

# Community



Brightening lives

Marisa Angelis (right). She is pictured here with Motor Neurone Disease Association executive officer

## Marisa brightens lives with her painting

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**M**ARISA Angelis knew little about Motor Neurone Disease before her life took an unexpected turn.

"I believe I have a better understanding about illnesses with what I went through with my injuries," she says.

Marisa

saw a television program about a person with MND.

"He was a healthy family man and he was saying there was no cure and he could not understand how or why he got the disease.

"When I first decided to donate my painting Kyriaki (Sunday) to the Motor Neurone Disease Association not much was known about it.

"MND is a disease that deteriorates the nervous system, it essentially deteriorates a human being."

MND is always fatal, usually within three years following a significant deterioration in mobility, speech and other motor functions.

Marisa's painting features three Greek holiday scenes painted in rich purple textures on plywood with her poem written on the back. It's priced at \$ with all money going to research or essential equipment.

Motor Neurone Disease Awareness Week will be held from Sunday to Saturday, April 1 to 7. details or inquiries about

MARISA ANGELIS

