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BACKING INTERNATIONAL SMALL RESTAURANTS

2023 GRANT AWARDEE HIGHLIGHT

FOOD ADDICT

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

[Food Addict](#) is a café located in Darlinghurst, an inner-city suburb in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. This beloved community eatery specializes in modern Australian cuisine with an Asian twist. Locals, foodies, and tourists alike flock to Food Addict, where every dish is a masterpiece, meticulously crafted to delight the senses.

From the bold and spicy shakshuka to indulgent butterscotch pancakes, and the irresistible crispy pork bao buns, every plate leaves a lasting impression. Not to be missed are Food Addict's innovative edible coffee cups, a delightful surprise that is also a testament to the café's commitment to pushing culinary boundaries.

Sustainability lies at the center of Food Addict's ethos, and is reflected in their mindful ingredient sourcing practices. Recognizing their dedication, Food Addict was awarded an AU\$21,000 grant through the "Backing International Small Restaurants" grant program.

Emily Roberts, Vice President and General Manager of Consumer and Commercial Services, American Express said: "Sydney's dining and hospitality industry is at the very core of what makes our city so iconic, but the effects of the pandemic and the uncertain economic outlook has left many small businesses feeling vulnerable and under pressure. As part of our commitment to back small businesses, it's imperative that we do what we can to support hard-working operators. Our hope is that these funds will allow them to continue to deliver meaningful experiences for their customers."

With the grant funds, Food Addict has enhanced its establishment with façade repairs and painting, upgraded outdoor seating, and a modern digital window display. Through a blend of innovation, flavor, and sustainability, Food Addict promises an unforgettable dining experience, served with genuine hospitality.



Façade repairs and painting



Removable outdoor planter

"Backing International Small Restaurants" is an International Downtown Association Foundation grant program, supported by American Express, aimed at boosting business for small, independent restaurants that demonstrate a positive impact on their community, and are owned by individuals from underrepresented and/or economically vulnerable groups.