

Newtown's Lennox street studios throws doors open

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Lilyfield artist Ro Cook puts the final touches on one of her textile works in preparation for the Lennox Street Studios' annual

Newtown's Lennox Street art studios will throw open its doors this weekend, as part of the resident art collective's annual open day. Art philistines as well as those more culturally well heeled are encouraged to pop in to have a look at what the 31 artists involved in the studios have been doing over the past year. Many works are also available for purchase.

Founded in 1996, the studios were set up by Malcom Poole and Steve Perrin in a disused building which had once been a disused Catholic school.

Such set ups are a dying breed in the real estate starved Inner West, artist Ro Cook said.

"We are one of the last surviving artist collectives," she said.

"It's unique because a lot of the other artist collectives have been taken over by the demand for real estate."

A textile artist from Lilyfield, Ms Cook said she aimed to make artworks which were functional.

"I like the idea of textiles as living artforum," she said. "I appreciate the fact that people can use my artworks."

Inspired by natural forms, Ms Cooke said she has been working a series of prints inspired by mounds found in the desert, such as Uluru and the Bungle Bungles.

If it sounds like just the thing for your latest set of drapes, the studios will be open from 11 - 5pm Saturday and Sunday.

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