

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## READ ALL ABOUT IT! ***THIS IS A BORDER (TOWN)*** PUBLICATION TO BE RELEASED THIS MONTH

Country Arts SA's publication *This Is A Border (Town)*, based on the 12-month artist residency of the same name, will be released on November 27.

Three artists, James Dodd, Malcolm McKinnon and Mark De Nys, worked on projects throughout Bordertown to venerate the human in what sometimes seems to be an inhumane world.

These three artists worked in residence with three groups of people in the area; new arrivals, older men and young people to explore ideas around borders through creating art works now visible in the region.

In this limited edition publication based on the 12-month artist residency, the artists' stories and project profiles will be compiled alongside writings and thoughts from local Bordertown residents and national experts including Dave Graney, Peter Mares, Dr Linda Marie Walker and tactile book maker Vida Maney.

Country Arts SA Creative Producer Steve Mayhew said the artist residency had encouraged people to talk to each other, share experiences and discuss values of our current society.

"In talking to the artists involved they all reported on the quality of the conversations they had with the residents of Bordertown whilst making their works," he said. "Stories were shared, art was made and culture was maintained and nourished. These projects, including an exhibition of works by Australian painter Ben Quilty from the Art Gallery of South Australia, honour and reflect the humanity and courageousness of a small town like Bordertown, qualities that get lost all too quickly in what sometimes seems to be a very inhumane world."

The publication will be launched at the closing of the Ben Quilty exhibition at the Walkway Gallery in Bordertown on November 27, 3pm-4pm.



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