

EVENTS REPORT – OCTOBER 2024

Nine members visited FOMO on Sunday 29 October 2024. It is part of the Brunswick East Village, a huge apartment development on the site of what was once the manufacturer Sidney Cooke Ltd. FOMO means *Food and Movies*, where every cinema is the equivalent of Gold Class. Food is ordered through a tablet built into each seat.

From street level, a steep set of stairs takes you to the brightly lit ticketing and candy bar counters. Everything is on one level, the cinemas down a funky green corridor where neon squiggles, Asian lettering, and fish symbols channel *Blade Runner*. Posters on the walls for hits from the past have been amusingly ‘doctored.’ For example, *An American in Paris* becomes *An American in Brunswick*.

Every modern cinema has stepped rows of seats, but the safety floor lighting here is especially clever. Cinema 1 is the largest, with 115 seats. The others taper down to about 50 seats. The six-cinema complex is the brainchild of Natalie Miller and Barry Peake, who also run the Nova in Carlton.

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