

# Broome Times

## Norton paintings reflect Kimberley



A COLLECTION of recent paintings by local artist Helen Norton is the subject of an exhibition showing at the Kimberley Fine Art - Durack Gallery.

The collection of watercolours and gouaches shows the lighter side of Norton's work, with the focus being on a simple appreciation of Broome, the Kimberley environs and the people within.

Norton has been based in Broome for the past 10 years, holding regular exhibitions here, as well as in Perth, Darwin and Sydney.

Her style is distinctive, ranging from figurative expressionism to landscape, and using an unusual combination of colour and form to portray a wide range of subject matter.

Generally there is an emphasis on the narrative throughout her work.

However the paintings selected for the Broome exhibition are not burdened with great messages.

Rather, the exhibition is a celebration of the unique colour and resonating aura of the Kimberley region, which continues to inspire her.

Norton will also hold major exhibitions of her oil paintings in Sydney and Perth later this year.

The Norton exhibition starts tonight and shows until the end of the month.

Kimberley Fine Art - Durack Gallery is open on weekdays from 10am to 5pm, on weekends from 10am to noon and by appointment - telephone 93 6114.

MAN Going to the Beach, one of the pieces from the Helen Norton exhibition currently showing at the Durack Gallery.