

## Gift-wrapped loaves

Skip this item if you're on one of those depressing bread-free diets - because it's for those of us who secretly wished Willy Wonka had a thing for yeast. The retail arm of Brasserie Bread opened in Banksmeadow a couple of weeks ago. Staff gift wrap the entire range of loaves like jewellery at Tiffany & Co and the cafe has sandwiches made from everything from schiacciatta to granary bread. Short black can't recommend too highly the duck rillettes sandwich with radicchio and walnut salad on country loaf; a little toasting releases the fat in the rillettes. The advance guard of Sydney foodies was already there when we popped in last week. Co-owner Michael Klausen says the early-morning crowd is an eclectic mix, including bread-savvy Port Botany stevedores. Klausen is also trying a new menu item later this week. "We're using our 10-year-old sourdough starter for a pancake batter. We'll probably do them with berries," he says. 1737 Botany Road, Banksmeadow, Mon-Fri 7am-3pm, Sat 8am-2pm, 96666845.



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**Brasserie at Banksmeadow... the bakery is on the radar of foodies and wharfies alike.**

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