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Australia's Gold Coast is a cultural wasteland of gold chains and white shoes right? Yes, to an extent, there is also a lot of bikie gangs. But, hoping to debunk the myth about the coastal cultural vortex is Mariam Arcilla, director and curator of 19Karen Gallery in the beach side suburb of Mermaid Beach. It's only a year old but is already attracting a following from locals and the Brisbane crowd. Even the likes of Anthony Lister, Beastman and Jae Copp have been known to show their mugs. Don't be alarmed by the gang headquarters on the corner, they keep an eye on the neighborhood.

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