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Want to get out, but not sure where to go? These new cafés, bars and shops each have a unique take on design, with fit outs that range from the elegant to the eclectic.

Outpost Café

9 YARRA ST, SOUTH YARRA / MELBOURNE

YOU COULD BE FORGIVEN for walking into Outpost in South Yarra, Melbourne and thinking you had stumbled into the kitchen of a large, country house. There is what looks like an old blue oven, complete with mosaic tile splash-back, sitting next to rustic timber cupboards. Pot holders hang from suspended metal bars. There is a distinct sense of history to the space, that years of comforting steaming cups have patinated the walls.

Outpost is, in fact, not even a year old and it is a coffee shop that is all about the coffee. There is a vast range of beans

that can be brewed in a variety of different ways, from traditional to Japanese. Interior designer Paul Hecker of HP&G, shies away from the country kitchen comparison, but there is a definite rustic feel. "The owners wanted some kind of rustic charm and we have explored a Dutch/Belgium aesthetic. It's trying to give the sense of being filled with found objects, but in a controlled way. Everything in there is made specifically for the space." It certainly achieves the effect of looking as if its furniture, condiments and utensils have been collected over many generations. **Mark Longley**

www.outpostcafe.com.au

