

Luxurious style with harbour views



Hippopotamus and Museum Hotel are going all out to help make Wellington On a Plate a huge success. Executive Chef Laurent Loudeac has put together delicious menu options for both lunch and dinner to be teamed with a glass of Murdoch James wine.

Enjoy Snail and mushrooms in a cream sauce encased in puff pastry, beef fillet Rossini, or warm lemoncello pudding. Hippopotamus Restaurant enjoys beautiful views over Te Papa and the harbour and is open daily for breakfast and dinner, Monday to Friday for lunch, high tea daily 2pm until 4.30pm. The hotel is offering packages including a night at the hotel with a 3 course Wellington on a Plate menu for two for the duration of WOAP 17 to 30 August.

Chris Parkin, the owner of the Museum Hotel announced last week Michael Nalder has been

engaged to refurbish the 65 rooms in the original hotel building; Michael is known for his classical but quirky style. The refurbishment is due for completion later this year and will result in an overall impressive product.

Alongside the original hotel rooms being refurbished, the Museum Hotel offers luxurious apartment style studios and suites featuring exquisitely appointed bathrooms complete with bathtubs for two and rain-shower shower heads; the kitchens are equipped with European fittings including an espresso machine and washer/dryer.



Known for its distinctiveness, the hotel reception staff are dressed by young Wellington designer, Alexandra Owen; Alexandra has been invited to attend the Mercedes-Benz fashion week in New York in February 2010, the second New Zealand label to show in New York. New features soon to be in place are a long and narrow gallery space on the exterior wall in the car park and a larger-than-life size Hippopotamus on

the Cable Street verandah.

The latest highlights added to the hotel's significant art collection are Raymond Ching's "Drumbarer/the mourning of Laura Buller" and Geoff Dixon's "Large Takaro with Sparrow" both are on public display in the ground level lobby.

Always an interesting place to visit, Jazz plays each Friday night in the lobby 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

