

Franke's lifestyle celebrations

FUSION Fine Arts celebrates *Sea and Soul*, a solo exhibition for Perth artist Lyn Franke.

The exhibition at the Fusion Gallery at Dolphin Quay showcases both abstract and figurative works, which extend and fuse similar cross-disciplinary processes of drawing, print-making, painting and textiles.

The results are polished works with a subtle, yet tenacious interplay of surface, material and texture. *Sea and Soul* delivers a visual feast in celebration of the south west lifestyle, from pristine turquoise beaches with clear white coastlines, and inland to lush wineries and magnificent bushland.

An integral part of Franke's work is the concept and activity of multi-layering using contrasting mediums of silk, sand, seaweed, metallic threads, paperbark and wildflowers, all embedded within acrylic on canvas.

"I have a passionate interest in the environment and am inspired by the uniqueness, colour and texture of the Australian terrain," she said.

"Mandurah provides a unique lifestyle of clean air, water and fun, and in my 'boating' artwork I have endeavoured to highlight the blueness and frivolity of life in this favorite Australian pastime."

Although Franke lives in Perth, she enjoys quality time

with family and friends living in the Peel region and is in tune with local issues.

"As one of Australia's fastest growing areas, the Peel region has the great challenge of protecting the environment while coping with the demands of urban sprawl," she said.

Franke has donated a major piece entitled *Calm Before the Storm* that will be auctioned at the Peel Health Campus Foundation Ball this weekend and which can be viewed at the gallery this Friday.

The exhibition opens tomorrow and closes on October 28. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm.



Contrasting mediums... artist Lyn Franke. Picture: Lindsay Muskett