

## Media Release

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### ***Narelle Thomas: A Personal Journey... Kakadu, Kimberleys and Beyond***

Acclaimed local botanical artist Narelle Thomas brings the flora of the Australian bush to life, in her latest exhibition *A Personal Journey... Kakadu, Kimberleys and Beyond*, on display in the Links Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery. For three months, Narelle Thomas travelled through the remote regions of the Northern Territory and Western Australia, from the parched desert of the Nullarbor to the rugged mountains of the Kimberley Ranges and lush tropical Kadaku National Park. From the many sketches and photographs she produced during this journey, Narelle has distilled an extraordinary suite of images depicting the plants and wildlife of these distant ecosystems.

Narelle Thomas is based in Wagga Wagga and has specialised in botanical art for the past eleven years, winning applause in numerous exhibitions and private commissions for her stunningly detailed and delicate treatment of native and imported plants. *A Personal Journey...* reflects both the physical distance travelled by the artist and the creative voyage upon which she embarked, with works ranging from focused examinations of the minute details of flowers and insects, to broad and sweeping drawings in graphite embracing ancient boab trees. This exhibition is a unique opportunity to accompany the artist on her voyage of discovery and trace her evolving practice, responding to the stimulus of new environments.

*A Personal Journey... Kakadu, Kimberleys and Beyond* will be officially launched on Saturday, 26 November, from 2:00pm, by internationally renowned botanical artist Susannah Blaxill. The exhibition will be on display in the Links Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery throughout the summer, from Friday 25 November, 2011 until Sunday 15 January, 2012.

#### **Exhibition Opening**

**When:** Saturday 26 November, 2:00 – 4:00pm  
**Where:** Links Gallery, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery  
**Cost:** Free

#### **Exhibition Dates**

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