

## The Robinsons Return - Street Scene Article

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<p><span style="font-family: arial black,avant garde;">See what <a target="\_blank" href="http://www.streetscene.co.nz/index.php?option=com\_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=2&Itemid=3">Street Scene</a> (the best free local bragazine) has to say about Beannie Cafe!</span></p> <div style="margin: 0px; font: 8px Arial;"><b><br /></b></div> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 2.9px; font: 18px Agenda;">The Robinsons return</p> <p><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;"></span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 2.9px; font: 18px Agenda;"></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"> <span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;">Like the mythical phoenix, Beannie Caf◆at 198 Jackson Street has emerged from the clutter of earthquake strengthening ◆ renewed but also with important elements of the past.</span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;"><br /></span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;">The former Caf◆Tart has a new name, new d◆or and new owners, Bev and Annie Robinson. The mother/daughter team is, however, far from new to the Jackson Street caf◆scene. Bev previously operated Palace Caf◆ with Annie as manager. During seven years at Palace, they built a reputation for excellent food and personal service, which they have brought back to the street with Beannie Caf◆after a two-year absence.</span></p> <p></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;">Bev took a break from caf◆ownership during those two years, but continued to do catering and operated ◆on call◆ for other caf◆ in Petone and Lower Hutt. Annie took time off to have a baby. </span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;"><br /></span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;">With Beannie Caf◆ both have enjoyed renewing the acquaintances with former customers and looking at how they can continue to attract new ones. </span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;"><br /></span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;"><br /></span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;">◆It◆s great getting back into the vibe of Jackson Street,◆ Bev says. ◆It◆s a really special place. There◆s so much going on here and we◆ve always enjoy being part of it.◆</span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;"><br /></span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;"><br /></span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;">The pair believe Beannie Caf◆(the name a composite of Bev and Annie) epitomises what Petone is all about. It◆s intimate, busy and friendly. It◆s a place to have lunch with friends, to have a comfortable business meeting, or to take time out for yourself with a coffee and muffin out the front, inside or in the sunny courtyard at the back.</span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;"><br /></span></p> <p style="margin: 0px 0px 1.4px; font: 9.5px 'Agenda Light'"><span style="font-size: 10pt; font-family: arial,helvetica,sans-serif;">The food is like the caf◆◆ everything◆s done on a small scale. That suits Bev and Annie, because it means the food is always fresh and can be changed

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