

URBAN PROVIDER, COOKING PASSIONS

267 Vincent St
Leederville WA 6007
9228 0507
www.urbanprovider.com.au

Nico Moretti, an Italian-born Canadian, grew up in London, Canada, where his father, Vito Moretti, started the city's first Italian restaurant in the 1950s. Nico's background is in chemical engineering but his passion has always been food. In 2002 he decided to pursue his love of food and entertaining and established his own cooking school, Urban Provider, Cooking Passions.

Nico is self-taught but travels extensively to learn more. 'I love food, any food, and I love cooking and sharing my passion for food with other people,' he says. Classes are conducted from his open-plan gourmet kitchen, which overlooks a beautiful Bali-inspired garden. Nico's classes are fun, laidback and very entertaining, with recipes that are simple to prepare, delicious and can be replicated easily at home.

Cooking Passions offers participants more than 26 different cooking class experiences. Some of the favourites are Balinese, Gourmet Brunch, Fast and Festive Christmas, Dressed to Grill BBQ, Oriental, Tapas, Thai, Moroccan and of course Italian, Pasta or Risotto; the new courses include Surf and Turf, Sri Lankan and Vietnamese. Nico has also recently introduced a Thermomix class to his repertoire. The cooking classes are limited to 10 people, 'so everyone gets a front row seat'. Join one of the scheduled classes yourself or get a group of friends or workmates together, bring along a bottle of wine and enjoy what people are calling the 'dinner party cooking class'. It's a great way to celebrate a birthday or other occasion.

Nico also escorts small groups of travellers on culinary tours: luxury gourmet retreats to Bali, food and wine discovery tours of Tuscany, Puglia and Andalucia and, in the near future, Morocco, and weekend escapes to Margaret River.