



Chocolate bouquets

A new store in Nowra offers the only gift better than flowers and chocolates.

When two local sisters started talking about opening a new gift shop in Nowra, it didn't take long before they stumbled on a truly brilliant idea.

"We came across a new franchise opportunity based in Canberra, created by the Telstra Businesswomen's Award winner, Louise Curtis," explains one sister-turned-business-partner, Debbie Fletcher.

"The product instantly caught our eye, and it was even more impressive in real life," she says.

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The product is a brilliant combination of two of the most sought-after gifts in the world: flowers and chocolate. "The idea of creating stunning bouquets that were totally edible and all made locally really excited us, and we were sure others in the Shoalhaven would like it, too," Debbie says.

She was right. Soon after opening their Lollypotz store in April this year, Debbie and her sister Jennifer Larke were inundated with orders for their special chocolate bouquets. They also offer corporate gifting services, table centerpieces for functions, and special events.

All the bouquets and boxes in Nowra's Lollypotz boutique are made locally, using premium Ferrero Rocher chocolate, but Debbie and Jennifer are quick to point out they can be ordered online and delivered anywhere in Australia.

"We've been getting a lot of online orders, and most are followed up with a phone call telling us how well the gift was received," Debbie says.

And when you're dealing with gorgeous edible chocolate bouquets, that surely comes as no surprise.