

## Media Release

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### ***Antonia Aitken: River***

An exquisite exploration of printmaking and the landscape is now on display in the Links Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, in Canberra-based printmaker Antonia Aitken's new exhibition, ***River***. Bringing together three site-specific projects, based around the environments of the Murrumbidgee River, the Shoalhaven River and the Liffey River in Dublin, ***River*** features drawings, intaglio and woodcut prints in a beautiful and serene installation.

***River*** continues Antonia's ongoing exploration of landscapes that bear witness to significant human impact and the ongoing questions of a post-colonial society. Through walking, drawing and using materials directly from the site, Antonia gathers a visual language to interpret the place and her physical presence within it. The works on show in ***River*** raise many questions about how we understand and represent our relationship to these great rivers, all of which are under great stress due to human exploitation.

Antonia Aitken is a printmaker living and making in Canberra. She completed her Visual Arts Degree with Honours at the Australian National University in 2006. Since then her environment-based practice has awarded her opportunities to exhibit and undertake residencies both nationally and internationally. In 2011 Antonia was awarded the inaugural Capital Arts Patrons Organisation (CAPO) Reading Room Exhibition Award to travel her exhibition ***River*** to the Reading Room Gallery in London in early 2011. Her most recent residencies include a Bundanon Trust Residency, a Spring Fellowship at Women's Studio Workshop in Rosendale NY, USA and the 2011 International Residency at Black Church Print Studio in Dublin, Ireland.

***River*** is open to the public in the Links Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery from Friday, 16 March until Sunday, 29 April. In the second of Wagga Wagga Art Gallery's 2012 series of Lunchtime Lectures, Antonia will explore with us the interaction of prints, printmaking and the environment, at midday on Thursday 12 April.

#### **Lunchtime Lecture**

**When:** Thursday 12 April, 12:00 – 1:00pm  
**Where:** Wagga Wagga Art Gallery  
**Cost:** Free

#### **Exhibition Dates**

**When:** Friday 16 March – Sunday 29 April, 2012  
**Where:** Links Gallery, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery