

Satellite exhibitors touch base



Exhibiting at the Depot...Sally Lush (left) and Clare Purser

A new exhibition at The Depot features artists who have shown their work on the other side of the harbour.

Described as a vibrant show by Depot coordinator Dave Balcom, it features the work of past exhibitors at the Depot's Satellite Gallery in the city.

"We have some really serious emerging artists that have shown at the Satellite that we felt people in Devonport should have the chance of seeing without having to cross the harbour," said Balcom.

The exhibition, Satellite to Ground Con-

trol, features work by several Devonport artists including Graham Downs, Linda Gair and Lucy Bucknall among others.

Also exhibiting is gallery owner Sally Lush of Art of This World in Queen's Parade.

Sally started painting five years ago after finding her first artistic passion, concrete sculpting, too physically demanding on her diminutive frame.

"Although I make my living selling other people's art I have always wanted to find a way of expressing my own creativity,"

said Sally.

"I started off doing big ceramic studies at the Auckland Studio of Potters but because of the difficulties of finding a kiln I switched to doing concrete sculpture.

"But that got too heavy and my back was always sore."

She finally found the artistic outlet that satisfied her creativity without causing her pain in the form of painting.

"I look at landscapes but focus in on the minute aspects that people don't see if they are just flashing by," she said.

"I love aged surfaces and decomposition, flaking paint ... things like that. It really appeals to me to reveal something that might otherwise be overlooked."

She will be joined in the exhibition by Clare Purser, who works for Sally at Art of This World.

A graduate of Queensland College of Art in Brisbane, Clare has been painting and exhibiting for the past 12 years.

She describes her paintings as "earthy" and like Sally, finds her inspiration in the landscape.

"Our work is quite similar and we spend a lot of time talking and discussing ideas as well as visiting other galleries," said Clare.

• Satellite to Ground Control, The Depot, May 19 - 31.