

BOWRAL

ANTIQUES & ART IN NEW SOUTH WALES













DIRTY JANE'S EMPORIUM & ANTIQUE MARKET

Find the unusual rather than the usual in Bowral

hen you hear the name Dirty
Jane's, perhaps images begin to
form in your mind – some of them
may be not so good! However, this new store
and antique market in the heart of Bowral
shows there is more to a name than first
impressions. Dirty Jane's definitely delivers
when it comes to variety, quality and quantity
of stock and value.

OUR namesake

Dirty Jane arrived in Australia in 1840 aboard the convict ship *Surrey I*. She was sent to Gundagai to assist the owner of the local general store where she found her true calling: identifying items of rarity and value and purchasing them to resell for profit. She gradually took on the role of running the business when the original proprietor saw how

well the business was doing under her mantle of Dirty Jane, as she was widely known. She lived for the thrill of the sale – able to sniff out a treasure in the morning and sell it by sunset. Her career as Australia's first female second-hand dealer spanned 40 years until she died in 1883 of old age, as the story goes.

At this destination store in Bowral, you will not find any convict girls serving behind the counter! Instead, Jane Crowley and her father, Athol Salter who started The Shed in Mittagong, have combined their knowhow with the experience of their team to bring Dirty Jane's to life.

DIRTY Jane's Emporium

The Emporium on Bong Bong Street in Bowral is a vast array of beautifully presented furniture and decorative items. Many are antique and all are second-hand. The front window boasts the quote 'the best in vintage' and it is easy to see why. Decoy ducks from the USA and cheese boards from France are nestled amongst some of the finest examples of country style ten-seating dining tables and overstuffed couches this side of Sydney. We ship fresh stock regularly from Europe, the UK and recently North America to keep giving you new choices.

RECYCLED Rags

Jane began Recycled Rags within the Emporium, and ten months after opening, the clothing sales have grown to three rooms in the establishment from just one room. Twice every week new consignments of clothing, including Bally shoes and bags, Escada dresses and Jigsaw blouses, replenish the racks. 'We price everything in the Emporium to sell quickly,' said Jane, 'We love the challenge and sight of new stock coming in and sold stock going out.'

THE Antique Market

Behind the Emporium is the Antique Market in several vast sheds that originally housed the machinery for the Electricity Commission. Now they house over 20 dealers who display their wares.

The market is fresh and relaxing, reflecting the fact that it is located in a country town. French furniture, industrial and retro, English pine and Tibetan antiques all share the space. The team has been very careful to structure the antique market so that it is not too upmarket and or over-selective.

Local artists show their pieces, cabinets are full of beautiful 1950s beads and jewellery; there is garden ware and many wonderful found objects. All the stallholders take enormous pride in the presentation of their stands and the market seems to stock everything from gorgeous French enamelware, Welsh pine dressers to vintage American college pennants.

This ever-changing montage is a feast for the eyes and still growing! By next year another three warehouses will be open for more stallholders and variety. 'We have a list of dealers wanting to take space in the market, we simply need to complete some building work and then we hope to have up to 50 stallholders in Bowral's first permanent antique market,' says Athol.

FIND us in Bowral

On your next visit to or through Bowral stop in and wander through Dirty Jane's Emporium & Antique Market. If you are driving from Sydney, drive on Bong Bong Street to the south end of town where Banyette Street crosses the main street at a roundabout – we are on your left at the roundabout. There is plenty of off-street parking off Banyette Street beside our buildings.

The namesake might be a vision of the past, but this shop and market bring the thrill of the find well and truly into the 21st century. Incorporating antique furniture, lighting, architectural, beautiful quality pre-loved home furnishings and our fabulous Recycled Rags, it is the one-stop shop for style on a budget.

Dirty Jane's Emporium & Antique Market is open 10 am − 5 pm daily, closed Christmas and Boxing Days (25 and 26 December) and on New Year's Day (1 January) but open on all the public holidays •

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