

Diners enjoy taste of art

By RESHNI RATNAM

ASSORTMENTS of modern paintings have become part of 16th on Park's new Italiano Moderno Galleria.

While the Milton restaurant, on Park Rd, is renowned for its alfresco dining, artist Ania Rigato has joined forces with the establishment's co-owner Lucia Berta-Tzannes.

Ms Rigato said Mrs Berta-Tzannes painted the first piece of art at the restaurant - *Oooh Cafe Venezia* - on a wall.

"Because coffee is roasted here, the painting is all about Italian coffee lovers," Ms Rigato said. She holds art classes at her Newmarket studio, Art Day Out, and met

Mrs Berta-Tzannes through work.

After Mrs Berta-Tzannes finished her first painting, Ms Rigato did another to complement it.

"My painting, *In Vino Veritas*, which means in the wine there is truth, is about

a chef enjoying his wine and cheese," Ms Rigato said.

"At Milton there is nothing here for this type of art work. People can come here, eat cake, drink coffee and enjoy and feel the artwork displayed."

All the artwork could be touched and caressed, Ms Rigato said.

"Because there is lots of texture, we encourage all patrons to touch the paintings," she said.

■ 16th on Park is at 16 Park Rd, Milton. Phone 3367 0144.



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■ Mixing business . . . Lucia Berta-Tzannes and artist Ania Rigato.

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