

# Hive of activity for art trail

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HAVING spent the past year renovating the old building at 274 Crawford Street, writing development applications for further work, and organising exhibitions and markets, Helen Ferguson's Hive gallery is now up and running and ready to "shake Queanbeyan up a little".

"Shaking up" is appropriate because the butter-yellow building is hard to miss among the relative drudgery of that side of Crawford Street.

The Hive is one of the galleries in Queanbeyan involved in the arts trail and the garage sale trail, both on this weekend.

There is much happening for such a new space.

"Last week we opened our exhibition 'Overlooked', which features photos by Harry Napier-Rowney and sculptures by Llewellyn McGarry and Martin Rowney," Ms Ferguson said.

"That has been quite popular and we hope people will come along and see it on the weekend.



**BEE THERE:** Helen Ferguson's Hive gallery is open as part of this weekend's arts trail and garage sale trail. The gallery is also hosting an up-cycling market. Photo, Phil Mayne

"The photos and sculptures embed the notion of observing and celebrating the overlooked and forgotten details of life in their art practices."

To add to the workload

- and the buzz - the Hive is holding its first market day this Saturday.

The Hive and Seek market day is on Saturday October 18 from 8am to 2pm.

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supporting local craft makers and up-cyclers, all of which promotes and helps make a more sustainable environment.

"Already we have 15 stalls booked, but I still have plenty

of space if people have anything handmade they would like to sell. All types of up-cycled and creative handmade goods are welcome."

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**Helen Ferguson**

built around 1910.

It was initially a home, then a boarding house and later housed a variety of businesses.

Ms Ferguson and her husband bought it in 2014 with the aim of creating a gallery.

They began renovating in March 2018, completing the interior as well as sewerage, plumbing and landscaping. The back of the property is next on their menu.

■ To book a stall for the market day, visit qbnhive.buzz