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Blue Mountains City Art Gallery VISIONS of AUSTRALIA exhibition touring support for As far as the eye can see

Blue Mountains City Art Gallery has been successful in securing over \$75 thousand in touring support from Visions of Australia to mount a nine venue tour to five states of the highly popular printmaking exhibition *As far as the eye can see*. The exhibition will tour to regional galleries in QLD, NSW, TAS, VIC and SA from July 2018 – April 2020.

Through the work of twenty-two Australian artists this exhibition celebrates the contemporary topography of both landscape and printmaking. From Aboriginal desert story-tellers and knowledge keepers, through the regional experience of World Heritage sites and journeys from city to country, the artists express their individual relationships to the land through a variety of print media. They describe both the vast scale and the intimate detail of our diverse natural environment and portray Australia's unique and varied geography. Their work reflects the breadth and depth of print practice in Australia today.

"The Blue Mountains Cultural Centre is delighted to receive this funding from the Australian Government's Visions of Australia program. This grant will see us tour this in-house curated show to nine venues across Australia and showcase the artistic vibrancy of the Blue Mountains region to a national audience," said Blue Mountains Cultural Centre Exhibition Manager Sabrina Roesner.

Federal Member for Macquarie, Susan Templeman, congratulated the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre on securing the grant.

"It takes an enormous effort to put together this calibre of exhibition in the first place, and then to secure funding to tour is quite a coup. This is testament to the quality of both artists and curating that we have here in the Mountains, and is it is wonderful to see this printmaking expertise shared around the country."

A Blue Mountains City Art Gallery exhibition curated by Rilka Oakley.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government's Visions of Australia program.

The artists

The show features twenty-two artists representing all Australian states and territories including seven Blue Mountains based artists.

Antonia Aitken (TAS), Raymond Arnold (TAS), G. W. Bot (ACT), Susanna Castleden (WA), Jan Davis (NSW), Gary Jolley (NSW), Locust Jones (NSW), Martin King (VIC), Judith Martinez (NSW), Clyde McGill (WA), Helen Mueller (NSW), Alice Nampitjinpa (NT), Dorothy Napangardi (NT), Daniel O'Shane (QLD), Janet Parker-Smith (NSW), Julie Paterson (NSW), Olga Sankey (SA), Gary Shinfield (NSW), Rochelle Summerfield (NSW), Chris Tobin (NSW), Judy Watson (QLD) and Freedom Wilson (NSW).

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10am – 2pm Public Holidays (closed Good Friday, Christmas Day)

Admission: \$5 adults / \$3 concession. Members & under 16 free