

VOTED IN THE TOP 3 FISH & CHIPS

BY METRO 'BEST OF AUCKLAND 2011'

The Metro magazine team tried us and voted us in the Top 3 Fish & Chip shops in all of Auckland. Not bad in our first year of business! Thanks to all our loyal local customers - fresh really is best!



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MT EDEN VILLAGE FISH SHOP

DOES IT SEEM to you that fish and chips just don't taste as good as they used to? Well it's not the fish or the chips, it's the salt. At some stage in the nineties, applying salt to food became a crime ranking somewhere between arson and light sex offending. Now everybody's too scared to shake a little seasoning on your chips which, let's be honest, without salt are just nature's blandest vegetable cooked in science's unhealthiest manner.

But a good salting transforms fish and chips into something satisfying, moreish, mouth-puckering. If you don't feel like drinking something after the first couple of mouthfuls, you're in the wrong place.

We visited fish and chips all over the city for our test of the best, and were encouraged by the friendly service and the range of extras — panko crumbs, seaweed salad, lemon pepper, raw fish kokoda. We factored those things into our judging. But most of all, we were on the hunt for great, classic battered fish and chips.

Here are our top three.

1. MT EDEN VILLAGE FISH SHOP

438 Mt Eden Rd, Mt Eden. Ph 630-9003.

VERDICT Not the cheapest, but the best. A mouthful of the fish is crispy, then light, then fresh and sweet. For that you can thank the special beer batter, which comes standard. Order just the half scoop of chips — trust us, it's more effective than stopping when you get full.

2. UPLAND FISH SHOP

579 Remuera Rd, Remuera. Ph 524-5484.

VERDICT An old-fashioned shop with lovely old-school batter — thick, oil-crunchy, and packed with full-fat flavour. Of all the chip shops we tried, this tasted the most like our childhood Friday nights, although if you're looking for the gourmet touch, this ain't your place.

3. THE FISH AND CHIP SHOP

160 Sandringham Rd, Sandringham. Ph 846-6884.

VERDICT Great chips and enthusiastic service, although the fish divided us. There's a lot of flavour in that batter, but some of the judges felt there was too much in it, and too much of it. The chips are agria and the sauces home made — so you get the feeling they'll keep working on that batter until they get it perfect.

NOTE THAT THERE ARE MANY GOOD SHOPS WE WERE UNABLE TO VISIT IN THE OUTER REGIONS OF THE CITY, INCLUDING AT HUIA, PARAKAI, CLEVEDON AND WAIHEKE.

Battered fish and chips from Mt Eden Village Fish Shop.