

# Art exhibition to aid youth

Sandy Beach artist, Jeffrey Baker, has spent the last 20 years developing a technique which incorporates nature in a contemporary style with the use of acrylics.

His work is vibrant and alive with the emphasis on colours you would not expect to find in a natural setting.

From his studio Jeffrey has produced over 25 pieces which will form an exhibition to take place at 107 High Street, Coffs Harbour on June 4.

All proceeds raised from the solo exhibition will go towards the Life Enrichment Centre which operates the popular CHAPS programme which offers alternative learning methods for students considered to be at risk.

The centre also carries out family counselling and has a natural health practitioner available for consultation.

Jeffrey's work is expected to prove popular with those who appreciate art.

In the past he has held seven solo exhibitions in Sydney, northern New South Wales and Queensland. His paintings are also



*Artist Jeffrey Baker has a unique style which mixes bright, vibrant colours with native plants*

represented in private collections both in Australia and overseas.

Most of his pieces are created from his own imagination. The flora depicted does not come from long hours in the bush or from magazines — they are purely his own creation.

As Jeffrey explained, he has attempted to capture the natural elements in most pieces, although they can certainly not be considered a traditional landscape.

Many of the pieces are more than just a painting. On close examination small pieces of solid materials

can be discovered adding to the painting's attraction.

Jeffrey has long been involved in youth areas with particular emphasis on encouraging youth to strive for their goals in life. For this reason he has thrown his support behind the CHAPS programme.