

# 19 KAREN

contemporary **artspace**

## INVITATION

### Claire Steele

Solo exhibition: **Connected**

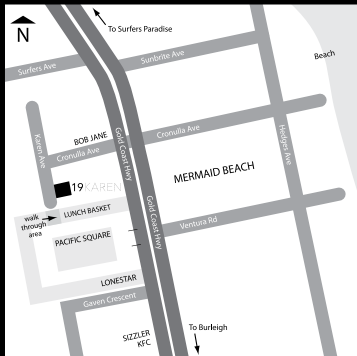
**26th March - 23rd April 2011**

**Opening night: Sat 26th March | 6 - 8pm**

Please join us and the artist, Claire Steele,  
to celebrate the opening of her solo show on Saturday 26th March | 6 - 8pm  
Interview with the Artist will be conducted at 7pm  
Drinks + Nibbles provided. RSVP by email or phone by 19th March



*Here - 2010, Acrylic on canvas, 122 x 122 cm*



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OPEN Tues - Sat 10am-5pm

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### Bio

Born in 1975 in the UK, Claire immigrated to Australia in 2002. She trained at Winchester School of Art (UK), and Bath Spa University (UK). She graduated with BA (Hons) Fine Art in 1997. She started to dedicate more time to her art in 2009. Since then she has won the painting category of the Churchie Emerging Art Award, been a finalist for several national art awards and has exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in Australia. Claire lives and works in Fremantle, Western Australia.

### Artist Statement

Claire's work is mainly contemporary portraiture based on themes of social connection/disconnection and how we relate to one another. Ideas of loneliness, intolerance, and isolation have been explored resulting in emotionally confronting imagery. She uses and explores negative space in her compositions, which offers an interesting dialogue for the viewer and certainly the dramatic, often melancholic imagery, ignites an emotional response. 'Connected' is a body of work that asks questions about how we communicate and connect, if this will change in the digital age, and how we 'read' others' emotions.

### Connected

A Solo Exhibition by Claire Steele

26th March - 23rd April, 2011



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