

**STUDIO**

Our Austral Lane Studio will have been operating 2yrs in January 2016. It has been a roaring success and clients often comment that they prefer it to our old showroom. Perhaps it is the more personal surrounds it has? It is always healthy to make changes! Please feel welcome to call, it is still necessary to phone and make a time both for in hours and out-of-hours appointments.

It is SO convenient as it is situated behind two great Cafes for your convenience! We are still offering our FREE Blind, Curtain and Shutter Measure and Quotes in the Metro Area. Please do call and see us!



**TRENDS FOR 2016**



We will be overwhelmed by 'Over sharing' and will be looking for places to be on our own to retreat and be comforted. Designers will be exploring new ways to create schemes in which you can 'cocoon' for example; Chairs will wrap around you like a safety blanket in soft colours.



**NOMADIC DESIGNS TRENDS** are in and Natural hand printed textiles. Artisan work is very much appreciated and in demand – handmade screen printing.



Furs and animal skins are prevalent; Ethnic Design is Big. Furniture Pieces in strong block colours are coming to the fore and floral will be everywhere. Florals will be used on all pieces on a 3 piece Lounge Suite.



Floral with DARK backgrounds are the go. Florals on walls, Bedding, Curtains and Chairs! Free standing Mirrors are fashionable and groups of mirrors very trendy-on walls in all different sizes with vintage frames! Interiors will become more RAW, NATURAL and INDUSTRIAL. Of course, in Qld we will always have a

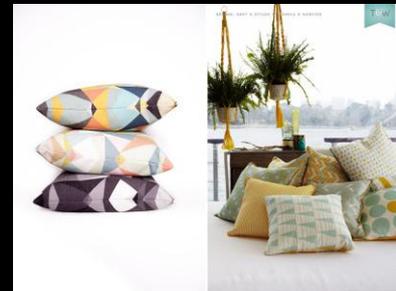
preference for COOL white with POPS of Colour; Lemons, Hot pinks, Limes and shades of blue.



NEON colours are also popular used with bright Murano Glass Chandeliers! Ceilings will be more creative –wallpapered or treated with many different design tools.

People will be wanting to bring the outside in hence a huge use of gorgeous TROPICAL prints and furniture will need to be flexible.....used both inside and out.....moved around from inside to outside. Tiles will be very much geometric. Products must be sustainable.

TEXTURE is in for example; in furs and fabrics. Limed furniture is coming back with metal inlay and timber venetians are coming limed! Gold is the new Metal. Stressed gold tap wear with black and some copper. Mineral and metallic will be mixed. **Block Colour is Strong**



**NEW\*\*\*\* READY MADE CUSHIONS:**

We can now offer you less expensive options with your scatter cushions from Bluebellgrey, Harlequin and Sparkk, lots of fun and all different options. Please enquire what is available –catalogues are in store now.

**COLOUR (images supplied by Dulux Colour Trends 2016)**



Use brave Paraiso colours together, strong colours with pastels. Paraiso = colours of paradise... colours of sparkling water and twinkling jewels which has a seaside influence. Colour is Luxurious and detailed –deep and decadent. Traditional hues are made modern with the addition of Mustard, pinks, purples scents of tobacco and leather. They are reminiscent of an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Explorer’s lounge working with visions of luxurious browns, and rich timbers- WONDROUS AT LAST! Colours are deeper, brighter and more sophisticated. On the other side of the spectrum we will still see lots of white with “POPS” of bright colours cool, tropical and fresh.

**BLINDS AND CURTAINS**

Of course we still offer you all the most up-to date choices in window dressings. We have huge ranges to choose from in all areas as well as Shutters. Curtains are HOT and we have sold the most fabulous amount of beautiful curtains, Romans, and London Shades this year! FABRIC is back.Come on in and views our marvellous Fabric options!





### WALLPAPER

Wallpaper is becoming more and more popular. Why Not put some on the ceiling?

Come on in and see what we have to offer you. Our Wallpaper Library is Huge!

### TRADE SHOWS:

This last July we attended Design and Decor in Melbourne. There were many interesting stands to observe. Many of these are shown on Lanes Interiors Face book Site. The highlight of this

year's show was attending The Allegra Hicks Seminar. Wife of Ashley Hicks, Daughter-in-law of David Hicks –the famous English Architect who is related to the Mountbatten's! Sounds like a Women's magazine!! She is now divorced from Ashley and married to an Italian Entrepreneur.



Allegra went to Design School in Milan at 18 and Then Parsons in the U.K. & later studied painting & design in Brussels. She was greatly inspired by her adventures in India where she fell in love with the Strong Architecture and Perfection. She is noted to be one of the World's 10 BEST DRESSED women and has won awards for fabric and wallpaper designs. She now resides in Naples Italy in a magnificent Villa and travels between there and her townhouse in Chelsea London. She did attend Oxford University for some time but yearned a more creative life! Her theory is "You must find your OWN creative vocabulary and discover your own Style"-my sentiments exactly!



She loves BO-Ho Luxe =understated Luxe. Eclectic STYLE Old pieces with Modern. Her inspiration also came from her holidays in the South of France as a 7 yr old. Hence her love of ginko-biloba greens, blues and Earth tones which are prevalent in her work.

She quotes;"Design should be felt through your senses- the 6<sup>th</sup> sense etc "So True!

If you would like to find out more about her purchase her Book called "An Eye for Design"

Most used colours in her work are blues, beiges, flax, caramels, aquas, blues, and soft greens. She does not appreciate overly pretentious design and loathes excess amount of cushions as I do. Looks like a bed shop!!

She designs wonderful caftans, fabrics, wallpaper, Table Wear, and does some commissions on rugs which are amazing. Her look is generally feminine, naturalistic and abstract all blended together. I really enjoyed her immensely as she was so natural & humble but so extremely clever. Both Wally and I enjoyed a couple of extra days in fabulous 'European Melbourne' relaxing and exploring.

### Christmas Message

A fast, furious, healthy, peaceful Christmas to you all - Town & Country and a prosperous, green 2016!

### Lanes Interiors Closing Times...

We will be closing Midday Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December and re-opening Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>.

We do not like to be unreachable and will not be far away, if you require any design, blinds, curtains, shutters please phone 46 32 86 44 or 46 32 22 35 or 0417 633 566.



