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Artist gives textiles a new meaning

THE first exhibition by an Albany textile artist who uses a variety of recycled fibres to create her art was held last week.

Lynette Chambers is a multi-medium, textile artist who makes her own fabrics from fibres collected from a variety of sources.

Her framed textile art, bags, garments and sculptures were on display at the showroom opening and product launch at Mount Romance.



UNIQUE: Lynette Chambers with her textile art.

Chambers' unconventional art is created using the fibres from clothing, old jumpers and other discards to create a felt material.

"I use any material I can get my hands on," Chambers said.

"Then I just let the fibres and the colour talk to me to create the art."

Her one-off garments are made specifically to be different, to either suit a specific individual or they develop as she

works following a basic pattern.

"I'm not perfect and I don't believe my art is," she said. "I do have a plan, and know where my art is going.

"But it evolves as I work

on it."

Brought up in Albany, Chambers left in 2001, part way through a fine arts degree, to further develop her career by studying textile art in South Australia.

Youth CD is ready for launch

ALBANY Youth Support Association's Open Access Youth Arts Studio has been working hard to produce a music CD for its launch on December 17.

The Act Belong Commit Music Project has been providing marginalised youth in Albany with an opportunity to express themselves through the universal language of music.

The debut album project has been operating twice a week after school with a solid following of young people aged 13 to 25.

Local musician Saz Lockyer has

been in the studio for the bulk of this time.

"We started out a couple of years ago just writing songs and learning about music and instrument playing," he said.

"It became apparent to me that the youth were producing more than just a few ditties. They were making some real, heart-felt songs reflecting their experiences.

"I realised that we had something special so we decided to take the next step and produce a CD reflecting some of the creations."

by Healthways, promoting the Act Belong Commit message, and is a Young House initiative aimed at providing a safe, non-judgmental environment for marginalised youth.

Lockyer said the CD was a unique reflection of youth and the often-difficult challenges they have with the trials of life.

"The Young House team are so proud of the participant's efforts and dedication," he said.

A booklet for the CD has been created by the visual arts participants



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