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# THE BREAKWATER

58 SOUTHSIDE DRIVE, HILLARYS BOAT HARBOUR ☎ 9448 5000  
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**Curses** Damn you Hillarys, damn you to hell! Until now there was scarcely a reason to venture this far north, particularly if you were looking for a decent drink. I was perfectly content to leave this seaside suburb to the 2.4-kid brigade. That was, of course, until The Breakwater reopened.

**On the waterfront** Fight your way through the bikinis and singlets of Sorrento Quay and the newly redeveloped Breakwater emerges as an oasis of sensible clothing and civilised attitudes. It has not only moved; it has shed the traditional Aussie tavern theme it wore for 20-odd years. Once this timber-decked pub embraced the sunburnt larrikin in stubbies and thongs; now the latte set hold court in the swanky new digs.

**Cheque-book chic** And it would seem no expense has been spared on the refit. The Breakwater has become an uber-chic, split-level waterfront restaurant and lounge bar. Clean white walls dominate the large downstairs bar and restaurant, which open to spacious

balconies with views to the harbour. Upstairs, there are three rooms with strange names like Ishka and Akoya. They include a restaurant and separate cocktail bar that offers a more extensive range of spirits and wines than the more relaxed areas downstairs.

**Lusty list** The Breakwater's wines and beers stand as an example of the benefits of putting in a little extra effort. Here you'll find draft and bottled beers that stretch beyond the colour-by-numbers range of other publicans. The wines by the glass are a well-priced and easily accessible selection of well-known and semi-obscure local and imported drops, most with a tilt towards the quaffing crowd.

**Worth the journey** The Breakwater is not only the best pub in Perth's northern suburbs; its salubrious atmosphere, enviable location and excellent food and drinks confirm it as one of the state's premier locations.

**THE SCORE** YYYYY!