

# The Art of Eco-Chic Dining, an Exhibition



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DURING the month of December, Gallery 9, Mapleton will be proudly showcasing the *Eco-Chic Exhibition* featuring a range of fine furniture designed by Philip Boorman.

The exhibition's theme, *The Art of Eco-Chic Dining*, recognises presentation is everything, said Philip.

"Eco is no longer a reference to dull or rustic pieces. It has matured and evolved into fine furniture that is now appreciated as investment-art," he said.

"This exhibition demonstrates how my functional pieces of investment-art, embrace the idea that fine furniture should, and can, be used for elegant dining or easy entertaining whilst still respecting our earth. Entertaining that's in agreement with nature as well as your sense of style."

Philip has chosen to include a collection of antiques supplied by Mapleton's Gild The Lily, to be exhibited along with his furniture as investment art.

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art," said Philip. "We all too easily forget the workmanship involved with an antique piece of china - that is still as popular today as it was 50 or 100 years ago."

Philip's tables have been arranged and decorated by Don Dawson.

Don has displayed the valuable, vintage china at the front of the gallery on the very modern and sleek Floating Wedge Table.

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Philip's partner Denise said the stunning centre-pieces, cutlery and other

accessories were from other local gift and home-ware stores.

"Don has demonstrated how to create a range of moods to suit any form of dining experience," she said.

The adaptability of Philip's tables and how easily they embrace the Art of Eco-Chic dining is evident.

Gallery 9's, *The Art of Eco-Chic Dining* exhibition also presents the works of international artist Helle Ellis. "Helle's paintings are internationally collected and have been receiving awards since 1998," said Denise.

"Her use of striking colour and undertones compliments the timber used in Philip's tables."

Philip Boorman is passionate about only using timber that has been rescued, recycled or sourced from small scale operators who are equally as passionate about sustainable and ethical forest management methods.

> Gallery 9 is located on Obi Obi Road, Mapleton and is open Monday-Saturday, 9am-4pm or by appointment. Phone 5445 7020.

