

## Road test: Ruby Waxx

At first glance, Ruby Waxx looks like any other funky 1/4ber-urban beauty parlour. Everything is pink. The couches, the walls and after sitting down and filling in the consultation form, I realised even the pens are pink!

But it occurred to me that this may just be another ultra modern, over the top kitsch, over priced beauty salon offering all the trimmings and not much else. But I was pleasantly surprised to find that this was far from the truth. Ruby Waxx is run by its owner Ruby Francis who is an absolute delight. Her vast knowledge of the beauty industry shines through in every conversation she has with you, giving you the feeling you're in expert hands. She hand picks her team of highly experienced staff, and they always seem to be having a laugh.

It wasn't long before I learnt that this really wasn't your average run of the mill parlour. The femininity of the place makes you feel truly comfortable, and with music playing and other girls chatting and laughing, you quickly get a sense of belonging. Although extremely clean, it doesn't have that bleached antiseptic smell you can get in some salons. Overall it really feels like you're hanging out at your best girlfriends place.

Ruby Waxx offers the usual treatments including facials, collagen treatments, glycolic treatments, eyelash treatments, electrolysis, bleaching, massages, sunbeds and hair removal by IPL or the method they are best known for - waxing. They have a 15 minute Brazilian wax guarantee (so you aren't in pain for any longer than you have to be) and the rest of their waxing services are exemplary.

But the most refreshing part of the experience was the prices. They are well under average (I have paid close to \$100 for a Brazilian in Auckland) with a Brazilian only \$45 and facials starting at just \$50. The salon also has a private lounge upstairs, perfect for hen's nights or just a bunch of girls wanting to be pampered. There is also parking and they are open until late from Monday through Thursday.

I can honestly say that I've found my place. Finding a good beautician is like finding a good pair of sunglasses or a good hairdresser - you only want to shop for them once in a lifetime and when you find the perfect one, you want to tell everyone about them!

Give them a go, I can't recommend them highly enough.

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