



Weekend Australian Saturday 19/12/2009

Page: 7
Section: Travel
Region: Australia, AU
Circulation: 302115
Type: National
Size: 54.63 sq.cms.



slice
slicemedia.com

press clip

MENU WATCH

THERE'S been talk of buffalo on the Hume Highway ever since **Barney's at Bookham**, a new country diner just south of Yass, NSW, started baking its own pies. **George Knight** turned his hand to pastry when his usual pie supplier went on summer break and, despite locals initially wondering what he was thinking putting buffalo in a pie, the proof has been in the pudding. Knight says the pies (\$4.95 takeaway) — “basically a buffalo bourgignon, with a tomato, bacon and mushroom base” — are walking out the door. “We had a lady the other day bought two and she was back 15 minutes later and bought another two. She said they were the best pies she'd ever had,” he says. The meat, slightly gamier and coarser than beef, comes from farmed Northern Territory buffalo. Knight also does a venison pie seasoned with oregano and juniper berries, and plans to put a puff pastry lid on some chilli crocodile, too.

- Barney's, Hume Highway rest stop, Bookham, NSW; (02) 6227 7220.

Kendall Hill