



## MEDIA RELEASE

### CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN DRAWING: 20 YEARS OF THE DOBELL PRIZE FOR DRAWING

*Contemporary Australian Drawing: 20 Years of the Dobell Prize for Drawing* is an exhibition curated in celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the prestigious Dobell Prize for Drawing. Established in 1993 at the Art Gallery of New South Wales with the support of the Trustees of the Sir William Dobell Art Foundation, the annual prize encouraged excellence in drawing and draughtsmanship. The award has been known to stimulate debate about the nature of drawing as the boundaries are deliberately not defined in the entry guidelines. With this freedom, the exhibition continually showcases the wealth of talent amongst Australian artists and the diversity of this expressive medium.

*Contemporary Australian Drawing* features winning drawings and other works acquired throughout the history of the prize in the Art Gallery of New South Wales collection including artists such as David Fairbairn, Judy Cassab, Wendy Sharpe, and inaugural winner Kevin Connor amongst others. The winning work of the 2012 Dobell Prize, Gareth Sansom's *Made in Wadeye*, is also included in this exhibition.

*Contemporary Australian Drawing: 20 Years of the Dobell Prize for Drawing* celebrates the significant contribution the Dobell Prize has made to the development of contemporary drawing in Australia.

#### TOURING SCHEDULE

<a href="#">Grafton Regional Gallery</a>	15 February – 24 March 2013
<a href="#">Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery</a>	30 March – 5 May 2013
<a href="#">Orange Regional Gallery</a>	5 July – 18 August 2013
<a href="#">National Art School</a>	29 August – 6 October 2013
<a href="#">Tweed River Art Gallery</a>	18 October – 24 November 2013

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information on the Prize please visit [www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/prizes/dobell](http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/prizes/dobell)

For more information on the tour please visit <http://netsaustralia.org.au/whats-on/Dobell/>

*An Art Gallery of New South Wales exhibition toured by Museums & Galleries of NSW.*

Image: David Fairbairn, *Portrait of Tao Triebels*, 1998, charcoal, black ink and white chalk on four etchings, 142.7 x 110.5cm. © the Artist. Photo: Mim Stirling, Art Gallery of New South Wales

