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## Morpeth Whisper

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## Lladro has arrived at Morpeth Gallery

Lladro Porcelain Figurines have been made in Valencia, Spain since 1953, when brothers Juan, Jose and Vincent used a Moorish furnace built in their home to make tiles and crockery. By 1955 they began making sculptures, reminiscent of those from the 18<sup>th</sup> century produced by Germany company Meissen and others. In 1958 the brothers realised that figurines were going to be their new livelihood and they transferred their small company to a warehouse in a neighbouring town.

They began to innovate, design, style, and improve firing techniques, reducing the three layer firing to a one layer process, which creates the crystalline finish and the pastel tonalities typical of Lladro works – even today. Sculptors, chemists and decorators were employed to increase the production of the brothers work. They began to incorporate a logo on all their figurines. By the end of the 1950's they had opened two stores in the Valencia area of Spain.

In the 1960's a group of holidaying Americans discovered Lladro creations and began importing them back to the States. Americans went crazy for Lladro and the brand was exposed to a much wider worldwide market. The three brothers also opened a Professional Training School for porcelain making, to ensure the quality of their work would always be maintained.

In the 1980's the next generation of Lladro family members join the company and Lladro has over the past 20 years expanded their porcelain figurines into many countries throughout the world including Australia. A Lladro Museum was 57<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan. It was in 1982 that the 'Flowers of the Season' collection was released. This collection defined Lladro figurines. It was a composition of hundreds of flowers that convey grace and freshness. The creation of each flower requires expert hands, as they are made petal by petal, and a group of artists is exclusively dedicated to this activity. These beautiful flowers can be seen a number of Lladro figurines in the Gallery, including 'Love's Tender Tokens'.



Lladro makes two ranges of porcelain figurines, *Lladro* and *Lladro Neo*. The difference is in the detail. The Lladro range features figurines with finer hair, detail on their clothes, facial expressions and those flowers... individually handmade petals, transformed into flowers, that are then assembled into bunches of flowers. The process is labour intensive and the extra flowerwork adds to the cost of these figurines. As a result it is more expensive than the Lladro Neo range, which comprises of stunning figurines, still finished by hand, but without the extra details. Both Lladro ranges are world class.

It's the overall attention to detail on both ranges that makes it great to collect and admire in your home. Collectors will draw your attention to Lladro's finely detailed modelling, delicate facial painting, amazing flowerwork, broad themes within collections, fluidity – a sense of impending movement and technical risk – pushing the medium to its farthest limits. On your next visit to Morpeth Gallery, you can judge for yourself!



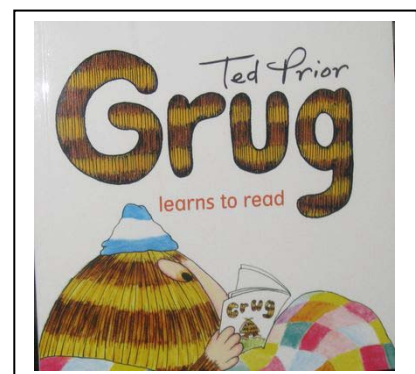
## Do You Have A Country Kitchen?

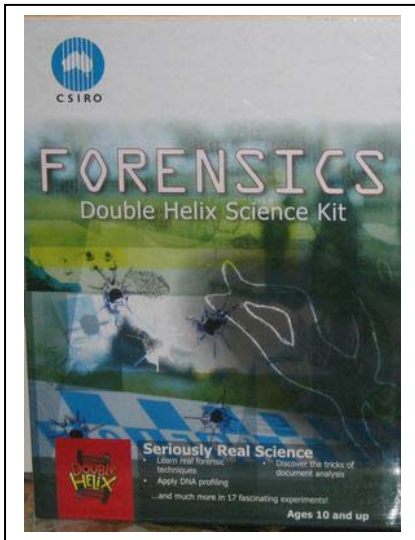
Recently arrived are a quirky collection of pot holders and tea-towels featuring old food brands and their labels. You can buy them in a cotton pouch as a set of 4 or individually. They are almost too good to use. Nanna's crocheted patch throw has made an appearance as well. Shabby Chic chicken wire baskets, food covers and cake stands, plus the odd bird cage (great for hanging kitchen utensils from) complete the theme. Frilly aprons have really had a fashion revival in 2010. We've got plenty of styles to choose from for mother and young daughters.

## Kid's Corner

**Grug Books for Children** – Grug has now Learnt to Read and Grug has built his own Circus. These new titles released in March, \$5 each.

**Animals of the World 123 Flash Cards** \$12, ABC Flash Cards \$12, My First 50 Animals Book \$16 and How to Draw Dinosaurs Book with DVD \$30, are new products by children's artist/illustrator Garry Fleming. All are available from Morpeth Gallery.





## Science Kits for Kids.

Remember World Expo 1988 in Queensland? This year's World Expo runs from 1<sup>st</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> October in Shanghai and a little bit of Australia, in the form of animal stamps, small plastic replicas and puppets will be available in the Australian pavilion. Being surrounded by so much fauna, in our daily lives, it's easy to forget that overseas they just don't have the variety of native species that we do. No wonder non Australians get so excited by our critters. You can get your animal stamps from the hallway downstairs in Campbell's Store. They are \$2.50 each or three for \$5. One end of the inked stamp features the animal, the other end of the stamp features a roller of its footprints. Choose from Dinosaurs, Jungle Animals and Australian animals. Part proceeds from your purchase of the Tassie Devil stamp goes to the 'Save our Devil' Research in Tasmania. The little replicas are just \$2 each & make great gifts for overseas, as well as for kids to play with.

Nearby you'll find new science kits. They are really cool. Your kids can be real CSI's and make their own fingerprint kit in Forensics, Astrology or Slime Investigation.

## PJ's for Infants & Toddlers, Bibs & Booties.

Now available on the ground floor of Campbell's Store. PJ's are Made by Gingerlily brand, they are hard wearing and wash & wear well. Designs are modern, and they come in their own gift box, which can be used separately for storing all sorts of things. Bibs and booties are always appreciated as gifts. These colourful, practical designs are made with modern fabrics that will appeal to parents. Bibs average \$15 each, Booties for 0-6months \$28.



## Hungry Caterpillars by Eric Carle.

Eric Carle created his Hungry Caterpillar book 40 years ago. It has remained in the best seller list ever since. Kids just love it. A hardcover version \$20 and finger puppet version \$25 of the book are available, along with plush caterpillars in 3 sizes, a smart trolley bag for kids \$60, vinyl tote bag \$25, build them blocks \$25, pull along wooden caterpillar \$35 and ceramic ware – mugs, egg & soldier set, mug & snack bowl to name a few. They are colourful, educational and inspirational for the children in our lives.

## Cloth Dolls & Books, Rattles & Squeakers.

With their colourful modern clothes, choosing a design could be tough. There are cuddle toy dolls for the girls and sailors & pirates for the boys. If in doubt why not select a funky monkey, owl, sheep or horse? Delilah the flat cow is a personal favourite! Some rattle, others squeak and Shane the sheep will play you a lullaby. Owl squeakers are \$22, cuddle toys average around \$30-\$40. Owl mobiles are \$40.

Cloth Books, Play Mats and Play Bags will keep young ones entertained for hours. How to Count, Do it Myself, Who Lives Here, Activity Book, Drawing Books have pop out, pull out, do up features. Play Bags include Dinosaurs, Zoo, Farm Animals, Doctor, Australian Animals, Tea Party, Hairdresser, Puppet Show & many more. Priced at \$40-\$50 each. If you are not a fan of gifts made of plastic that make loud noises, you will love these. The topsy turvy nursery rhyme dolls at \$30 are also a guaranteed hit with kids.



## Prams & Pedal Cars.

Your five year old+ will love getting behind the wheel of their very own pink Cadillac, chrome racing car, red dragster or fire engine. With encouragement from you, they can do laps around the house like they do on *Top Gear!* You'll be jealous you can't fit in one of these pedal cars yourself. The Dodgem Bumper cars are fun too. (We did manage to have a go on these when they first arrived.) The prams don't go quite so fast, but the suspension may be a little better... New styles and designs will arrive by the end of April, plus there are some gorgeous cradles in pinks, as well as white. Whether you have a grandchild or are buying them to show off a treasured doll collection we'll have a design for you.

*PS: If you know anyone who collects Vintage Prams, we also have a c1950's Silver Cross Pram in very good/excellent condition. It has an adjustable insert so the child can lay down or sit up. It fits about 50 teddy bears in it, and the suspension really makes you appreciate why it is that Silver Cross is still the 'Rolls Royce' of prams after 133 years. Priced to sell at \$625.*



## Animals of the World Figurines.

Here's something to put in your new mahogany cabinet... hand carved and hand painted ceramic animals from Montevideo in Uruguay. They are part of the De Rosa Rinconada Collection, known internationally for its artistic use of platinum, 18 carat gold and vibrant enamel glazes. These contemporary adult and baby animals, capture with their colourful exteriors the majesty of our natural world.



Beautifully boxed, with a mini colour catalogue, they make very special gifts for lovers of particular animals. Not sure what to buy a couple for a second marriage or wedding anniversary? Maybe it's a big birthday occasion – A Rinconada figurine may be the answer. Perhaps you love polar bears, poultry, cats – wild or domestic, elephants, owls, frogs, a crocodile, penguins, pandas, rhinos, giraffe, turtles, a horse, camel, koala – there's even a moose! Overall there are 100 designs to choose from in three different sizes. Babies approx 10cm are \$80, most adult figurines approx 20cm are \$120.

Large Limited Edition figurines approx 40cm hover around the \$1,000 mark. You'll find a large range of these figurines displayed throughout the jewellery cabinets downstairs in Campbell's Store.

## A New Level of Care For Your Hands

**Crabtree & Evelyn have introduced a delightful new scent for 2010. Citron** features the rich warmth of pure honey and a fresh bite of coriander, combined with invigorating Lemon in this uplifting scent. A unique blend of additional botanical extracts including rosemary, eucalyptus and tea tree works together in the rich formulations to leave your skin feeling softer and smoother.

**You can try out the new Citron fragrance as part of Crabtree & Evelyn's new Hand Therapy Collection. It's really a Hand Care Ritual, where looking after your hands takes just a small investment of time and effort.** You'll have beautiful, healthy and younger looking hands in next to no time...Here's how it works:

### Every Day Cleanse & Moisturise

- 1) Cleanse your hands with one of C&E's scrub or creamy cleansers to purify and revitalise skin.
  - 2) Rejuvenate mature or chapped skin with the new Hand Remedy's, to protect hands from damage and reduce the visible signs of ageing.\*\*
  - 3) Moisturise your hands with Hand Therapy for softer, nourished skin.
- \*\*Now I can hear you all saying, 'Yeah Yeah, another age defying product', and I'm not supposed to tell you this, but we thought the same thing, so a few of us began the new Hand Care Ritual on just one of our hands to see if there was a visible change, especially age spots. The results spoke for themselves! Now back to the Ritual...

### Twice a Week Polish & Protect

- 1) Retexture and moisturise your hands with Hand Recovery for smoother, polished skin.
- 2) Soften your cuticles and strengthen your nails with Intensive Nail & Cuticle Therapy.

To encourage you to embrace the ritual, we'll have some promotional specials in store. The new Citron and Hand Therapy Collections should be in-store by the end of April. They also feature gorgeous new packaging.



### **Crabtree & Evelyn Gift Packs – Make Mother's Day 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.**

Choose from the Travellers Gift Pack \$25 & \$29 in La Source, Summer Hill, Rosewater, Lavender & Nantucket fragrances. A fabulous Gardeners Hand Renewal Tote containing all the products required, to begin the Hand Care Ritual \$70 and some brand new Sampler Packs. These include a Hand Therapy Sampler with 3 x 50ml creams \$40 and the Deluxe Hand Therapy Sampler with 6 x 25ml creams also \$40. They look so good you won't even have to gift wrap them, but we'll do that for you for free anyway. Only the best for our Mother's!

Your Mum might appreciate an extra touch of luxury to her beauty routine, with a C&E Wooden Nail Brush with Pumice \$7, or a Foot Brush with Pumice \$8. Cotton & Silk Body Wash Cloths are \$10.

# Morpeth Fiery Food Festival

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

## **We love this weekend, it's the only time of the year we are allowed to make you, our regular visitors cry!**

It's a fun weekend for us, we get to crack open the lids on around 50 Fiery Hot & Spicy Products we sell in the Morpeth Gourmet Foods section of the store, and put them all out for tasting at once. It's a Fiery Food Lover's delight. We must warn you though, many of these Fiery Foods are not for the faint hearted, cry babies, wimps or sooks. To give you an idea of the types of foods on offer lets start with the worst, oops – I mean the hottest.

This would be a locally grown and produced chilli paste called Devil's Delirium, made by The Chilli Factory at Morisset, Lake Macquarie. It's a 14+, made from the hottest chilli in the world, called Jolokia. Notoriously hard to grow, even in Australia's hot climate, the Chilli Factory team have been propagating plants and harvesting them for three years now, with mixed results. In 2009 they produced enough Chilli's to create this new product.

Because of limited supplies it's only been available for sale direct from the Factory, but we have twisted Marcel's arm, and he agreed to deliver a limited quantity especially for the Fiery Food Festival. We have just 22 jars for sale at \$20 each, so you'll need to be quick.

Other Chilli Factory favourites will be available to try: The 10++ Habanero Paste, 10+ Wasabi Mustard and various other Mango, Smokey, Sweet, Salsa & Satay Sauces. They have heat factors that range from a 10 to 2 out of 10. From New Zealand comes a 'Hot As Explosive' Sauce in a bottle shaped like stick of dynamite. There's a Dynamite Chilli Sauce, Death By Chilli Sauce and some Dragon's Blood.



## Your Fiery Food Tasting Menu:

### **Before Entrée Bar**

Chilli & Garlic Olives 6/10  
Bush Tomato Mild Chilli Dukkah 3/10  
Chilli Lime Dukkah 6/10  
Chilli Olive Oil 6/10  
Garlic & Herb Olive Oil No Heat  
Fart a Lot Dip  
Spicy Hommus Dip 5/10  
Bloody Hot Beef Jerkey 6/10  
Caramelised Balsamic Oil - No Heat  
Chilli Quince Paste 3/10  
Onion Jam 2/10

### **Chilli Lovers Bar**

Thai Green Curry 6/10  
Hot Sweet Sauce 8/10  
Hot Smokey BBQ Sauce 8/10  
Wasabi Mustard 10/10  
Quintner Harissa Paste 10/10  
Turbo Supercharge 10++/10  
Devil's Delirium 14+  
Mexican, Creole or Cajun BBQ Sauce 8/10

### **The All Rounders Bar**

Chilli Lime Sambal 7/10  
Spoonfed Hot Jam 7/10  
Dynamite Chilli sauce 8/10  
Death By Chilli 7/10  
Hot As Explosive Sauce 9/10  
Honey Mustard Dressing – No Heat  
Chilli Tomato Relish 6/10  
Hot Eggplant Chutney 6/10  
Piccalilli Chutney 3/10  
Organic Sweet Chilli Sauce 5/10

### **Seafood & Chicken Bar**

Wasabi & Ginger Dressing 2/10  
Chilli & Passionfruit Mayonnaise 3/10  
Chilli Lime & Coriander Mayonnaise 6/10  
Mango Mustard Dressing - No Heat  
Spiced Asparagus Chutney 1/10  
Satay Sauce 2/10  
Mild Sweet Sauce 4/10  
Sweet Chilli Jam 5/10

## The Dessert Bar

Lime & Coconut Butter – No Heat  
Choc Chilli Fondue 2/10  
Kaffir Lime & Chilli Syrup 4/10  
Chilli & Ginger Syrup 8/10  
Dragon's Blood 10+

## The Brewers Bar

Chilli Lime Cordial 3/10  
Honey & Ginger Wine 1/10

## Hot Nuts! (At the Nut Shop...)

Chilli Nuts 5/10, Warmed Nuts – No Heat

# *‘Through a Naturalist’s Eyes’ Art Exhibition*

## Morpeth Gallery Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

Victorian artist Brett Jarrett is renowned for his works being anatomically correct and this is what sets him apart from many other wildlife artists. Brett says, “For natural history paintings to be accepted and appreciated as serious collectable art, it is important for the subject and habitat to be faithfully accurate... His mentor is the world famous wildlife artist William T Cooper AO.

Brett’s *“Whales, Dolphins and Seals”*, for example is the first ever natural history book to illustrate all known races and species variation of the world’s marine mammals. Published in several languages, this groundbreaking work has over 500 illustrations based largely on Brett’s own personal field experiences from many parts of the world. To date, a thirty-eight year passion for bird and mammal watching has allowed extensive travel through twenty-eight countries with the most visited regions being the Southern Ocean, Antarctica and the eastern tropical Pacific studying marine wildlife.

"I regard them as scientific paintings aimed at being aesthetically pleasing," he said. Brett Jarrett is a naturalist and has drawn for as long as he can remember. His knowledge of his subjects is evident in his paintings and he prefers to draw from life rather than needing to depend on photographs as the main source of material for his work. He is regarded by many as a direct artistic descendant of the famous bird painters of the 19th century John Gould and John Audubon.



Summer Shade by Brett Jarrett

Brett specialises in cool climate animals and birds. He commenced painting professionally in 1991 and has since the age of eight, been fascinated with wildlife, in particular birds and mammals. He spends 6 months of every year in the Arctic regions of the world studying wildlife. The other 6 months he paints - Reproducing these cool climate birds and animals for identification and books that are printed in the UK and distributed worldwide. 43 of Brett’s originals will be on display and for sale during the exhibition in the Wildlife Wing of Morpeth Gallery. Brett will be painting at his easel in the Gallery over the weekend. Talk to him about his adventures in the Antarctic!

See Brett’s Work At Morpeth Gallery all year round.

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