



Frankies' exciting new era

An old Darby Street favourite has been given a new lease on life.

Frankies by Fibonacci Coffee, set in the heart of Cooks Hill's bustling shopping precinct, is under fresh management.

After weeks of refurbishment, the quirky café/restaurant now offers a sleek, modern look while also maintaining a nostalgic vibe.

"The place looks amazing – we took everything out, repainted, resurfaced the floor, walls, and replaced all of the furniture," owner Brian Verwey says.

"It's just an old Novocastrian favourite that's been given a new lick of paint."

When Mr Verwey and his family moved to Australia from South Africa earlier this year, they were eager for an opportunity in the hospitality industry.

And, Frankies just so happened to pop up on the market.

"We purchased it in August, closed it down immediately for six weeks, and then reopened in October," Mr Verwey says.

"We always wanted to run our own place and

now we have it." Mr Verwey says the venture, and his family's time in Newcastle, has been brilliant.

"We love being in Newcastle and the lifestyle here; I don't think people here realise how lucky they are," he says.

Frankies teamed up with Fibonacci Coffee to introduce this highly sought-after coffee to Darby Street. The new owners also added a slightly different touch to the menu.

The meals are described as contemporary Australian cuisine, but some are mixed with an element of adventure and quirkiness.

Frankies prides itself on delivering quality cuisine, and Mr Verwey says he's also been impressed with what his neighbours have served up on Darby Street.

"Everyone on the street has really good food.

"I'm really happy to be a part of this friendly environment – all of the restaurants and the owners get along, we just love Darby Street."

Frankies is open from 6.30am to 10pm, Monday to Saturday, and 6.30am to 3pm on Sundays.



Frankies by Fibonacci Coffee is serving up contemporary Australian cuisine in a vibrant atmosphere.

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- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner – Table service
- Fully licensed Bar
- Function venue upstairs with private bar – Ideal for parties of up to 25 guests.
- Catering and Platters – Delivered or available for functions and parties at Frankies

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