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# All the right ingredients

**Heaven Leigh at her Bodhi Restaurant.**

## Why I love my suburb

**Who are you?** Heaven Leigh, owner of Bodhi Restaurant, Sydney's oldest and largest plant-based (vegan) restaurant in Australia.

**Tell us a bit about yourself?** Restaurateur, mother, wife, collaborator, content creator and consultant.

**When and why did you move to Riverview?** After living in Bondi, I moved to Riverview five years ago because, as much as I loved living on the

beach, I missed having space, a garden and the quintessential backyard pool for the kids to grow up with.

**What do you like most about living there?** Riverview is one of those quiet, private, leafy, tucked-away suburbs that has surprisingly great access to so many different parts of Sydney. There are great bushwalks, water activities, parks and sports facilities. Most importantly there is a real sense of community. Neighbours care and check in on each other. They also know how to turn out for a Christmas or Halloween party.

**Favourite local restaurant?** Being a restaurateur, I have to mention a few ... Via Napoli, Patchai, Four Frogs, Garcon, Sugarlane, Birdwood Cafe, The Junction Coffee Co, Longueville Hotel.

**The last meal that truly impressed you?** The last tasting menu our amazing Bodhi head chef Brooke Ng presented to me prior to lockdown. Everything on it was elevated and divine!

**Favourite outdoor space?** There is a little hidden cove on the water near Saint Ignatius that my kids dubbed Pirates Cove which you get to through a bush track.



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That's our favourite place.

**One thing you'd like to change?** You really need a car to commute to it regularly, however, it is also the reason it has not been overrun and outpriced. So I guess I would not change a thing.

**What is your suburb's best-kept secret?** Spices of Asia is this little tucked-away shop. The lady who owns it has some very authentic Southeast Asian food and spices. She can even be convinced to do catering.

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### Riverview

#### Median house value

\$3M

#### 12 month value growth

14.5%

#### Median asking rent

\$1200