

## Media Release

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### **AMY URQUHART: Displacement**

A thought provoking exploration into the idea of ***Displacement*** features in the exhibition of recent works by Wagga Wagga artist, Amy Urquhart, in the E3 art space at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery.

This series of striking charcoal works on paper explores the role of displacement in the relationship between perception and reality. As we view the world around us we are often quick to make assumptions, gathering the pieces of the puzzle before us to create a storyline that satisfies our need to make sense of things. Our perception becomes our reality, but how often is this reality displaced?

This series of works challenges our preconceived notions of where people and things belong by presenting images that are not necessarily as they seem. Displacement, whilst commonly associated with loss, need not always be negative, but can often present in amusing, playful and unexpected ways. This exhibition reveals displacement as manifesting all around us in various forms and disguises – physically, metaphysically, emotionally and even as a state of mind.

***Displacement*** follows on from Amy Urquhart's previous exhibition *Solitude*, which drew on the experience of her relocation from the city to country. This new body of work is a continued look at the artist's transition from outsider to happy migrant, this time through the unexpected and often playful experience of displacement she observed in herself and around her.

Strongly influenced by portraiture, Amy Urquhart uses charcoal on paper, to create striking monochrome drawings. In her art practice, Amy is challenged to push beyond the traditional boundaries of portraiture to enhance the story telling of her art.

***Displacement*** will be on public display in the E3 art space at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery from Friday 31 May 2013 until Sunday 16 June 2013. The exhibition will be officially launched on Saturday 1 June 2013.

#### **Exhibition Dates:**

**When:** Friday 31 May 2013 - Sunday 16 June 2013

**Where:** E3 art space, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

#### **Exhibition Launch:**

**When:** Saturday 1 June, 6:00 – 8:00pm

**Where:** E3 art space, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

**Cost:** Free