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'What's New' In-store News & Events.

We are Really Excited to introduce Burt's Bees Skin Care for Lips, Hands, Feet & Babies - available now at Morpeth Gourmet Foods...

Burt's Bees sure has grown up over the past several years and a lot has changed, but there are some things that never will: their recipes, values and natural way of doing things. Burt's Bees got their start back in 1984 in Maine, America, when Roxanne Quimby and Burt Shavitz teamed up selling candles in the shape of fruit, made from beeswax created as a by product of Burt's honey business. At the very first craft fair, they sold \$200 worth, and by the end of the first year, sales climbed to \$20,000. Their fine attention to detail was an integral part of their success. For instance, Roxanne noticed that women always turned a candle over to look at the bottom before purchasing it. Roxanne knew that ensuring that each candle was cut to a fine finish, especially on the bottom of the candle, would signal to consumers that the candles were of the ultimate quality.



Where it all began

When word about the products reached New York in 1989, production expanded. 40 employees were hired and a shop was set up in an abandoned bowling alley. Around this time, Roxanne happened upon a 19th century book of home made personal care recipes and that's when the Burt's Bees we know and love now, really began.

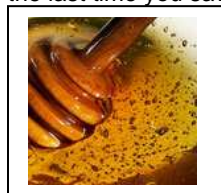


Burt's Bees Skincare

By 1991 natural soaps and perfumes were cooked up on gas stoves, alongside half a million candles per year. That's when Burt got the idea to add a lip balm to the line up. To this day it is Burt's Bees best selling product. Available in the original tin, or as a stick, and in a range of fragrances or natural, any of our team will tell you it keeps your lips in tip top condition. Unlike other balms on the market, Burt's Bees products contain no chemicals, additives or petroleum based products. Ever wondered why those who use Blistex are constantly reapplying? It's because the petroleum based additives actually dry out your lips, not moisturise them! More on that later... lets finish the history...

With an ever expanding product line, in 1993 Burt's Bees moved to the community friendly North Carolina. They gave up the candle making to focus on personal care products. By 1998 there were more than 100 items being sold in over 4,000 outlets around the world. In 2003 the incredibly popular Baby Bee product line was introduced.

Roxanne & Burt never forgot the company's beginnings in Maine. Profits were used to buy tracts of forest land (currently 185,000 acres) in northern Maine to preserve them from development. Today Burt's Bees are the leading manufacturer of Earth friendly natural personal care products and in 2008 Burt's Bees made it back to the shores of Australia. Their Earth friendly stance is really important. They use nothing but the good stuff for ingredients. You will never ever find things like petroleum (can be toxic) and sodium lauryl sulfate (harsh & aggressive cleanser) in a Burt's Bees product. Burt asks, "...and when was the last time you saw a farmer growing propylene glycol?"



If you take a look on each Burt's Bees item, you'll notice a bar with a percentage. This indicates how natural the product is. For example: Burt's Bees Almond Milk Beeswax Hand Crème is 98% natural ingredients. Many of their products contain ingredients derived from animals such as beeswax, royal jelly and milk. For that we thank them.



Forest land in Maine

Stand out products are Burt's Bees Lip Shimmer Lipsticks in 12 colours \$12, Honey Lip Balm \$8, Baby Bee All Better Balm \$15 and their three Hand Crème's \$18. A great way to try out the Burt's Bees range is to grab a Kit: Baby Bee Getting Started, Baby To Go, Foot Care & our favourite, the Essential Body Kit. This kit contains 8 different essential travel items – all no more than 100ml in each container, in a clear pouch with a zipper. Terrific for travelling and a great gift idea for Christmas.

A Sudsy Story – Billie Goat Soap... as seen on ‘A Current Affair’

After watching ‘A Current Affair’ and seeing how great this soap was for people – especially babies – suffering from eczema, psoriasis and dry skin, Shirley wanted to try some out too. It didn’t take long to track the producers down, as Billie Goat Soap is made just down the road from Morpeth on the Central Coast. Since the Channel Nine story went to air, Billie Goat Soap is now produced 24hrs a day to keep up with demand! You’ll find Billie Goat Soap \$8 and Billie Soap for Babies \$9.50 downstairs in Campbell’s Store. For those who missed the TV story, here’s how it all began...Leanne Faulkner says,



“Our first goat came to us from the RSPCA. Needless to say we all fell in love with Jenny and her wonderful personality. We then purchased a couple more Saanens who have since kidded and our milking routine began... Billie Goat Soap started because my youngest son suffered from eczema. I had tried every conventional treatment for him to no avail. After doing some research I learnt that goat’s milk soap, can often help people with sensitive skin. I had some lessons, made some really bad soap, and then finally perfected a recipe that seemed to get results. We chose Billie Goat Soap as our business name because it sounded better than ‘Nanny Goat Soap’. Billie is spelt as you would spell a girls name (like Billie Jean King I guess) and is a play on words.”

Milk supplies now come from a herd of goats, rather just a few! All the dairy goat ‘ladies’ receive individual attention and care. The girls are milked daily. Milk is then frozen and used as the basis of the soap making process. This process is still hand made. Each batch size is small – no more than 3kilos are made at a time, so you can be assured of a high quality bar of soap. The soap cures on shelves, which allows the bar to harden. No thickeners or hardeners are used. This results in a completely natural product, but it does mean that if you leave your soap on the sink in water it will go mushy very quickly.

The solution is to keep your Billie Goat Soap in a soap dish, or purchase a magnetised soap holder from Campbell’s Store at the same time as your soap. Soap Holders keep your soap dry at all times and will lengthen the life of your soap. Billie Goat Soap is \$8. Undecorated Soap Holders (also Australian Made) \$9 – a great gift idea for under \$20! Also in store Billie Goat Soap Hand Wash \$13 and soon to be released Shampoo & Conditioner \$13 each, and moisturiser \$18. Oh and by the way – this soap worked for Shirley’s dry skin too!

Kids Will Love...

Little Birdy Song Books, made by Susan Clarkson in South Australia.

The little ones in your life will love them. Sit birdy in the palm of your hand, to read the nursery rhyme written on birdy’s wings. As you turn the ‘pages’ it’ll look like birdy is flying. Susan screen prints the bird, wings and pages of the book. Five colours have five different rhymes about birds. Choose from Little Robin Redbreast, 4 & 20 Blackbirds, Moonlight Lullaby, Chi Chi Birds & Captain Duck. There’s an enormous amount of work that goes into creating each book and Susan numbers each book she creates. As a result, they are \$30 each, but heck – your little one is worth it right? Available from the gift section downstairs in Campbell’s Store.



Crack’em Open Thunder Eggs, T-Rex & Fossil Excavation Kits

These educational kits make terrific stocking fillers & Christmas gifts. Kylie has put the ‘Crack’em Open Geodes’ on her wish list. This kit contains 6 real geodes, (otherwise known as Thunder Eggs), a cracking bag and a magnifier. Borrow a hammer off dad, place your geode in the bag, give it a little whack, open up the bag to reveal a split in half geode, revealing gorgeous crystals and colours inside. You can then polish your geodes and show them off to your friends. \$25.

Excavate and build a replica of the T-Rex. A hammer and digging tool is included. Once you finally reveal the skeleton, put it together. Your T-Rex skeleton will measure 22cm from head to tail! \$20. There’s also a 1 metre long 54 piece T-Rex Skeleton which when assembled, reproduces a faithful 1:10 scale replica for the budding

palaeontologist in your family, \$150. 'Dig It Out' Dinosaur Fossil, Dino Nest, Dino Skull, Wollemi Pine, Australian Fossil Find & Egyptian Excavation Kits range in price from \$6-\$12. Excellent value!

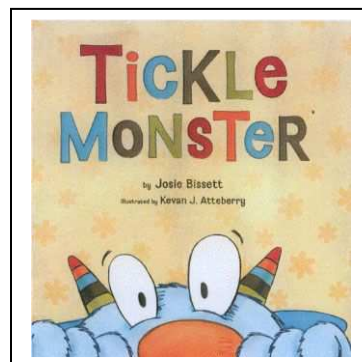
At just \$2 each or 3 for \$5, pop a few **Australian Animal or Wild Animal stampers** into your Christmas presents. On the base is an animal stamp. On the top is a roller stamp of the animal's footprint. Designs include elephant, giraffe, lion, tiger, zebra, hippo, rhino, orangutan, koala, kangaroo, wombat, echidna, emu & Tassie devil.

Aussie animal synthetic leather torch keyrings, with a super bright LED torch are just \$4 each. Shirley says, "I love these things. I have one on my suitcase keys, one on my car keys and one in my bathroom bag when travelling. You just never know when you will get caught in a blackout or walking home after dark. I also gave these away as gifts on my last Teddy Bear Tour in Europe. They were light and small to carry and were a hit with both kids and adults I gave them to".

Pocket kites \$5, Mini Magic Grow Crystal trees \$1.50, Secret pen, with ink that can only be seen using the included UV torch \$3.

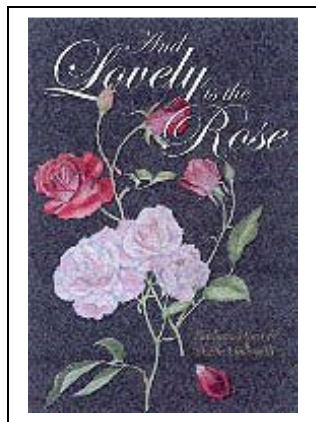
Tickle Monster Hardcover Children's Book

A loveable monster with big puffy mitts has just flown in from planet Tickle. His mission is to bring joy and laughter to planet Earth. How? By tickling anyone who comes across his path. Get ready to read aloud and tickle along with this wonderful little rascal, while you squirm and giggle with delight. There is no better childhood memory than time spent laughing together. Book dimensions are 270mm x 260mm. Copies are \$28. Available upstairs.



Cloth Covered Inspirational Books

At \$18 each, they'll make a terrific Christmas Gift. Inspirational words relate to, Being Strong, You + Me = Love and Peace Be With You: a walk with a friend, your favourite spa, a quiet church, the corner bookstore? The quotations in this book remind us that peace is not something we wish for, it's something we make, do and are – and something we can give this Christmas. There's also a cloth book for mum, and one for dads. Available upstairs.



'And Lovely is the Rose'... presents a selection of 50 roses whose charm has endured for generations. Each rose has been placed in chronological order so that the history and evolution of this beloved flower can be appreciated. As well as the history and attributes of each particular rose, brief cultivation notes have also been included. This hardcover book has been written by Maitland resident Barbara Horn, who has enjoyed sharing her love of gardening for over 45 years and has served as a selector for the Australian Open Garden Scheme since 2004. Botanical illustrator Sheila Galbraith has painted each rose image and the book is published at Wollombi. Copies are \$25 each. **'This charming book will make a wonderful gift... If you can bare to part with it.'** *Woman's day – March 3, 2008.* *'After hours of pruning, it seems to me that this book is just the tonic to help one dream of the blooms to come when late spring arrives... Journal of Heritage Roses in Australia Inc – Spring 2008.* Available Upstairs at Campbell's Store.

Seapals Hand Puppets come with Online Games

New from Russ are a range of hand puppets straight from the sea. Fish, lobster, sea turtle, shark & seahorse come in their own fish bowl. Kids can then set up a virtual aquarium online, learn about marine life, interact with friends and play games. Seapals are \$15 each. A great small gift or stocking filler – excellent value. The ever popular Folkmanis Puppets have released new stage hand puppets – dragon, horse, mouse, shark, T-Rex & Unicorn. Other new puppets include beagle, mallard duck, panther & a sea lion.



The Anamalz Are Coming!

Anamalz is the original and award winning animal range, made from organic maple wood and textile products for children aged 3+. Designed in Australia, anamalz are brought to life through environmentally friendly products. "We have as much fun creating as kids have playing with them", says creator Louise Scott. Louise & husband Tim lived in the beachside town of Torquay, Victoria. When they had kids they searched high and low for toys that were simple, yet creative, and environmentally friendly (not made from plastic). Louise wanted 'old fashioned toys' for

her 'modern kids'. Husband Tim set to making some animals with an idea, a pencil and a piece of wood. He wanted to create an animal from timber that was flexible – and Anamalz were born! Anamalz have unique characteristics, which make them warm and appealing. Their wood grain and individual markings make them different from one another, just like in nature, and as they are integrated with textiles, it has given the animals the ability to move. They can look left and right, up and down and stand in different poses. They are a unique gift, a story teller, a toy and companion.



When you buy Anamalz you are guaranteed a product made to European standards, using renewable resources, non toxic glues and paints and they look after the environment too. A percentage of your purchase supports wildlife organizations around the world, who in turn look after animals.

Wishing to expand their growing Anamalz business, Louise & Tim searched for a company to go into partnership with – a company passionate about producing high quality toys. Early in 2008 they chose US company Russ, famous for their plush teddy bears. Now Anamalz are going worldwide! They have landed in the USA already and will arrive in Campbell's Store sometime during November, at \$10 each. There's Wild, Farm & Australian Anamalz. It takes the talents of many to produce the range that is Anamalz... now there are designers, artists, authors & musicians.

Retired twice world long board surfing champion Beau Young (son of legend Nat Young), and now singer song writer was enlisted to create a soundtrack for the Anamalz. He did more than that, producing an album in 301 Studios by Paul Pilsneniks (Silverchiar, Delta Goodrem & Alanis Morrissette), which sets a new benchmark in children's music. The Anamalz CD features 10 songs about wild animals, such as Crocodile Fishing, Elephant Swing, Long Neck Giraffe – that will have your kids miming the actions and singing along after just one listen. The CD will be available along with the animalz at \$20.

Momiji Friendship Dolls have a cult following in Japan & Australia

Award winning Manga artist Joanna Zhou has designed a new limited edition range of Momiji dolls. Joanna is a freelance illustrator and graphic designer, who just like each Momiji character is full of personality, and likes Koala bears, the quirky world of Harajuku fashion and having four sugars in her tea!



Each 8cm doll comes with their own polaroid style collector's card, packaged in a stylish collectable tin. Turn each doll upside down to find a space to write a secret message. \$25 each. Inspired by Japanese street style, there's Papillion (sings tiny whispers to the flowers), kitty (loves James Bond & chocolate milk), Lolita (likes angel cake and bumble bees), Kogal (a dancing disco diva who indulges with sparkling diamonds), Sakura (Tokyo cool school girl) & Pinku (spreads the love with a party in her heart). Spread the Momiji kindness even further with a matching mug \$10, writing paper set \$10, greeting card \$4, sticker set \$10 or badges set \$7.

There's over 40 friendship dolls to collect, including the new Twinkle Christmas Doll \$25 and Silly Billy, Laughing & Soul II at \$20 each. These three gorgeous dolls arrive in a noodle box with a cute inflated pillow, a sticker & a badge! Momiji dolls are loved by all: tweens, teenagers, adults and Japanese culture addicts! You'll love them too!!!



PJ's for 'The Boys'

Gingerlily Sleepwear's latest range of luxurious PJ's are for men! A comfy T-Shirt has been matched with either long or short pants, that your brother, son, husband & dad will love lounging around in on Boxing Day. Keep these PJ's in mind for yourself as well – the T-shirts and pants are super comfy for women too. The Summer women's range of silky satin slips and singlet tops matched with cotton patterned pants will be a hit for your female friends and family. Both men's and women's PJ's come in a beautiful matching gift box. Men's PJ's \$80, Women's PJ's \$60-\$80.

Jamie Oliver 'Cheeky' and 'Bottoms Up' Mugs

Everyone has mates or family who are real characters – just choose the Cheeky or Bottoms Up Mug that fits them best. It'll make a great gift that's sure to raise a few laughs on Christmas Day. Cheeky Mugs come individually packed in a metal tin. Choose from: Big Fella, Bossy Boots, Boy Racer, Dead Handsome, Drama Queen, Foxy lady, Hot babe, Party Animal, Sexy Beast, Best mate, Cool Dude, Super Mum, Top Dad, Sex Bomb, Babe Magnet & Cutie Pie. \$20 each. Bottoms Up Mugs are: Bad hangover/Again, Big Feet/Big Shoes, Dead Handsome/And Knows It, Hot 'n' Steamy/Like Me, I Love You/What's For Tea?, I'm Cooking/You're Washing Up, I'm Single/Not Desperate, Overworked/Underpaid, Sorry Love/ I've Got a Headache. \$18 each.



Jamie Oliver mugs – great for yourself or for a gift.

Christmas Decorations & Trees



You'll discover all your Christmas Trimmings at Campbell's Store this year. **Christmas Trees, Wreaths and Garlands** are Upstairs at Campbell's Store, along with a range of ornaments, including Australian ornaments that are lightweight and unbreakable to send overseas. Our trees, as with previous years, come in a variety of sizes, styles and colours – green, black, white and blue... They have a box for storage, a 10 year warranty (that's how great the quality is), strong branches for the heaviest ornaments, and branches that 'tickle children's faces'.

Designed by American Patrice Brewster, the quirky range of **Dept.56 Ornaments**, Dip Platters, Nut Bowls and Bottle Gift Tags will take your breath away. Inspired by singing dogs, prancing carriage horses in New York, musical fish and Christmas Food, your selection will be admired by one and all.

Downstairs you'll discover an enchanting range of ornaments from company Stoneleigh. This year the delightful Alice in Wonderland style cake fairies are back for one last season. There's the 12 days of Christmas Santa's and Fairies, and some Garden Fairies. The ones that will take your breath away have flown all the way from Scandinavia!



Jette Frolich

Enchanting Dancing Fairies have been designed by Dane Jette Frolich, who is renowned for her uniquely elegant and imaginative designs – a poetic blend of Danish refinement and inspiration gathered from around the world. In their pretty dresses of translucent paper the ethereal fairies dance on the air, gently wielding their magic silver wands. Beautifully gift boxed, there are large single fairies, set of two small fairies, sets of three snowflakes, set of two hearts, set of two stars and a set of four hearts in the same range. Whilst we'll never know for sure, Princess Mary is bound to have a selection of these on her Danish Christmas Tree! Log onto www.jettefroelich.com to see more.



Dancing Fairies

Team up the above ornaments with silver, red & gold doves and pheasants made of glass, crystal clear acrylic icicles, red and crystal glass hearts and mirrored ornaments.

In the Morpeth Gallery discover scores of **Christmas Nativities** set up for display and sale. The ever popular Willow Tree nativity has an Ox & Goat to add to the stable, whilst Heartwood Creek nativities come in three different sizes. The light up glass like acrylic section has expanded this year, with the Holy Family, churches, street lamps and angels. Others have a decidedly Australian theme, are made from wood, tin, palm fibre and paper mache.

Diary Date – See drawings created from 99.9% pure silver & 24ct pure gold!

A Metalpoint Art Exhibition by Gordon Hanley will run over two weeks
from 15th – 18th & 22nd – 26th January 2009.

Metalpoint was popular during the 15th Century Renaissance, with artists such as Raphael, Leonardo da Vinci & Albrecht Durer. They drew in metals such as copper, silver & gold. Over time this unique technique was lost, likely given up due to the expense of the precious metal used. Just a handful of artists have revived the technique in our time, and they mostly drew portraits in Metalpoint.

Brisbane based watercolour artist Gordon Hanley has, over the past 18 months, taught himself how to draw as the old masters once did. Now that he has perfected the technique, he is creating drawings of Australian birdlife, falcons, animals and full landscapes out of pure silver and gold. They are astonishing, shimmer in the light and will be a real talking point in your home! Prices start at an affordable \$1,750 and go up from there.

During the exhibition Gordon will demonstrate the art of Metalpoint. It'll be an exhibition not to be missed.

Food – Glorious Food – Food – Glorious Food – Food – Glorious Food

The Morpeth Ginger Beer Factory is brimming over with more than delicious cordials and Ginger Beer this Christmas. You'll find a tantalising array of gourmet foods to help you feed the hungry hordes that walk through your door this December. Some new additions are:

Lucia's Chilli Sambal – "It's made from fresh chillies", says creator Simon Bugeja, "the chilli really hurts our eyes when we make it, so we don't make it that often." You'll know from the colour and texture it's just as good as their passatta and pasta sauces. Add a spoonful to meat and pasta dishes or mix with sour cream for a delicious dip. 250g \$10.

Creole BBQ Sauce & Dark Ale & Garlic Sauce – from New Zealand's Wild Appetite will add some flavour to your next backyard soiree. \$15. New Limoncello Sauce & Raspberry Sauce will taste great on pancakes or drizzled over icecream, cheesecake or the pavlova. \$12.

Mango Slicer – Great gadget that removes a mango seed and slices the fruit in half in one simple press! Stainless Steel, dishwasher safe & new from Oxo Kitchen gear. \$20.



You must try Lucia's superb products made in Adelaide

There are so many other must have's for the Christmas table I've created a shopping list for you of our favourite foods...

Newcastle Pudding Lady Christmas Pudding from 500g – 3kg in round or easy to slice log shape. Traditional, Macadamia, 100% Pure (no numbers in the ingredients list), Gluten & Sugar Free varieties. Remember there's also the handy Classic Plum Pudding with a tub of Brandy Custard Sauce in a cylinder that serves 8 people for \$24. Excellent value! Don't like plum pudding, go for a chocolate or Sticky Date Pudding instead... Yummo. We'll have tastings through November & December.

Quince Paste or Red Wine Jelly – for your turkey.

Sparkling Honey & Ginger Wine – non alcoholic refreshing drink.

Mango & Chilli Mayonnaise, Chilli/Lime/Coriander Mayonnaise or Mild Wasabi & Ginger Dressing – all fantastic with seafood.

Avocado & Garlic Dressing or Hunter Valley Balsamic – for salads.

Garlic Olives or Chilli/Garlic Olives – terrific anytime.

Ma Beattie's Ginger Beer, Bitters/Lemon/Lime, Passionfruit cordial – for non alcoholic drinks or add to the alcoholic punch!

Honey Mustard Dressing or Ham Jam – for all that left over ham!

Simply Green Tomatoes – great with cheese and crackers, on that ham sandwich or pizza, flavoursome in salads.

Brookfarm Muesli, Gourmet Jams & Greswick Local Farm Honey – for a healthy Australian breakfast.

Lemon Butter – to die for – on waffles, filling tarts & slices, eat by the spoonful whilst planning Christmas dinner!

Heilala Vanilla – beans, paste or syrup – add a dash to cream, especially in the trifle or add vanilla to cocktails.

Bio-Grape Pastes & Crackers – take with you to the next party. Delicious with a cheese platter and full of antioxidants. The paste will cancel out any bad cholesterols you consume at the party. Try Cabernet & Pepperberry or Fig & Pinot, our favourites.

Gingerbread Men – great stocking fillers at \$2 each.

Rocky Road – couverture chocolate & plenty of marshmallows – delicious with coffee.

Garlic & Herb Olive Oil and Dukkah – cut up chunks of Morpeth sourdough, dip in oil, then the dukkah for (healthy) snacks between courses.

Tetsuya's Vinaigrette for Oysters and Truffled Salsa to mix with butter for bread grills, great in pasta too!

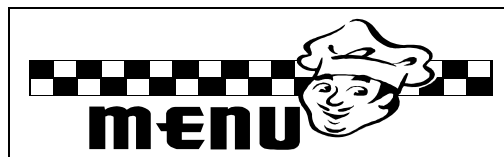
Caipiroska, Mai Tai, Daiquiri & PinaColada Slushies – ingredients in the bucket. Just add alcohol & freeze overnight.

Black or Green Olive or Tomato & Capsicum Pate – serve with a cheese platter.

Spicy Hommus or Fart A Lot Bean Dip – delicious dips with Turkish Bread on a summer's day.

One of 11 different Pesto's – our favourites Beetroot & Macadamia, Rocket & Pistachio, Dill & Chive. Pesto's are versatile – use in pasta dishes, mix with sour cream for a dip, spread on pizza or bruschetta (with your herb olive oil) for a delicious entrée or lunch on the run.

*****Talk to the Gourmet Food Team about your gourmet food requirements – we make Christmas Hampers



On behalf of all the team at Campbell's Store, we thank you for your friendship & custom during 2008, and wish you and yours Happy Holidays and a terrific Christmas. Here's Cheers to 2009!

Lucia's