

#### 2022 RESTAURANT MARKETING TIPS

Every Restaurant Owner Should Use



### Design engaging Menu and do local Menu/letter drops



Make sure you have a well designed Menu that stands out from the other restaurants & Cafes around you.

A well designed menu with photos will engage customers better than off the shelf template Menu design.

A Menu should lead your customers to **order** your most **profitable items easily**.

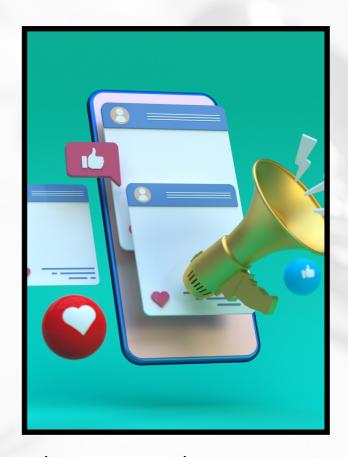
Make sure you **distribute your Menu in your local area** at least once a year. Australians, still like having a physical print menu and prefer to use it when ordering from local restaurants.

# Use Social Media <u>DAILY</u> to generate awareness and drive sales

Hospitality is one Industry that should post on Social Media everyday.

Make sure your Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, TikTok, etc are **up to date**.

Post fresh original content regularly to engage your followers.



**Best time** to post may vary depending on your business hours but generally **4PM to 7PM** works best for most restaurants.

Hire a <u>Social Media Agency</u> if you cannot manage your own social media. Choose as an Agency that has experience in <u>Restaurant Marketing</u> to make sure they know about your industry.

#### Run Digital Ads on Google, Facebook and other channels



Run Ads on Google, Facebook, etc. when applicable. You can choose specific days and times. You don't need to run them 24x7 all year round.

You can choose to show up in many places at once.

Remarketing can follow your customers online to remind them to order from your restaurant.

Make sure your Ads have a clear goal and you have a landing page where the customers can order or book online.

Track your Ad Performance regularly when running campaigns. Refine and improve your campaigns to deliver better results until you reach an optimal performance peak.

#### Use your Google Business Profile to drive more sales

Most people search
Google for local
Restaurants to decide where they want to order from today.

Make sure your Google

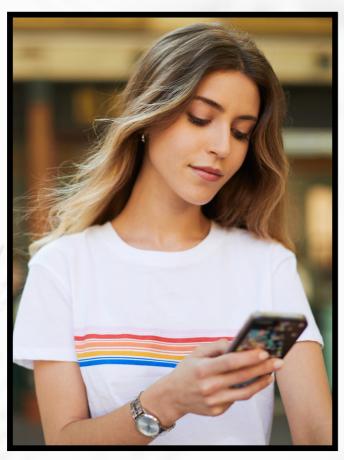
Business Profile is up to
date. Your business hours,
Address, Phone, Online
Order or Table reservation
links are correct.



Create your **Menu on Google** with updated prices. **Create Posts** on your Google Business Profile **regularly**.

Make Google Business Profile part of your Local SEO strategy. If you don't do Local SEO then hire a local SEO company to make sure your business ranks when customers are looking to order from restaurants like yours.

## Connect with Social Media Influencers to create awareness & attract customers



Social Media Influencers and Food Bloggers have built great following and your restaurant can benefit hugely from their fanbase.

Make sure your find **relevant Influencers** to your
restaurants.

Ask them who follows them on what channel and where are their followers based?

Ask them what will they charge you and what your will get from them very clearly. If possible create a special exclusively for their followers to track the effectiveness of their work.

Encourage them to create influencer videos showing your best food items. Make sure you give them the best experience so their followers are impressed and wanting to eat at or from your restaurant.

## Use a Loyalty Rewards System to increase Lifetime Customer Value

Create rewards system to encourage **repeat customers to order more frequently**.

The rewards don't always have to be free.

You can **think outside the box** for Loyalty Specials like a
special item only for loyal
customers, etc.

You can use **physical cards** or third-party **online reward tools**.



Using Loyalty rewards we have seen an **average increase** of 20% across our clients who implemented this in their business. Loyalty rewards will lower your marketing cost and increase the Customer Lifetime Value.

### Encourage online reviews & manage replies



89% people read online reviews of a local business.

Almost all new customers first read restaurant reviews before placing an order or booking a table.

Figure out the most important online review platforms like Google, Facebook, TripAdvisor, Yelp, etc. for your restaurant.

People think reviews older than 3 months are not relevant. That's why you need to constantly ask for reviews from your customers.

Reply to **ALL** reviews. **Good and Bad**. Create a standard template for each type which can be modified for each review. When replying to bad reviews **DO NOT** get emotional and make sure to only state facts, empathasie and apologie where applicable.

#### Optimise your UberEats, MenuLog, etc., Food Delivery Apps

37.2% of Gen Z & Millennials and 21.7% of Gen X in Australia ordered through a Food Delivery App in 2021. This number is set to increase in the next few years.

If your business uses these Apps to get orders then it is critical to make your restaurant profile stand out in their digital marketplace.



Make sure you **upload relevant items from your Menu.** If you know certain items cannot be delivered nicely then take out.

Make sure to upload good photos and write descriptions enticing customers to order from you.

Create App only offers. Reply to reviews. Review your performance and improve where applicable.

### Create lipsmacking Photos & Videos to increase sales



People first eat with their eyes, then they order. If your photos and videos online don't do that then you have lost half the battle already.

**Tell a story.** Your photos and videos should tell a story that connects with your customers. It should appeal to their emotions.

We have seen restaurants that used original photos and videos in their menu and online marketing channels increased their revenue by by 35%.

Good photos and videos **build trust and credibility** for your restaurant.

When shooting choose the most good looking items from your Menu. Choose a mood-board and then set the background and props accordingly.

Think of where the photos and videos will be used and shoot accordingly.

### DON'T STOP NOW! TALK TO YOUR RESTAURANT MARKETING EXPERT TODAY

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