

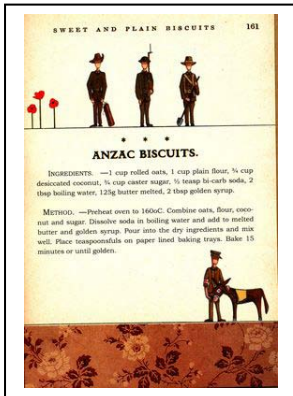
# Morpeth Whisper

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## Red Tractor Greeting Cards, Mugs, Trays & Recipe Book.

Margaret Charlesworth lives on the family farm in Mudgee, South Western NSW. She says, 'It seems that our work patterns, farm and social life has always revolved around the activities of our battered blue teapot and shiny red tractor. Tractor driver (husband Geoff) arises early and brews the first cup of tea for the day delivered to the recipients still in bed. Then follows further cups at fairly regular intervals, throughout the morning, smoko, afternoon & bedtime... And with the tea we enjoy seasonal food from our Farm and Farmer's Markets.'



Her 168 page recipe book, has been illustrated by Rachael Flynn and is broken down into seasons, with a special section for Christmas. It will be an inspiration for all cooks and food lovers, with simple recipes yet wholesome recipes, that rely on outstanding produce. Many will become firm family favourites. \$35 each.



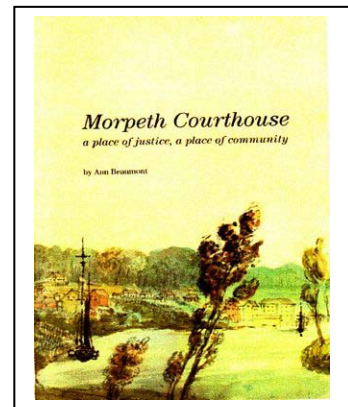
Rachael's whimsical country cards are quirky and colourful. There are designs inspired by 'city slickers' too! Ranges include Jam Tales, with recipes for Lemon Butter & Anzac Biscuits, the kitchen cabinet etc... the Red Tractor range features life outside of the homestead – livestock in the paddocks, the musings of the farmer and of course plenty of tractors. Special Occasion cards for wedding, baby, get well and congratulations are available too. Small square cards are \$4 and Greeting Cards are \$5. Fine Bone China Mugs are \$10 and melamine morning tea trays \$8 each.

Rachael's designs can also be found on teatowels, which are made in Australia – the linen/cotton fabric is actually made and printed in Australia. They are a very high quality \$15. You'll discover these 'true blue' items on the ground floor of Campbell's Store. We will have some of Rachael's original artworks for sale by mid March.

## A New Historical Book on Morpeth.

Ann Beaumont has written and published a book, '*Morpeth Courthouse – a place of justice, a place of community.*' It will be a good asset to anyone researching their family ancestry, or with an interest in court life from the mid 1800's onwards.

Ann says, 'When I started to write the history of the Morpeth Courthouse, it soon became obvious it must not be a mere documentation of its architectural merits and uses. My work needed to reflect the social history of the town, and the changing face of society. It needed to acknowledge the Indigenous people who inhabited the courthouse site and its environs for thousands of years, the early settlers who established a need for a courthouse and the current guardians of this valuable icon.' Ann's book is available from Campbell's Store and is \$22. We can post you a copy with \$5 postage.



## Brookfarm Muesli Bars – slow food for fast people.

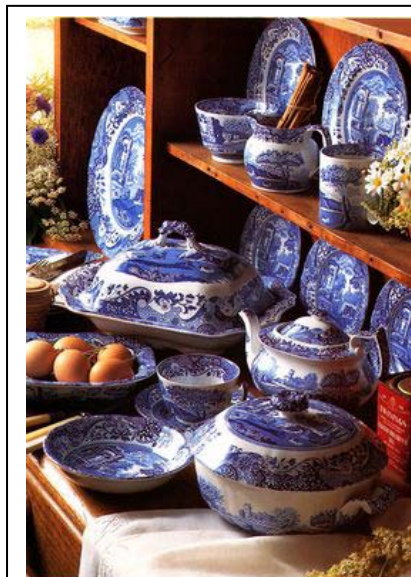
Famous for their Natural and Toasted Muesli's, Brookfarm Byron Bay, NSW have recently released two delicious award winning Muesli bars, full of premium wholegrains, brans, fruits and nuts. Like their muesli, the Brookfarm Bar is oven baked and not held together with sticky syrups. Choose from the Toasted Cranberry & Macadamia Bar (wheat free) or Gluten Free Cranberry & Macadamia Bar (gluten & wheat free). There's no preservatives, no additives, no cholesterol and definitely 100% Australian

made. Our team have been devouring these at a very fast pace – they must be good! \$3.50 each.

Meanwhile the awards list displayed on their packs of muesli just keep getting longer. Try the two new varieties: 500g Toasted Muesli with Cranberry & 350g Gluten Free with Cranberry. Both \$13. Single serve sachets are \$3.50 each. It'll be a delicious & healthy start to the new year.

## Spode Ceramics.

For 226 years, Spode's famous blue and white designs have been loved and admired by collectors throughout the world. Knowledgeable connoisseurs and the most renowned museums treasure their possessions of antique Spode, which are amongst the most collectable in the history of ceramics.



Spode, Blue Italian Tableware.

The first ever production of original blue and white imperial ware commenced in 1784 at the Spode Factory in Stoke-on-Trent, UK. Founder Josiah Spode lived from 1733-1797. Spode company was purchased in 2009 by another famous English ceramic ware company, Portmeirion. They currently produce Spode, both in the United Kingdom & in China. The quality of both is very high, and many collectors will not be able to tell the difference.

Any item of Spode made in the UK, will have 'Made in England' stamped on the bottom. This includes all Spode dinnerware & tea services. Decorative items such as vases, bowls, serving platters & mugs are made under strict quality control in China. As such their price point is much lower than those items made in England. Remember that the Chinese create some of the finest porcelain in the world. It is no bad thing.

One of the classic tableware patterns, *Blue Italian*, created shortly after Josiah Spode's perfection of blue underglaze printing, has been in continuous production since 1816. Perfectly framed by the 18<sup>th</sup> century Chinese border, the central scene of Roman ruins from a mid 17<sup>th</sup> century ink and wash drawing, still required the most skilled hand engraving to create its remarkable sense of space and atmosphere.



Blue Room Mugs

*Blue Italian* Cookware was introduced in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, as a successor to Chinese export porcelain. Spode's cookware was immediately hailed as one of the very finest of its type. Now 200 years later, its appeal is as strong as ever. Dense, impermeable and extremely hard, it is oven, microwave, freezer and dishwasher safe.

You will discover Spode at Morpeth Gallery. Currently in stock are Spode *Blue Italian* Tableware, Servingware, Cookware, Cannisters and Blue Room Mugs – with 12 designs to choose from. Soon to be released will be Spode *Woodland Pheasants* range, with brown on white, green on white, and black on white designs. To give you an idea of how affordable Spode now is, mugs are \$20 each, Sandwich Tray \$65 and 41cm Oval Platter \$100. Beautifully boxed Spode makes a fabulous gift for almost any occasion.

## Hand Smocked Children's Dresses.



Baby's and toddlers get hot in summer, just like us adults. Cool them down in a floaty summer dress that has been designed in Australia to be traditional, yet trendy. The fabric and designs are modern. Some have sleeves, whilst other dresses are sleeveless. All have a traditional touch with beautiful smocking, all sewn by hand with love by a very talented guild of ladies in Vietnam.

Anyone who has attempted to hand smock anything will know how time consuming and exactly what a specialist craft this is. Grandma's will love the attention to detail, and mums will love the modern designs and fabrics. These girly dresses come in sizes for newborn's 000, 00 & 0. Then sizes 1, 2, 3, 4 for the little ones. \$65 each.

## Solid Mahogany Furniture.

The most recent shipment of mahogany furniture to arrive at Campbell's Store contained many beautiful glass fronted cabinets. Some have a 1.2metre wide x 2metre high single glass door with 5 glass shelves. Others have a two door solid mahogany cupboard on the bottom and double glass doors on the top. They are fabulous for displaying your glassware, china, teapots, dolls, bears, model cars or any collection that should be admired from behind glass.

Other items to arrive were an oval drinks cabinet on wheels. You store your liqueurs in the glass cupboard, & keep the crystal decanter and glasses on top. A removable tray allows you to serve drinks to those in the room. They look fabulous in an office, study or formal dining room & are practical too. Valet stands, magazine racks, round coffee tables, towel racks, column cupboards & pedestals will all add glamour to your home.



There are three different sized partners desks currently available, with either red or green leather inlay. You can see these being used upstairs at Morpeth Gallery. Purchase one for your work or home office, and you'll feel a million dollars completing all that paperwork! Treat yourself to a leather padded 'Captains' chair to match your desk. You can adjust the seat up or down, spin around and around & it's cushioned adjustable back, will save yours any discomfort.

Because this furniture is made to order, it can take 6 months or longer to arrive from the proudly Australian owned and managed factory in Indonesia. Japara in central Java have woodcarving traditions that go back thousand's of years. Very talented workers carve from memory... meaning no two items are ever exactly the same. That's why we wanted to let you know we have plenty of stock now. The tough lacquered finish means you will only need to polish lightly with oil once a year. It's made with our busy modern lifestyles in mind. You can laybuy any item of furniture for 3 months, or longer if required.

To give you an idea of just how reasonably price this furniture is, single door 2 metre profile cabinets are \$2,550. Drinks Cabinet \$650, Pedestals start from \$150, coffee tables start at \$230. You'll find this solid mahogany furniture in Morpeth Gallery and on the first floor of Campbell's Store.

## Charlie Bears.

Plush and cuddly, these huggable bears have taken the world by storm. Eagerly awaited by collectors, it's been hard to keep any on the shelves long enough to feature them in this newsletter! The 2010 Charlie Bears have been arriving into Morpeth Bears. If you are quick, you can see what all the fuss is about.

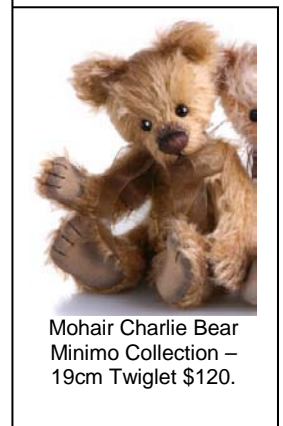
Charlie designs two ranges of bears - a plush range, which are incredible quality, considering most sell for between \$60 & \$120. each, and the Isabelle Collection of limited edition mohair bears.

Sue has pictures of all the bears to be released for 2010. The Brand new Minimo Mohair bears are limited to 2,000 of each, worldwide, and are ever so cute. At around 20cm in height they are approx \$120 each. Cupcake, Peanut, Dumpling & Digit will join 17 others over 2010. At the time of print they were still on the bear shop shelves.

Just before Christmas we received in 3 'Chocolate Fondue' Bears that were sold at \$230 each. One week later one sold on UK ebay auction for 340 English Pounds (AU\$595) – amazing!



Charlie Bear  
48cm Manfred \$115.



Mohair Charlie Bear  
Minimo Collection –  
19cm Twiglet \$120.

*Kyrie Levor*