



BIT ON THE SIDE
COFFEE TEMPLE

Velluto Nero, Shop 3/259 Clarence St, Sydney. Call (02) 9268 0755 or visit www.vellutonero.com.au. Open Monday to Friday.

Drink in or takeaway? Both. Local suits pop in for their regulars while lost tourists look for refreshment. **Where:** In a blink-and-you-miss-it spot at the south end of Clarence Street. Inside, it's a slick turquoise, white and steel set-up. **Bean genies:** Sisters Gina, Vicky and Aileen Young stand their glorious roaster, 'Bella', by the front door so the heady aroma of their signature blend greets you on arrival. **Serving suggestion:** Connoisseurs will enjoy the clean and simple regular and piccolo latte (\$3), and the classic long black and ristretto (\$2.50). **Java genius:** White ceramic canisters offer a range of take-home beans, which can be ground to order. **Bite me:** Most snacks are bought in, but save room for Aileen's choc brownie (\$3.50). It's crumbly and choc full of, er, choc. **Brew ha-ha:** The service is indicative of three sisters who are keen to bring good coffee to the people, sans attitude. **CLAIRE BRADLEY**