

Baker's colourful life

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VENTURE into the life of artist Jeffrey Baker at his latest solo exhibition, which marks the opening of the C2 Connection Centre Art Gallery in Silverwater.

Featuring both acrylic and oil paintings, the exhibition will take viewers on a journey into the Australian landscape.

"I really want the pictures to be interesting," said Baker, who began exhibiting in the late 1970s.

"They (the paintings) have all got their own personality."

Each artwork represents the distinctive style of this Coffs Harbour-based artist, who is influenced by design, form and architecture. But it's more than just art, says Baker, who places importance on the relationships he forms with those who come to love his work.

"You have contact with those who have actually purchased it and relationships are built," he said. "It's a great thing."

Described as having an ability to capture the Australian spirit, Baker exudes a warmth and energy through vibrant colours and the elements including sun, earth and sky.

"The pictures have a reliance upon lots of different themes within them," said Baker, who draws upon a creative energy that he says drives him.

The Create Colour Connection exhibition celebrates the opening of the C2 Art Gallery at the new C2 Connection Centre, which was a vision of Pastor Neil Earl, head of Christian CentreWest.

The new building is a multipurpose business, community and arts centre that will officially open on September 17.

Jeffrey Baker's work can be viewed until October 2. Exhibition times are Saturday and Sunday noon to 5pm, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 2pm to 9pm.



DISTINCTIVE STYLE: Artist Jeffrey Baker at the new gallery in Silverwater.

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