

SCULPTURE

LIGHT LOOK AT BEAUTY

JENNY'S NEW EXHIBITION

Rod Bennett

AWARD-WINNING sculptor Jenny Green plays with the notion of beauty and femininity in her new exhibition.

The Clontarf resident said the inspiration for *Beautopia* stemmed from the bombardment of images with which our society is presented.

Green welds her sculptures using junk metal off-cuts, bronze and steel to create over-sized stilettos, lacy steel bras and knickers and other objects commonly associated with sensuality and allure. There are 33 pieces in the exhibition.

"I wanted to explore the concept/quest for beauty in a light-hearted way," she said. "When you're talking about steel stilettos and lacy bras it has to be light."

But there is a serious side to the work and it is found in this very juxtaposition.

"There is a tension be-

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What: Beautopia

Where: Traffic Jam Gallery, 41 Military Rd, Neutral Bay

When: Until May 24



Bra and knickers sculpture.

tween the subject and the medium: contrasting the warmth of woman and the cold, hardness of the materials," she said.

Green worked in IT for 25 years and climbed the corporate ladder before she said she saw the light in 2003.

"I studied a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the National Art School and focused on sculpture," she said.

Green said her work was either figurative or abstract. "I see figures where other people don't."