



Talk of the town



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Everybody is talking about the new Coriander's restaurant and bar at 222 St Asaph Street. Driving down the one way street, the striking two storied white building, with its wide veranda, and – come evening – glowing lights, it's unmissable.

Inside it's all about authentic northern Indian Cuisine and hospitality from 11am till late, with dining, elegant bar, private dining options, and evening entertainment. Famed for its authentic dining and takeaways, this new CBD Coriander's offers patrons even more.

Owner Amardeep Singh has launched a new lunch and bar menu. Available from 11.30am to 4.30pm the bar menu is tempting: Deep Fried Chicken, chicken Seek Kebabs, Chicken on Fire, Amritsari Fish and cocktail sized Pakoras are all just \$9.90. To sit on the spacious veranda with a few drinks and a



starter or bar snack, all served with drama on sizzling platters, is an exotic experience.

The lunch menu includes traditional favourites - Butter Chicken, Chicken Tikka Marsala, Lamb Rogan Josh, Lamb Korma, Vegetable Jalfreezy and Dal Makini, plus bryani options and Chole Bhatura, a Punjabi dish of thick leavened Indian fried bread with either chickpeas or chicken. At \$14 lunch is very affordable.

Dinner is served from 5pm till late as Indians like to dine later, making it the perfect location for people who prefer late or après theatre dining. The extensive menu is identical to the one that has made Coriander's one of Canterbury's favourite Indian restaurants, with new dishes coming in the New Year.

All dishes are prepared by five Indian chefs in the new state-of-the-art kitchen, with two tandoors, viewable through a huge glass window.

While during the day and early evening background music is Indian, evening patrons can enjoy an eclectic variety of live late night entertainment and dancing. A salsa dance group was first to perform, and a DJ is available on request.

Coriander's also caters for private functions in the atmospheric Bollywood room. Groups can have their own choice of music and can dance from 10pm to 1am. A DJ is available on request.

Takeaways can be collected from a discrete entrance at Welles Street, where there is also evening parking for 12 cars. The completed building with restaurant and bar is quite stunning and the Design Team have done a great job.