

Art lovers embrace new Graceville gallery at opening



**Christine
MUNSON**

christine.munson@qtcn.com.au

FROM the hordes of people that swarmed Graceville Gallery on Friday night, it was clear public popularity of the art space had not wavered in the months it was closed.

Hundreds attended the grand opening of the gallery that was forced to close its Honour Avenue premises in April this year.

The night was a special one with the gallery joining forces with neighbouring Lily Lee Gallery and Studios for a gala event that attracted the artistic community to indulge in a night of fine art, cheese and wine.

Gallery co-operative member Charlee Pollard said she was overwhelmed with the crowds who turned out.

"I'm a bit overwhelmed, the night was fabulous," Ms Pollard said.

"The opening was run in conjunction with Lily Lee and the crowds were a combination of her clients and our old



Steve Walker, Helen Clark, Barbara Humphreys, Charlee Pollard and Glynis Hood at the new Graceville Gallery opening.

Photo: Christine Munson

clients who had been waiting for us to open."

During the night, guests had the chance to meet the co-operatives latest members Steven Walker and Barbara Humphreys.

Steven brings to the mix a range of colourful pieces that attract the eyes and Barbara's range of unique mosaic pieces

complement those of fellow member Ms Pollard.

The new look Graceville Gallery on Oxley Road is roomier than the previous space and it was needed because of the number of people in attendance.

Ms Pollard said the future artist for the month, Craig Roveta's

exhibition was a near sell out and everybody was impressed with the new gallery.

"Everybody loved the whole feel and space of the new gallery," she said.

"The whole area is becoming a precinct for art and craft lovers."

Graceville Gallery is on Oxley Road where

Eureka furniture used to be on the corner of Sherwood Road. The gallery is between the new shop Threads and More and the Income Tax agents.

Opening hours are Tuesday to Friday from 10am - 5pm and Saturday from 9am - 4pm, for more information phone 3379 1288.