

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **SNAPSHOTS**

Kate Barker

Photographs and memories are the theme of a powerful and mesmerising new exhibition now open in the Links Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery. **Snapshots** presents new works by local emerging artist Kate Barker, a series of paintings and drawings that examine the complex relationship between the precision of photography and blur of memory.

Kate Barker, whose work was featured in the 2009 National Graduate Show, *Hatched*, at the Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, has studied at the Australian National University and also appeared in exhibitions in Canberra and Newcastle. **Snapshots** is her first solo exhibition in her home town, and fittingly it features works that draw upon family photographs to evoke the nostalgia of personal histories.

Kate Barker's work in **Snapshots** is concerned with the transformation of the photograph, in an effort to overcome or reduce the power of photography to replace living, emotive memories with static and historical images. This transformation takes place through the process of painting. In each piece, several photographic images are combined and reworked, just as our memories can blend different incidents and events into a single recollection.

**Snapshots** is open to the public from Friday, March 5 until Sunday, April 11, and will be formally launched on Saturday, March 13 at 2:00pm in the Links Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery.

#### **Opening**

**When:** Saturday, March 13: 2:00-4:00pm

**Where:** Links Gallery, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

**Cost:** Free

**Exhibition Dates:** 5 March – 11 April, 2010

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