

## Media Release

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### **Julie Montgarrett: Navigating Tensions**

A uniquely evolving exhibition opens this week at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, as local artist Julie Montgarrett presents ***Navigating Tensions***. Featuring recent works that evocatively combine textile and drawing practices, ***Navigating Tensions*** will unfold over seven weeks from mid-December until early February as Julie explores ideas of invasion and disruptive change in art and in history.

***Navigating Tensions***, on display in the Links Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, includes a wide range of forms and techniques, including artist books, wall works, and sculptural textile pieces. Julie Montgarrett describes the underlying aim of this work as presenting “an unfolding, visual ‘re-telling’ of fragile circumstances and dramatic change, to perhaps challenge a viewer to materially ‘re-make’ their perceptions of the past through textile and drawing.”

“By unpicking the seams of disguises, layering and embroidering new details both literally and metaphorically, to re-make their minimal historical silhouettes, we reflect how much and how little we too have changed.”

Julie Montgarrett is one of Wagga Wagga’s most notable and innovative artists, whose work, while predominantly focused on textile practice, covers a diverse and experimental range of artforms. Julie’s work has been exhibited and collected for over three decades by galleries across Australia and internationally, including the National Gallery of Victoria, the Powerhouse Museum, the Jam Factory in Adelaide, and the Glasgow Museum in Scotland. Julie’s most recent solo exhibition at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, *Guessing Games in Borrowed Spaces*, was held in 2008, and her work also featured here in *Through the Eye: Contemporary Riverina Textile Artists* in 2010.

***Navigating Tensions*** is open to the public in the Links Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery throughout the summer, from Friday 14 December, 2012, until Sunday 3 February, 2013. The exhibition will be launched on Friday 21 December, 2012, from 6:00pm until 8:00pm.

#### **Exhibition Launch**

**When:** Friday 21 December, 2012, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Where:** Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

**Cost:** Free

#### **Exhibition Dates**

**When:** Friday 14 December, 2012 – Sunday 3 February, 2013

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