breast supreme with roasted lemon & thyme tomatoes, smashed chat potatoes & broccolini. \$ 32  
Panko crumbed chicken schnitzel parmigiana with salad & chips \$ 28  
Vegetarian risotto with peas, asparagus, fresh mint & baby tomatoes. \$32 GF V

**Sauces | Red Wine Jus | Dianne | mushroom | pepper | onion gravy \$ 4**

**SIDES**

- Salted edamame beans \$ 7 GF V  
Baked petit pain rolls with balsamic glaze & olive oil \$ 7 V  
Marinated Spanish green olives & semi-dried tomato \$ 8 GF V  
Chunky beer battered chips with aioli \$ 9 V  
Sweet Potato wedges \$ 9  
Honey roasted Dutch carrots \$ 9 V  
Seasonal greens \$ 9 V GF  
Mozzarella di Bufala salad with tomato, rocket, basil & olive oil \$ 9 GF V  
Rocket, pear & parmesan salad \$ 9 GF

*Potted history of*

# *The Royal Exchange of Sydney*

Founded by Act of Parliament in 1851, the Royal Exchange is one of the oldest and most prestigious institutions in New South Wales.

The Sydney Wool Exchange, The Fire Underwriters Association, The Coal Association and the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales can all trace their beginnings to the grand old building at 56 Pitt Street. The chamber of Commerce, founded in 1824, also took up residence in the new Exchange Building.

Governor General, Sir William Denison was one of the witnesses of the inaugural telegraphic transmission in 1851 between The Exchange and Liverpool, New South Wales.

In 1853, 4000 of NSW's 50,000 population watched as Governor - General, Sir Charles Fitzroy, laid the foundation stone of the new building on 25th August. This new sandstone building was four storeys high and designed in the Corinthian manner and became a symbol of Sydney's prosperity in the 1850's in the gold rush era.

Another transmission line was soon connected to the South Head Signal Station allowing information to be posted as soon as it became known. From the beginning the Exchange was the centre of commercial activity for the emerging capital and operated as stated in its charter with the objective of "furthering commerce for the benefit of future citizens of Sydney".

The Captains of the great Clipper ships traded their cargoes and transacted business from the floorboards of The Exchange. The skippers of such famous ships as the Cutty Sark, Thermopylae, La Hogue and Brilliant were such frequent visitors that The Exchange affectionately became known as the "Albatross Club".

The share-brokers moved in in 1871 and the Sydney Stock Exchange was born. In 1872, there were 10 share brokers operating. Three years later there were 24. Membership flourished during the Broken Hill boom of 1888 when fortunes were won and lost. By 1896 The Stock Exchange had grown so big it was forced to move to bigger premises at Martin Place.

For 100 years, from 1864 to 1964, auction sales of wool were held at The Exchange. It became the world's biggest wool -selling centre. It was 1882 when the Dining room was lit up by electric light. It would be another 44 years before the Members Room was converted to electric light. This may well have had something to do with the Chairman of the Gaslight Company also being the Chairman of the Royal Exchange.

On 31 December, 1900, the evening of the inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia, the statue of "Commerce", designed by sculptor James White who also created the Statue of Liberty, on top of the building was unveiled. It stood there until 1964 when the building was demolished. It has now been given pride of place outside the refurbished building looking over Pitt Street.

In 1901, His Majesty King Edward VII bestowed on The Exchange the new title, The Royal Exchange of Sydney.

In 1960 developers acquired shares in the Sydney Exchange Company, which eventually led to the demolition of the historic sandstone building despite a public outcry.