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## Go Down Under

At Bondi in the Gaslamp, three different sections are sure to satisfy whatever your mood desires. The public bar is a great place to have an Aussie beer with some tantalizing appetizers. The café bar is ideal for breakfast, lunch, or a glass of wine in the afternoon. And the kitchen bar, equivalent of a dining room, is just right for a long romantic dinner. "We offer an authentic Australian experience," says sales and marketing manager Michelle Whitehurst. "The combination of the food, hospitality, and the way we treat our customers makes for a fantastic experience." All the fish, lamb, and beef are shipped from Australia. Don't miss the Barbecued Barramundi, the Rack of Lamb, or the Wagyu Beef. (619/342-0212, [www.thebondi.com](http://www.thebondi.com))

— Maria Desiderata Montana, photography by ilumus photography

## Say Hello To Tasty Take-Out

Executive chefs Barry Layne and Joshua Crane, formerly at Delicias in Rancho Santa Fe, have partnered a new and innovative take-out bistro in Escondido, Coast Bistro Take-Out, designed for the busy family. Offering locally-grown products from small and organic farms, the bistro serves up gourmet California comfort cuisine in mouthwatering signature dishes including Maine lobster and apple smoked bacon mac 'n' cheese, boneless braised short ribs in a port reduction with Reggiano mashed red bliss potatoes, or roasted free range chicken with horseradish-crust baby Yukon potatoes. Coast Bistro also allows you to preorder for a larger party. (760/855-4871) — Maria Desiderata Montana



Barry Layne and Joshua Crane



## Food Editor's Tip

Move over salsa — fresh cilantro is a handy herb that also adds great flavor to soups, sauces, stews, salads, vegetables, fish, chicken — you name it. For a steady supply, simply place cilantro seeds in potting soil and watch it grow on a bright windowsill or on the back patio. — Maria Desiderata Montana