NEW LIFE FOR A RED HILL ICON

Conscious that many have fond memories of Noel's Gallery going back 40 years, the new management have spent the past six months refurbishing to again create the same charm that has brought people back to this Red Hill icon since the 1970s.

"As part of our ongoing wall space revamp, new works and new artists are arriving each week," Lucy Tilley said, "right now works by Janette Mouat are featured, along with works by renowned artist Merlyn Rae."

"Lots of new and beautiful ceramics are in too. We've also found that hand made jewellery has been a popular attraction".

Chef and owner Jane Tilley said the restaurant emphasis was on creating a casual and relaxed ambience: "And we're not believers in taking \$200 from diners for 'fine dining' once a year as a special occasion- our philosophy is that we'd rather see people come back every week, fortnight or month for quality food at more reasonable pricing.

"The private gallery dining room (pictured) available for groups has also been a big hit.



"You can choose to view the valley from our cosy back verandah dining room, soak up the sun on the deck or dine among the art in the gallery room where you can enjoy a crackling log fire on the cooler nights."

Home made desserts, gorgeous scones and cakes and really good coffee are always available for afternoon teas.

Noel's gallery is open Wednesday-Sunday for lunch, dinner on Fridays and Saturdays.

Live Music features at Noel's on Friday nights. See the website for news of latest exhibitions and who's playing when.

SORRENTO & FLINDERS FINE ART GALLERIES

Over the next three months Sorrento and Flinders Fine Art Gallery have quite an exciting schedule. A great selection of new works by more than thirty artists will be arriving for Easter, early April.

Then in late April the galleries will be travelling up to Art Melbourne for their fifth year of exhibiting ten of their renowned artists. Later, in June on the Queens Birthday Weekend there will be an exhibition opening of six artists exhibiting local peninsula seascapes. The artists John Bredl, David Chen, Amanda Hyatt, Lyn Mellady, Judy Talacko and Charlie Tong will paint local scenery including many favourite and recognisable scenes. The exhibition will continue for two weeks.

Throughout the year there will be an ever changing collection of works exhibited at both galleries from artists such as Lyn Mellady, Jo-Anne Seberry, John Bredl, Judy Talacko, Ron Hancock, Kendall, David Chen, Tamarra Sewoff, Sian Dodd, John Mc Qualter, Rodney Symmons, Robert Wade and Brett Jarrett.

Gail Rutland Gillard is currently preparing for her January 2011 large solo exhibition at Sorrento Fine Art Gallery. This exhibition will include 'Gails Girls' and many new exciting themes. For information on all events be sure to go to www.peninsulagalleries.com.au "More than paintings" both Flinders and Sorrento Fine Art Galleries exhibit over thirty artist paintings but also promote local hand made jewellers such as **Amanda Rosser** who uses her silver smithing skills mixed with freshwater and south sea pearls for those unique, timeless and sometimes quirky rings, earrings and necklaces. **Wayne Cuthell** travels the world collecting precious and semi precious stones then creating his soul inspired jewellery.

Sharon Jacobi is a potter who no doubt loves what she does, creating figures with such feeling. Her beach babes literally make you smile and her fairies are just beautiful with so much attention to detail.

Lewis Allesandro creates incredible sculptures with cutlery, he was asked to make over 80 kangaro o and platypus for the 2007 meeting at Apec where they were handed to the world leaders as gifts.

John Stroomer exhibits his beautiful crystalline vases with each one being unique whether in shape, size, color and design.

The galleries proudly support Australian Made for many reasons including the quality is of a high standard, commissions can be arranged to receive exactly what you want, the price is comparable, and it is unique not mass produced.

For information call Rebecca Barbour on 5984 3880 or view the website.



