



A new exhibition **Lamentation** by Brisbane artist **Karika Ashworth**. PHOTO: ALISTAIR BRIGHTMAN

Art touches on taboo topics

THE only way artist Karika Ashworth was able to deal with the grief of her mother's death in 2012 was to create art.

Her embroidery and interactive exhibition 'Lamenta-

tion' is now open at the Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, inviting viewers to reflect on their own experiences with illness and death through her confronting artworks.

"I really hope to get people

talking and thinking about taboo topics in our society, including death and dying," Ms Ashworth said.

Lamentation will be on display at the gallery until Sunday, May 8.