

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## ISLAND TO INLAND CONTEMPORARY ART FROM KANGAROO ISLAND

*Island to Inland: contemporary art from Kangaroo Island* showcases new work by ten contemporary artists living and working in one of South Australia's most remarkable locations. The exhibition will be on display at the Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery from Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March as the first stop on its year-long tour around regional South Australia.

Developed over the course of two years, these compelling and challenging works respond to themes of isolation, the island's unique history and the rugged, natural beauty in which the artists are immersed on a daily basis.

Kangaroo Island, Australia's third largest island is one of country's foremost tourist destinations. It is renowned for its profound natural beauty and food and wine production, and it has long been considered a haven for artists since the illustrated discoveries of explorers in the early 19th century, through to contemporary artists of today.

The exhibition has resulted from an ongoing partnership between Country Arts SA and Flinders University Art Museum. Co-curated by Eleanor Scicchitano, Visual Arts Coordinator, Country Arts SA and Celia Dottore, Exhibitions Manager, Flinders University Art Museum, it has supported emerging and established artists, celebrating the dynamic and diverse nature of their practices. These include painting, photography, sculpture, textile and installation.

Steve Saffell, Chief Executive Officer, Country Arts SA says, *"One of the most exciting, rewarding aspects to our work at Country Arts SA is to be able to support artists, nurture new talent and watch as individuals come together to create and grow not only their own practices but their communities. The resultant body of work from the ten artists here reflects the isolation of island life, the pristine and diverse environment in which these artists have immersed themselves, and the challenges and benefits of creating in this unique milieu."*

Fiona Salmon, Director, Flinders University Art Museum adds, *"Flinders University has a close association with Kangaroo Island through research in a number of fields including in marine archaeology and environmental science. We are delighted to have been part of this project, which represents another important link to the community and lens through which to appreciate the singular identity of this extraordinary place."*

Artists include Ria Byass, Quentin Chester, Audrey Harnett, Scott Hartshorne, Indiana James, Janine Mackintosh, Deborah Sleeman, Caroline Taylor, Maggie Welz and Kenita Williamson.

*Island to Inland* premiered at Flinders University City Gallery during the 2017 South Australian Living Artists (SALA) festival, and will be touring regional South Australia until 2019.

### ISLAND TO INLAND TOUR ITINERARY

Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery	Friday 2 Feb - Sunday 11 March 2018
Nautilus Arts Centre	Port Lincoln Friday 16 March - Sunday 14 April 2018
Streaky Bay Supper Room Studio/VIC	Friday 4 May - Sunday 3 June 2018
Moonta Gallery of the Arts	Friday 8 June - Sun 22 July 2018
Murray Bridge Regional Arts Gallery	Friday 27 July - Sunday 9 September 2018
Naracoorte Art Gallery	Friday 14 September - Sunday 21 October 2018
Millicent Gallery	Friday 26 October - Sunday 9 December 2018
Riddoch Art Gallery, Mount Gambier	Friday 14 December 2018 - Sunday 27 January 2019

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