

KIDS DISCOS, blossom from a rather d a n c e d a g e y, industrial type area all and knit-ting nights. Ormond boasts Aust- Kingstons Mayor Ron Brownlee said he had no- ticed the municipality

the diversity of business in the suburbs was a good thing. "Shops that provide specialised services bring people to the area," he said.

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THE RESTAURANT IS NEW TO THE neighbourhood, but owner Deborah Pankhurst believes people will travel for the right food and atmosphere. "Melburnians are like that. They like to find a hidden gem – the fabulous pub behind an old

door and trip to the Cincinnati Signs Museum in Cincinnati last year gave him the idea for the burger bar. Mr Pankhurst has run the sign business for 30 years, at first in Oakleigh and then Moorabhin. Visit [fatfoods.com.au](http://fatfoods.com.au).

## Chess business has winning moves

AUSTRALIA'S only specialised chess shop isn't in a dark, dark place and full of grumpy old men, but a brightly lit shop in Ormond.

Chess World has more than 200 chess sets and boards ranging from pop culture-themed *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* sets to handcrafted stone, metal and wood sets that sell for more than \$3000.

Shop owner David Cordover said the face-to-face contact gave him a chance to share his vast knowledge of the game with customers.

"For anyone who's interested in chess, it's really the place to be," he said. "We've got lots of knowledgeable staff, who are always keen to help." The former Australian junior

chess champion opened the store in 1997 and soon after retired from the competitive circuit, but the passion remained strong. He continues to coach and mentor those willing to learn.

Mr Cordover is the founder of the Glen Eira Chess Club, which hosts the current Australian Champion. Visit [chessworld.com.au](http://chessworld.com.au)

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