HISTORIC ALPINE HOTEL REBORN

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THE Alpine Hotel was established at its Warburton location in 1885, making it one of the region's most celebrated and beautifully restored historical sites.

Offering accommodation seven days a week that caters for solo travellers, couples or twin share rooms, there are 32 restored rooms at the Alpine, with 15 ensuites appointed for the comfort and convenience of guests.

At the Alpine's two bistros, you will find a diverse and seasonal menu with a strong focus on Yarra Valley produce and wines. Along with the unique atrium space, the venue offers a large private dining room, vintage pizza oven and open fires, classic front bar with pool table, as well as two large beer gardens, each with a magnificent view of the towering Mount Donna Buang.

The Alpine is able to cater for a diverse range of occasions - from a family dinner, neighbourly catch up or birthday celebration to a wake gathering to farewell a loved one, a wedding where guests can stay the night, or just a gathering with friends on a sunny day in the beer garden, overlooking the Yarra River.

Having purchased the business in April this year, owners Rachael and Anthony Northwood are ecstatic about welcoming visitors to their regional hotel experience.

"Coming out of lockdown is beyond exciting - to meet and greet our community and patrons from out of town will be the highlight of ending 2021 and welcoming 2022," says Anthony.

"Our consistency with warm regional hospitality and a seasonal menu of local Yarra Valley produce, seven days a week, will be how we differentiate ourselves."

Most recently, the Alpine Hotel has undergone an extensive restoration, with the aim of repurposing and recycling wherever possible to avoid contributing to landfill and to celebrate the heritage of the past in the current day.

Established in 1885, the Alpine Hotel is one of the region's most rich and celebrated locations.

As well as providing a place for travellers to stay to explore the beauty of the Warburton village and Yarra Valley, Anthony and Rachael are proud to encourage a warm and welcoming place of employment for team members at the Alpine.

"We love building a positive culture for our employees to enjoy their workplace and colleagues' company - this in turn delivers an enjoyable vibe to our community of Valley patrons and visitors from out of town," Anthony explains.

"The journey is always evolving, we enjoy our time at the Alpine and coming home to our little family."

The Alpine Hotel is located at 3340 Warburton Highway, Warburton. For more information, phone (03) 5966 2411, email admin@alpineretreat.com.au or visit www.alpineretreat.com.au.