

# Lifestyle





The 1800's saw the rise of a huge number of pubs across Balmain and Rozelle, with plenty of thirsty workers keeping business brisk. While once renowned for their rough and tumble, today many of these historic pubs offer a far more refined experience. With richly decorated interiors, fine food and an impressive wine list, Rozelle's **3 Weeds** is one the best.

Established in 1881, the 3 Weeds has evolved through numerous changes, with its most recent refurbishment creating quite a mark. The large back bar has been transformed into a stunning open space featuring dark timber trusses, ornate chandeliers and luxurious leather chaise longues set beside a roaring fireplace. The separate lounge and wine bar also offer sumptuous settings, perfect for intimate gatherings or functions.

With an exceptional modern European menu, The Restaurant at 3 Weeds has captured the enviable title of 'Best Restaurant in a Pub in Australia'. Those dining from the bar menu can also indulge in many options that are a cut above the standard pub fare. While enjoying a beer you can sample a selection of tapas such as chorizo and chickpeas in spicy tomato sauce, marinated mushroom and herbed ricotta or potato and onion frittata. You'll also find a selection of crispy thin crusted pizzas, guaranteed to delight.

Regular visitors to the 3 Weeds can also take advantage of the new Friends of the Weeds programme. Members receive discounts both at the 3 Weeds and at a network of eighteen local and national businesses.

**3 Weeds, 193 Evans St Rozelle.**  
Phone 9818 2788. [www.3weeds.com.au](http://www.3weeds.com.au)

#### EASING THE CRISIS PROVES EXPENSIVE

In a bid to ease Sydney's accommodation crisis, Premier Morris Iemma, has urged homeowners to rent out their granny flats, yet one Brighton-le-Sands man who took up the call has now been slugged with a land tax bill of \$86,000. Paul Kyriacou believes he should be exempt from the tax, which normally only applies to those who rent out a granny flat while not in occupation of their primary residence. To prove his case he is now facing an expensive court battle. Opposition Leader Barry O'Farrell believes anyone renting out a granny flat should not be exposed to land tax, but says "the Office of State Revenue operates on the basis that it will pursue you unless you can prove differently in court". Premier Iemma has now promised to review legislation in order to provide greater certainty to homeowners. Investor groups argue that further taxation incentives should also be provided to those who build and rent out granny flats.

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#### TOP SALE



**16 Stack Street, Balmain East**  
4 Bedroom residence  
**\$3,950,000**

#### RECENT SALES

**4/55A The Boulevard, Lewisham**  
2 Bedroom residence  
**\$420,000**

**5/24A Pearson St, Balmain East**  
2 Bedroom apartment  
**\$465,000**

**201 Johnston Street, Annandale**  
3-4 Bedroom residence  
**\$1,050,000**