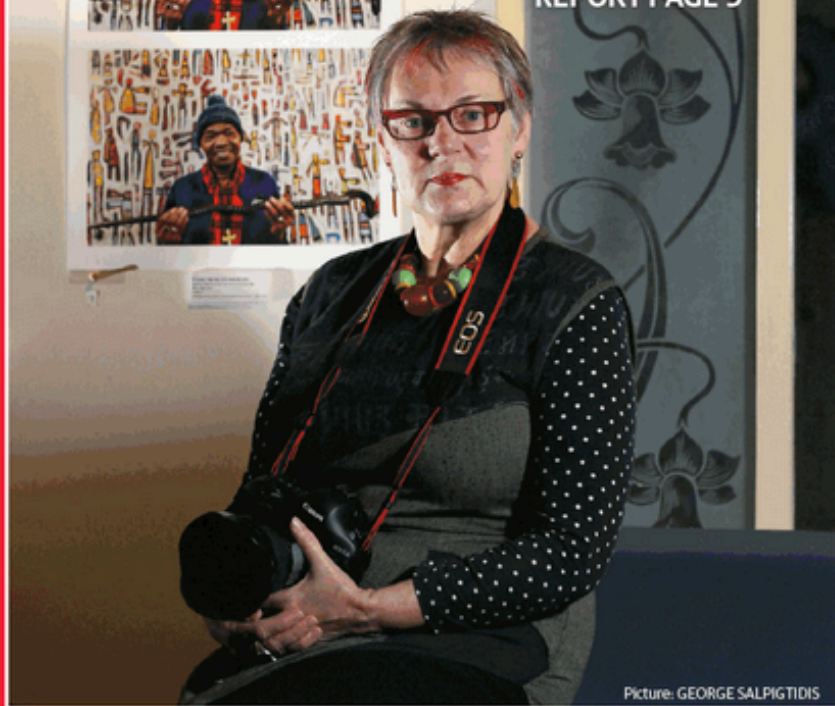




## STAY COOL

Brunswick visual artist Pam Kleemann has produced an exhibition, P J Kool, that celebrates the life of her late husband, renowned Congolese musician Passi Jo. REPORT PAGE 9



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Pam Kleemann has created the P J Kool exhibition.

## Husband's cool style celebrated

DEATH doesn't have to be gloomy, with one Brunswick woman celebrating the life of her late husband in the most colourful way possible.

The P J Kool exhibition at St Vincent's Hospital delves into the life of Congolese musician Passi Jo while he was a cancer patient.

His wife Pam Kleemann said the photos weren't the usual images of a sick person in hospital.

She said Passi wanted to reconnect with his culture and be transported from a life defined by cancer to one of "feeling the joy, style and swagger of living again".

"The photos are very celebratory of his culture, and based on a subcultural movement known as La Sape, which began in his homeland of Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, in the late '50s-early '60s," Ms Kleemann said. "It's the art of creating beautiful harmonies from colours and styles."

The exhibition runs until November 1 at St Vincent's Hospital Daly Wing, 35 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy.