

## MORPETH WHISPER

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## Happy Easter & Happy Mother's Day!

Both these occasions will shortly arrive, and you may be planning a visit to Morpeth to celebrate. Campbell's Store will be closed Good Friday, but open Easter Monday, and Mother's Day Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May is always a great excuse to treat mum to a big breakfast or morning tea at The Servant's Quarter's Tearoom from 9am, followed by a stroll through Morpeth's boutique shops.

Campbell's Store is full of beautiful gifts to treat friends & family on both these occasions. Here's a snap shot of what's new in store...

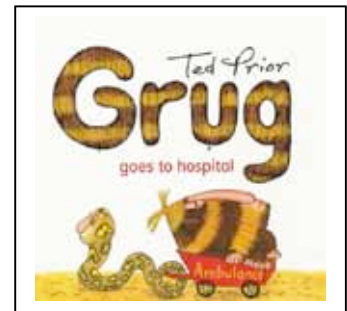
### A Truly Australian Fragrance

Bottled as *Fury For Women* this delightful fragrance is what's on the enclosed scented card. It's been created by Mt Romance in Western Australia, featuring essential oil from the Australian firetree (grass tree). It's an Australian & a world first.



With a fresh burst of flowers and tropical fruits and a lingering vanilla sweetness, the new *FURY for Women* is sensual and modern. Like a grasstree that flowers after wildfires, *FURY* is for a strong and independent woman – with a fun flirty twist. *FURY for Women EDT* is available in a 90ml bottle \$90 and a 15ml Traveller size, great for your handbag, \$25.

*(You might be familiar with Novocastrian Ted Prior's series of children's books featuring the Australian character Grug, who began life as the top of a Burrawang grass tree. At Morpeth Gallery we love Grug! Read the books to little ones & as they grow older they will learn to read Grug themselves. Grug has just had two new adventures, bringing the total to around 30 stories. Grug Goes to Hospital & Grug and his Imaginary Friend are new instore and \$5 each. There's also a Grug Board book \$10 and Plush Grug/DVD/Board Book set \$30.) But I digress... back to the Mt Romance Fragrance story...*



**Mt Romance is a Western Australian company that are the leading growers of the endangered Indian Sandalwood species (*santalum album*) in WA's rugged Kimberly region. They specialise in producing the highest quality skin care & other products inspired by Australian Sandalwood (*santalum spicatum*).**

Sandalwood oil has unique benefits, proven by clinical studies around the world. Sandalwood is Anti-inflammatory, antibacterial & a relaxant shown to calm the mind and promote focus. Their beauty and skincare range includes cleanser, toner, day & night creams, body butter, hand lotion, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, beauty soap bar, massage oil, damage control for skin & sandalwood body splash. Like *FURY*, its a fragrance both men and women can use to revitalise your spirit to start the day.

Travel packs featuring 6 x 50ml essentials in a zip lock pack make the ideal Aussie gift. \$38. Sandalwood Mosquito sticks are ideal for use outdoors \$15 for 20. Purchase an iron diffuser to put them in that stands or hangs \$25.



*Our Easter & Mother's Day gift to you...bring in your scent card to Morpeth Gallery and receive \$5 off the purchase of FURY for Women 90ml & 25ml, FURY for Men 90ml EDT, or Sandalwood Body Splash 100ml \$45.*

## Heritage Soaps and Lip Butters.

**Handcrafted in Switzerland in the traditional soap making way,** Crabtree & Evelyn's new Heritage soap collection will have you noticing the soft, smooth texture the triple milled soap gives your skin. Original Crabtree & Evelyn fragrances have been given a contemporary twist. Choose from: Almond Milk & Honey, Crabapple & Mulberry, Vetiver & Juniperberry. Their exquisite packaging means there's no need for gift wrap! These generous 150g soaps are \$15 each.

**Nourishing and luscious lip butters are the perfect daily lip care luxury.** Buy one for mum and two for yourself! Combining ingredients such as shea, cocoa, kokum butters with mango oil, beeswax & botanical ingredients these ultra moisturising lip butters help soothe, re-condition & protect lips. Delicately flavoured the preservative free formulas help maintain soft, healthy lips that make a lasting impression.

You can apply alone or lightly dab over lipstick to seal in colour and moisture. Choose from: Citron Crème & Honey. Crème de Menthe. Vanilla Crème Brulee. Good enough to eat. 14g purse or pocket sized. \$10 each.

### **New Citron, Honey & Coriander Body Care Collection.**

So popular was this new Crabtree & Evelyn fragrance when released last year, that a Body Care Collection has joined the Hand Therapy Series. Inspired by a fragrance journey to the sun-kissed Mediterranean, where citron flourishes & the purest honey is gathered, this botanical based range features natural extracts. Refreshingly gentle, its ideal for all skin types and is free of parabens, sulfates & other nasties. Mum will love the citron soap 140g \$15, Bath & Shower Gel \$28, Body Lotion \$28.

Crabtree Evelyn are famous for their luxurious and beautifully packaged Gift packs. They begin at \$25.  
A set of six 25g Hand Therapy Cremes \$45.  
Available downstairs at Campbell's Store.



## Live Inspired Gift Books - What Makes You Smile?

This bright, beautifully illustrated gift book reminds us that the little things that make life sweet, are everywhere and all around us. Start reading and you'll want to make your own list... there's space within the book to do exactly this! ...So I started as a gift for a friend and here's what I came up with: Homemade cakes, a cup of tea with by best friend, clean sheets, knowing you've done your best, a phone call from someone you love...

Great for birthday, anniversary, graduation, house warming, everyday friendships & new beginnings. Keep a copy displayed on your desk or on your coffee table for visitors to add their thoughts, as a constant reminder to notice and savour the everyday joys of living. Hardcover \$30.



Also new is 2: *How Will You Create Something Beautiful Together?* Life was meant to be shared. If you have found love, you have been given one of life's greatest gifts – and the TWO book is the perfect way to celebrate it. The purpose of TWO is to inspire you to dream together, plan, laugh and grow together. A meaningful & memorable gift. Hardcover \$35.

**Fabulous for Mother's Day are the hardcover books:** *She...* a celebration of all the women in your life: testimony to the strength, beauty & tenderness of the female spirit, \$30 or *My Mum: Her Story. Her Words.* With questions inside to spark the memories of her life. Get to know mum and honour her life by writing them down. \$25. Or *Mum: Because of You*, the perfect way to say thankyou for a lifetime of warmth, laughter, wisdom and strength. \$30.



## The definition of Eye Catching Arm Candy... is a Handbag Made From Candy Wrappers!

Here's how it works – the bags are made in Mexico under Fair Trade from un-used candy wrappers, gum wrappers, soda bottle labels, barcodes etc... What once would have been thrown away as land fill, polluting the earth, is now lovingly hand made by expert craftspeople into bags. None of the wrappers are used, they are rejects from factories the world over, and are now transformed into unique fashion handbags, using an ancient Mayan technique of folding, weaving and sewing.

Some bags can take up to 4 days to make and use up to 4,000 individual wrappers. These bags will stand the test of time and weather for tear free, long term durability. Every bag is an individual item, inside and out no two are the same. You will indeed be purchasing an item that is one of a kind and you're also helping to save the planet! Purchase a handbag, clutch or coin purse for your mum that is as unique as she is! Coin Purses are \$40, Clutches \$70-\$110, Shoulder bags in varying sizes from \$220. At the moment ranges include black and white barcodes, cherubs, gold or silver, butterflies & the very popular and colourful Tutti. Be sure to take a peek next time you are in store.



## Recycled Leather Notebooks

Colour your daily stories with the thoughts of creativity, fashion and sharing. Sometimes when you pick up a notebook or a journal it just doesn't feel right! We think you'll be impressed with a new range at Morpeth Gallery. They are made from recycled leather & recycled paper yet they look brand new and feel fabulous. There's three sizes available: Slim Journal/Notebook for your top pocket \$8, Small Journal \$20 and large Journal \$25. There are 24 different colours to choose from. You could have a different colour for every day of the week.

## Industrial Relics

Yes, we all remember the things that our grandparents had stashed in the back shed that disappeared to the tip or the garage sale in a moment of madness at the hands of well meaning relatives. We wish we could have them back again, because today they are highly prized possessions and great for displaying our collectables, they don't make them like they used too, or they just had sentimental value...

Downstairs at Campbell's Store we've been expanding our range of Industrial Relics – wooden bobbins from overseas factories in England that have long closed down, some still have their original threads on them. Milk crates and milk bottles salvaged from a recent dairy farm auction, Pepsi & Coke wooden trays, glass soda bottles with company logos from times past, wooden printing alphabet blocks, glass jars and shoe lasts...



Coming soon will be our recent finds – vintage lines from Europe, France, the USA & UK. Rolling Pins, Victorian dumbbells, French cheese boards, vintage French books and apple crate, bread baskets, some wooden wagon wheels & a wooden European cart. This range will be ever changing, but we hope you'll always find a treasure or two!

## Akubra Hats now make Akubra Belts

Akubra Hats have long tradition of making high quality hats that last, well, almost a lifetime. They are now working with a company in QLD, who are producing leather belts under the Akubra brand, to Akubra's exacting standards. This range of belts comes in a selection of three colours – black, brown, tan with silver or gold buckles and seven styles especially designed for all Australians of all walks of life. Whether its dress belts for suits, casual belts for jeans or belts for the person on the land, to say for example, hold a pocket knife. All are stamped with the akubra logo.

Belts come in a range of widths from 30mm to 38mm and sizes from 30" to 44". Shorter or longer belts can also be made to order on request. Only the best quality veg tanned leathers are used in making an Akubra belt. The leather is a natural

product with skin marks being recognised as a natural feature of leather, which adds character to the finished product – made right here in Australia. Belts range in price from \$55 - \$70.

## I Can... Make - Build - Grow - Bake

Children of all ages will enjoy these kits packaged in a long tin. They make a fabulous educational gift that they can enjoy long after the gift wrap has been ripped off. The hardest part will be choosing which kit, at \$30 each.

**I Can Make:** Assemble one of these solar powered toys: biplane, helicopter, windmill, sunflower, ladybug.

**I Can Build:** Glue together then paint a wooden steam engine, tip truck, cement mixer, rocking horse.

**I Can Grow:** Sunflower, beans, peas, carrots, tomato, basil.

**I Can Bake:** Pink Cupcakes, Chocolate Cupcakes, Gingerbread Cookies, Muffins in different flavours.

## Vanilla - the New Essence of Australia

Pioneers Russell and Mary Spanton, may have the sweetest job in the world. They are Australia's first ever commercial vanilla growers. *Vanilla Australia* is a company the pair have built from the ground-up over the past 8 years, on a small patch of land near Port Douglas in the heart of cane country. They stumbled across the world's most flavoursome orchid by accident.



**Vanilla Beans:** Russell Spanton. Picture: TALIA

Despite having no farming experience, they were encouraged by their landlord, a Kokoda Trail war hero, to grow something in the rich, fertile soil surrounding their home. "Montezuma called vanilla a gift from God, so I thought there must have been something magical about it", says Russell, a qualified monumental stonemason.

Traditionally grown around trees, the Spanton's grow their orchids in a shade house, using biodynamic & biological methods. The bean is the only edible fruit from an orchid and is originally a native of Mexico. They started with 55 cuttings and today have around 400 orchids. Every flower is hand pollinated, an extremely labour intensive exercise, and timing of the pollination process is critical. The orchids flower for a short period, usually around spring, when the flowers open up in the morning.

"If you don't pollinate by lunchtime you miss out and don't get a bean", says Russell. "It then takes 7-9 months for each vanilla bean to ripen and each bean is then picked by hand individually. The bean then has to be cured. This takes 18 months to 2 years, depending on weather...The CSIRO have said our product contains about four times the amount of vanilla than anyone else worldwide, so I truly believe if all the growers in the area come together we can have an industry producing the best quality vanilla around."

This Aussie Vanilla Essence is lighter in colour than others. This is because it has not been extracted and synthesised with chemicals. It will however darken with intensified flavour over time, like a fine balsamic vinegar. Next time you visit Morpeth Gourmet Foods, ask for a taste. We firmly believe this Australian Vanilla will be the secret ingredient to your next prize winning cake or batch of biscuits. A 50ml bottle is \$19.

## Morpeth Fiery Food Feast - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.

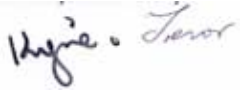
Held on the same weekend as Hunter Valley Steamfest you can fire up your tastebuds and get ready for an endorphin rush, as Morpeth Gourmet Foods bursts with the flavours of all things hot and spicy. It's a great opportunity for us to crack the lids on around 55 chilli salsas, sauces, mustards, cordial, oils, olives, ginger, beef jerky & cordial. You can taste them all – its free!



Fancy a Devonshire Tea with sweet chilli jam? *The Servant's Quarter's Tearoom* at Campbell's Store can accommodate that request. How about some red hot spicy coated nuts from *The Nut Shop* on the first Floor of Campbell's Store. Quench your thirst, or maybe not, with some Fiery Moonshine from *Morpeth Wine Cellars*. *Morpeth Speciality Oil Shop* opposite Morpeth Gourmet Foods in Morpeth's main street, will feature some of their hot oil infusions. Miss Lily's Lollies will have some sweet hot treats waiting.

It's a little like trick or treat, but be careful or the trick will be on you... The Hunter's Chilli Factory, have launched a new sauce called Taipan Venom. It's a yellow seven pot sauce rated 12 out of 10 on the heat meter. If this isn't hot enough maybe their Devil's Delirium will have you begging for mercy (and a little water).

It's a Jolokia Paste and 14/10 on the heat meter. They don't come any hotter. Dynamite, Explosive, Death by Chilli, Hot As, Fart Starter – the names say it all really. We can't wait to see you there!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugie - Trevor". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.