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## Loop's Roof With a View

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*Melbourne rooftops have fast become the hottest locations for bars, and Loop's new Roof is the latest elevated watering hole to launch with views of Melbourne's skyline.*

There's something cinematic about the design of Loop Roof - and that's no surprise, considering it's the sister bar to the arts-focused Loop Project Space and Bar in Meyers Place.

The rooftop bar, which is accessible via a rather long staircase located next to Loop Bar, has the same experimental air as its ground-level sister. The intimate space is hemmed with succulents in planter boxes, their pale greenery accentuated by the bar's matte black walls and black Astroturf floor. Think post-modernism meets tiki. Across the roof, strung blue baubles tremble in the breeze and all around are views of the rooftops and skyscrapers of Melbourne's CBD.

Bartenders Josh Crawford and Gareth Edser have taken queues from the bar's curated garden and designed a cocktail menu that takes "all the good" from what tiki can be.

"We wanted the vibe to reflect something fun and relaxing, tiki without the tropical," says Crawford.

The cocktail list focuses on earthy floral, herbal and vegetable flavours rather than the sticky sweet bases typical of tropical cocktails. Also on offer is punch, a selection of “hard iced teas” (be careful on the stairs after one of these) and vodka-based snow cones.

A cocktail or two can work up one’s appetite, which can be satisfied with a selection of snacks from the rooftop kitchen. Try the crabmeat beignets or potato and almond croquettes or, for something more substantial, the baby octopus, skirt steak or prawns.

A light projection and sculpture program will be launched in the coming months.

**Loop Roof**

[Level 3, 23 Meyers Place, Melbourne](#)

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