

## **Interview with Sue**

Arriving at The Creamery, admiring the grounds and the view before actually going into the building is a pretty amazing experience but once through the door the amazement turns to absolute wonder. The entrance hall is fantastic, beautifully proportioned, airy and bathed in light. The stairs look a bit challenging, but Lo and Behold! A lift!

The first floor again is jaw dropping, clean lines, attractively carpeted and welcoming. I followed the signs and viewed the different elements of the business through huge glass windows, the packaging and dispatch, the filling rooms and finally the 'girls themselves' beautiful, placid cows, amiably being milked robotically. These are the most spoiled cows in the universe, being massaged, fed and milked, and arriving at the dairy at a time when it best suits them. Wonderful, and a long, long way from the three-legged stool and the bucket and the frozen fingers.

The Kitchen Table Café looks a treat, with 'grazing' tables and comfortable chairs and a splendid view from all angles. There is still some final decorating to be completed, including a Calf Pen play room but the potential is unlimited.

Sue reminisced on the long journey from the beginning to very nearly the finish of a mammoth project but admitted that given the opportunity they would do it all again. A recommendation in itself.

Sue could not speak highly enough of Mrs Gina Rinehart, who made it all happen, brought all their dreams to reality and provided this facility to our community. On all the occasions Mrs Rinehart visited Northcliffe she was enthusiastic and helpful and her partnership and friendship with the Daubneys was very much appreciated.

Mat and Sues four children are all at a stage to demand a lot of time and trips to the city, but they deal with all of this, plus the completion and running of the business. The children are involved in all the decisions and the family are great believers in group discussions, the true definition of the kitchen table approach and thus the name for the café evolved.

Sincere thanks so Sue Daubney for allowing me the time for an interview her and squeezing me into her busy schedule.

I have seldom spent a morning I enjoyed more and congratulate everyone involved in the establishment and running of The Creamery. Gorgeous!

Anne O'D.

## LARGEST LOCAL EMPLOYER

Local people are given the priority of employment if they have the necessary skills and temperament.

Finding people with particular skills who are willing to come to the country often proves challenging but those who make the leap of faith are reaping the benefits of the work environment and country lifestyle.

## Thankyou from Northcliffe.....

On behalf of the Community of Northcliffe we would like to congratulate the Daubney family on putting Northcliffe front and centre of a huge Western Australian project, extending it nationally and indeed world wide.

It must be single biggest investment ever made in our little community.

The generosity of Bannister Downs is legendary—in fact legendairy— with so many groups able to access donations of dairy produce for every occasion. Their Hand-in-Hand grants have been widely used by a number of groups in Northcliffe. The Welcome Bags, made available through Northcliffe Community Development and our generous contributors, were initially started with a Hand-in-hand grant.

Bannister Downs, the Daubney Family and now the Creamery have given so much to Northcliffe and it is now our time to give something back, by supporting them as often as we can, by promoting their goods, by visiting the Café, by telling everyone we know, particularly in the metro area, that they have magnificent products and encourage them to purchase. Once they do, they won't go back.

The dairy industry is a integral part of the Northcliffe story and it is always under pressure in todays market so lets dig deep and give back to the great local business



**Above:** Some local Northcliffe Mums enjoying a morning out at the Kitchen Table Café.

## <u>THE KITCHEN</u> <u>TABLE CAFÉ.</u>

At present the café is open on Thursday and Friday from 10.00—3.00 where you can relax and enjoy with a fabulous coffee or a light lunch.

The intention is to open more often but it is a learning curve for all involved and it is very early days as yet.