

# The Evening Chronicle

## Whangarei, New Zealand

The official Evening Menu of the Dickens Inn Larder & Cellar Co.

Published to inform our patrons of the establishments daily fare, offering the best in food, ales, wine & fellowship.

### Why the Dickens Inn?

#### A family legacy of over two centuries!

When Graeme and Vicki Cundy, the owners of the Dickens Inn, decided in 1995 to establish an English Tavern on the corner of Cameron Street and the Old English styled precinct of Quality Street in the centre of Whangarei they needed to come up with a theme and a name. Vicki suggested that they should use the family name of Dickens.

Graeme's genealogy on his mother's side can be traced back many centuries. His grandmother was a Dickens and his Great Grandfather was John Dickens, having the same name as the writer Charles Dickens father. Many of the Dickens family Christian names are prominent throughout Graeme's family history, including that of Charles. It was decided to call the new establishment the Dickens Inn and to build a theme around the great writers works.



Dickens House Museum London

Drinking and eating houses were close to Charles Dickens heart and they featured prominently in many of his works so it is a very appropriate theme.

The Dickens House Museum in London opened their files and supplied reproductions of the original drawings used to illustrate Charles Dickens books.

These etchings and prints now adorn the walls around the Dickens Inn.

### A Historic Site

There has been a hotel on this site, in various guises since 1891. In the early days the stage coach stopped and there were stables at the rear. There were rooms to let that were frequented by ladies of ill repute, travellers, gum diggers and loggers, who worked the gum fields and the Kauri forests of Northland.

In the early 1900's the hotel was completely destroyed by fire and was replaced with what was known as the Whangarei Hotel. Located in the position of the Dickens Inn main bar was a bar known as Lofty's bar. Lofty Blomfield the proprietor was an ex professional wrestler, a larger than life figure. He operated for 20 years from the late 1950's and was famous for the penny coin stack on the bar where punters left the pennies from their change. The stack got so big the bar had to be strengthened, finally weighing in at more than 6 tons when it was demolished in 1961 and donated to IHC raising £1710, well over \$4000.

In 1994 the old Whangarei was completely demolished to make way for the Quality Street development and the Dickens Inn. Features such as the brick wall in the restaurant and the old polished Kauri panel doors were recycled from the old pub. The lead lights at the top of the stairs and over the restaurant were salvaged from Drummonds Ironmongers building which was demolished in the early 1980's to make way for The Strand at the top of Cameron Street. These date from the mid 1800's. Many of the features in the Dickens Inn date back to the era of Charles Dickens including the colour scheme such as the English library reading room red feature walls.

The Dickens Inn opened on the 1st December 1995 and has been open every day since with only one or two exceptions.



Our first beer delivery—opening day 1st December 1995

### Over 130 years brewing great beer.

Significantly John Dickens was a brewer who was born in 1840 in Leicestershire, England. In fact John Dickens named his son Charles after the Charles Dickens, considered by many to be the greatest English writer ever.

John Dickens emigrated to Holland and married there in August 1871. This was during the period that the then fledgling Heineken Brewery was being established in Amsterdam by Gerard Adriaan Heineken and the brewing of Heineken, the worlds leading lager, began in 1873.

The Dickens Inn is proud to serve Heineken on tap.



The world's best lager beer brewed to the original recipe since 1873.

**IN OUR 24th YEAR SERVING NORTHLAND**  
We have served over 1.22 Million Meals  
200,000 Glasses of Wine, 850,000 Handles of Beer  
195,000 Cups of Coffee  
26 tonnes of Beef (104,000 Steaks),  
25 tonnes of Chicken, 23 tonnes of Bacon,  
18.5 tonnes of Pork Ribs, 7 tonnes of Prawns,  
13 tonnes of Fresh Fish,  
425,000 Eggs, 70 tonnes of Chips.

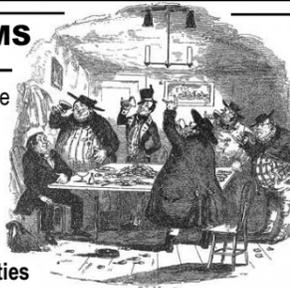
### The Dickens Inn Ghost!

The porter at the old Whangarei hotel used to talk of seeing a ghost and the ghost is still with us today. He is a friendly fellow making his presence known from time to time in the wee small hours. You know he is about when you hear him move or there is a sudden chill and the hairs on your arms stand up! Sometimes things get misplaced and the staff blame it on the ghost—not quite fair really. The clock, an old family heirloom, at the top of the stairs, whilst it works perfectly elsewhere, just stops dead at 11:24. We are left wondering if there is any significance.

### Mix, match & share

**Snacks, Entrées & Sharing Plates—**  
Each dish is divided allowing you to mix dishes to share and enjoy!

**Our steaks are Prime New Zealand Steer,**  
naturally grazed & tender aged for 3 weeks.



### ASK ABOUT OUR PRIVATE FUNCTION ROOMS

**Business meetings, Seminars, Product presentations, Workshops—**  
With our facilities, in house catering, equipment & dedicated staff we will make your event a success.

### Having a Celebration or Work Function

Our private air conditioned rooms, bar & lounge can cater for your every need.

We offer a range of menus—

Finger Food, Set Menus, Buffets—breakfast, lunch, dinner & in between.

Engagements, Wedding receptions, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Work parties



# Dickens Inn™

## LARDER & CELLAR Co.

Est. 1995

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## EVENING MENU

SERVED FROM 5:00PM 'TIL LATE DAILY

CHILDREN'S MENU AVAILABLE  
MENU ITEMS & PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### Cold Beverages

**Pure Juice & Water** Small Large  
Apple, Orange, Cranberry,  
Pineapple & Tomato. \$4.5 \$5.5

**Kiwi Blue Water—Still OR Sparkling** \$7

**Soft Drinks** Small Large

Coca-Cola, Diet Coca-Cola,  
Schweppes, Ginger Ale, L&P,  
Soda Water, Tonic Water. \$4 \$5

### House Specialities

**Iced Tea** \$4.5  
**Iced Coffee OR Chocolate** \$8  
**Iced Mochaccino** \$8

### Cocktails

**Mojito**—Refreshing blend of rum, mint & lime. \$18.5

**Margarita**—Tequila, triple sec, lime juice,  
served straight or frozen. \$17

**Tokyo Ice Tea**—A refined version w Midori  
charged w pineapple. \$18.5

**Pina Colada**—A blend of rums, coconut &  
pineapple. \$18.5

**Cosmopolitan**—Vodka, triple sec, lime &  
cranberry topped w flamed orange zest. \$17

**Tolberone**—Kahlua, Crème De Cacao,  
Baileys Irish cream, milk & chocolate. \$20

### Mocktails

**Virgin Mojito**—A blend of apple juice, mint &  
lime without the kick. \$12.5

**Beach Hut**—pineapple juice blended w  
coconut cream & ice cream. \$14.5

### Hot Beverages

**Tea**  
English Breakfast \$4.2  
Earl Grey \$4.2  
Herbal—Ask about our selection. \$4.2

**Hot Chocolate**  
w a swirl of chocolate sauce & marshmallows. \$4.8

**Espresso Coffee**

**Americano** \$4

**Espresso**—Long OR Short Black. \$4

**Flat White**—Short w creamy milk. \$4.5

**Cappuccino**—Short w creamy frothy milk. \$4.5

**Latte**—Long w creamy milk. Cup \$5 Bowl \$6

**Vienna**—Long black, whipped cream,  
garnished w chocolate. \$4.5

**Mochaccino**—Short w chocolate &  
creamy frothy milk. \$5

**Chai Latte**—Creamy milk flavoured w Chai. \$5

**Kids Fluffy** \$2.5

### Extras

**Flavour**—Vanilla, Caramel, Hazelnut, Irish Cream. \$0.5

**Soy Milk** \$0.8

**Extra Shot** \$0.8

**Decaffeinated** \$0.8

**Take-away** \$0.6

Dickens Inn Larder & Cellar Co.—On Cameron Street at Quality Street Mall, Whangarei City Centre.  
Café—Bars—Restaurant—Function Rooms

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# Dickens' Evening Menu 5:00pm 'till late

## Snacks, Entrées & Sharing Plates

### Nancy's Bread Selection™

✓ Grilled Garlic & Fresh Herb Ciabatta	\$12
✓ Fresh Baked Sourdough Cobb Loaf—Warm from the oven <u>w</u> —butter, olive oil & balsamic	\$13
OR—butter, chicken liver pâté.	\$16

**Soup of the Day** — Please see the blackboard  
Chef's choice, made from seasonal produce. \$14

**Dickens' Seafood Chowder**—stocked w FRESH fish, mussels, squid, cockles, prawns. \$18.5

FRESH Oysters—Subject to availability Priced each Min. order 3  
**Natural on the ½ shell** w shallot red wine dip. 4  
**Monteith's beer battered** w tangy tartare sauce. \$4.5

**Prawn Cocktail**—prawns, cos lettuce, avocado, Marie-rose dressing. \$20

**Calamari**—w golden crumb crust & mango sweet chili dip. \$18

**Scallop & Prawn Kebabs**—three up w melon, avocado, coriander, chili lime dressing. \$18

**Sliders**—three mini buns w FRESH fish in Golden Beer batter & our apple cider slaw. \$18

**Braised Merino Short Ribs**—finished w sticky citrus plum marmalade. \$19

✓ **Caprese Salad**—sliced tomato, FRESH basil, Buffalo Mozzarella, balsamic & virgin olive oil. \$18

**Honey Soy Chicken Wings** w sesame seeds, spring onion. \$17

**Spicy Lamb Tortillas**—three up w rocket, roast capsicum & Tzatziki. \$18

✓ **Spud in a Bucket™**  
Chunky chips, tomato sauce, our chili mayo. \$10

✓ **Oliver's Potato Wedges™** chunky & spicy w sour cream  
OVER—Tomato salsa & guacamole \$18  
OR— Bacon & cheese \$17

### Fat Boy Burger™

On our house baked bun w chunky chips & tomato sauce

**Fat Boy Unplugged™**  
Our house made prime beef pattie, chicken thigh & a grilled free range egg w apple cider slaw, cos lettuce, tomato, beetroot, guacamole, Edam, our famous Monteith's Ale braised onions, Dijon mayo. \$26

### Gourmet Pizzas

**Kiwi**—Smoked venison sausage, bacon, garlic, potato, braised Monteith's Dark Ale onions, Mozzarella, rosemary sour cream. \$24 \$29

**Cajun Chicken**—w coriander, sun-dried tomato, olives, Feta & Mozzarella. Drizzled w smoked aioli. \$24 \$29

**Prosciutto Bianco**—Prosciutto w mushroom, rocket, Kalamata olives, Buffalo Mozzarella, Pecorino, virgin olive oil. \$24 \$29

✓ **Vegetarian**—char-grilled capsicum, red onion, olives, rocket, basil, Buffalo Mozzarella & Parmesan. \$22 \$27

### Pasta

**Chicken Fettuccine**—Chicken, bacon, mushroom, garlic, onion & parsley in a creamy white wine & Parmesan sauce. \$24

✓ **Skip the Chicken & Bacon** \$18

**Seafood Pasta**—Bounty of seafood, sautéed, tossed w fresh herbs, cherry tomatoes, chili & olive oil. Dressed w Pecorino. \$27

### Salads

✓ **Dickens' Caesar**— Our take  
Cos lettuce, streaky bacon, anchovies, shaved Parmesan, croutons & our Caesar dressing. Topped w a soft boiled free range egg. \$20  
ADD — Chicken \$5

**Lamb & Caramelised Beetroot**—w red onion, pine nuts, baby rocket & feta drizzled w Balsamic dressing. \$25

**Seared Scallop & Bacon**—w avocado, red onion, tomato, mesclun & warm Maple vinaigrette. \$27

## Specialities of the Inn

### From the Grill

We serve PRIME New Zealand STEER naturally grazed & tender aged.

### Steaks of the Establishment

Your choice:	200gm Eye Fillet	\$38
	250gm Scotch Fillet	\$38
	300gm Sirloin	\$37

Cooked to your preference & served w  
**Rocket, whole seed mustard & your choice of sauce & potato dish.**

Garlic butter Dijon potato mash  
Peppercorn jus Thyme & garlic baked potatoes  
Mushroom & Monteith's beer sauce

ADD—Large Aussie Garlic Prawn \$6 each  
ADD—FRESH Oyster Natural on the ½ shell \$4 each

### Signature Dish

**PRIME BEEF SHORT RIB** slow braised on the bone for 12 hours!  
**Absolutely delicious—**  
Served w vine tomato, green beans & your choice of  
Dijon potato mash **OR** thyme & garlic baked potatoes. \$38

### Seafood Mains

**Fish & Chips**  
Market FRESH fillets in our crispy Monteith's Golden Beer batter w  
chunky chips, garden salad, charred lemon & tartare sauce. \$29

**Steamed FRESH NZ Mussels** ½ kg. 1kg.  
**Marinières**—White wine, cream, onion, garlic & herbs. \$19 \$29

OR  
**Thai Green Curry**—Coconut cream, coriander, lemon grass. \$20 \$30

**Scallops**—Seven in our crispy Monteith's Golden Beer batter w  
salad, chunky chips, charred lemon & tartare. \$33

**Grilled Salmon**—w sage butter, hot Quinoa,  
beetroot cream & rocket. \$32

**Summer Seafood Plate**—pan fried market FRESH fish, NZ mussels  
& oysters, steamed Aussie prawns, calamari, cold smoked salmon,  
trio of dips, charred lemon. \$68

### More Mains

**BBQ Pork Spare Ribs**—Braised in our BBQ sauce. Regular Large  
Served w thyme & garlic baked potatoes. \$24 \$34

**Grilled Chicken**—rubbed w spices & served w our house made BBQ  
sauce, sautéed greens & potato croquets. \$33

**Braised Merino Short Ribs**— w sticky citrus plum marmalade,  
red cabbage & crisp apple w thyme & garlic baked potatoes. \$34

**Pork Fillet**—stuffed w red onion marmalade, wrapped w bacon,  
roasted & served w Dijon potato mash, bok choy, red wine jus. \$33

**Medallions of Venison**—roasted medium rare & served w  
Dijon potato mash, buttered green beans, fig & red wine jus. \$34

✓ **Vegetarian Lasagna**—w eggplant, rich tomato ragout  
Buffalo Mozzarella & garden salad. \$27

### Sides

✓ **Dijon mashed potato** \$8

✓ **Thyme & garlic baked potatoes** \$8

✓ **Fresh garden salad** w honey mustard dressing \$8

✓ **Steamed, buttered seasonal vegetable of the day** \$9

✓ **Sautéed mushrooms in thyme jus** \$9

### Desserts

Please see our blackboard & table talkers for the daily selection.

**Tea & Coffee selection** — Please see the other side.  
**Please see the blackboard & table talkers for daily additions.**  
**15% Surcharge applies on public holidays**

✓ = Vegetarian



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### Pure Juice & Water

	Small	Large
Apple, Orange, Cranberry, Pineapple & Tomato.	\$4.5	\$5.5
Kiwi Blue Water— Still OR Sparkling	Bottle	\$7

### Tap Beers

	Glass Standard	Glass Large
Heineken	\$10	\$12
Heineken Light	\$9	\$11
Erdinger	\$10	\$12
		Handle
Lagunitas	\$10	\$12
Tiger		\$10
Tuatara Motueka Pilsner	\$9	\$11
Monteith's Black	\$8	\$10
Monteith's Golden	\$8	\$10
Monteith's Original	\$8	\$10
Monteith's Radler	\$8	\$10

### Tap Cider

	Glass	Pitcher
Monteith's Crushed Apple Cider	\$10.5	\$36

### Wines by the glass

	Glass 150ml	Glass 250ml
The Maker 'Knighthood' Chardonnay—Gisborne	\$10	\$16.5
Matawhero Chardonnay—Gisborne	\$11.5	\$18.5
Allan Scott Reisling—Marlborough	\$10.5	\$17.5
The Maker 'Fleur de Lis' Sauvignon Blanc—Marlborough	\$10	\$16.5
Lake Chalice Sauvignon Blanc—Marlborough	\$11	\$18.5
The Maker 'Divinity Cross' Pinot Gris—Gisborne	\$10	\$16.5
Lake Chalice Pinot Gris—Marlborough	\$11	\$18.5
Kate Radburn "Berry Blush" Rosé—Hawke's Bay	\$10.5	\$17.5
Akarua Rua Pinot Noir—Central Otago	\$12.5	\$21
Torea Pinot Noir—Marlborough	\$11.5	\$19
Pask 'Roy's Hill' Merlot/Cab/Sauv—Hawke's Bay	\$10	\$16.5
Deakin Estate Shiraz—Victoria Australia	\$10.5	\$17.5
<b>Dessert Wine</b>		
Lake Chalice 'Sweet Beak' Late Harvest Riesling—Marlborough	60ml Glass	\$8.5