

Astroturf is certainly less common than acrylics or oil but it has become one man's magic medium

# Artist captures suburbia in grass

ARTIST Sebastian Di Mauro has given new meaning to creating the perfect lawn in his unusual exhibition *Suburban Abstractions*.

Using Astroturf or artificial turf, Mr Di Mauro has transformed part of the Bundaberg Arts Centre's main gallery into a gardener's dream.

*Suburban Abstractions* is a series of geometric assemblages that reflects on Australian suburban garden lawns.

Using synthetic lawn, Mr Di Mauro has created precise and equally sized rectangular units equating suburbia with ordered plots and lawns.

"My work alludes to the ritualistic Australian pastime of lawn mowing," Mr Di Mauro said.

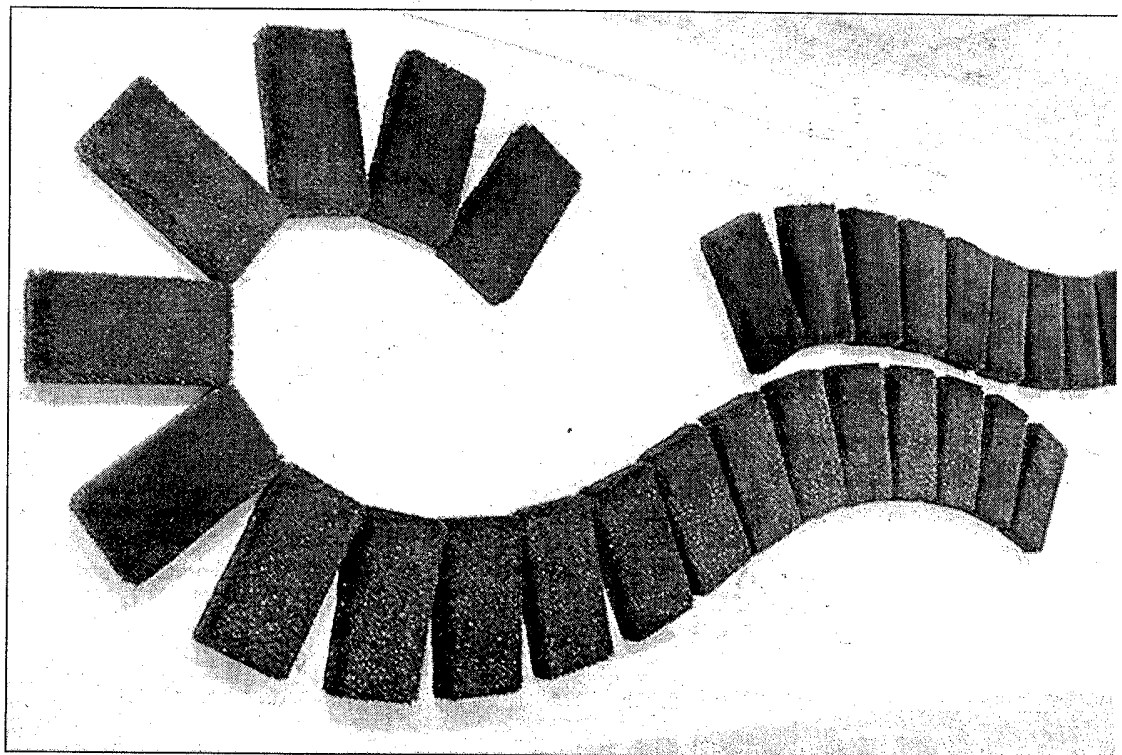
"The suburban dream of perfectly manicured, pristine lawn is seductive and much sought-after."

*Suburban Abstractions* also highlights the human desire to replace and improve on nature and in a society where water is becoming increasingly precious, synthetic lawns have gained increasing credibility and use.

"The artwork seeks to immortalise this suburban dream by creating interior works of 'grass art'," he said.

The respected artist has been involved in sculpture, installation and public art, which has been exhibited Australia-wide and overseas.

The exhibition opens at the Bundaberg Arts Centre on Wednesday, September 21, along with three other exhibitions.



**ABOVE AND RIGHT:** Examples of Sebastian Di Mauro's fascinating works in synthetic lawn.

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