



AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES
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G.W. BOT

Grasslands - Glyphs

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Exhibition Dates: 10 - 27 August 2017
35 Derby Street Collingwood VIC 3066
Open 7 days 10am to 6pm

“My studio is in the grasslands, west of Canberra. I have been living and working in this environment now for decades. At first I noticed things that lie on and under the grasslands - now I am noticing the grasses themselves - a myriad of different languages that whisper and dance in every direction. The grasses are home to many creatures, including the Little Eagle which now has become a rare and endangered species. All of this is under constant threat of development. I notice that we haven’t got the balance right between protection of the land and our constant destruction of it. This exhibition is of these grasslands.” G.W. Bot 2017

G.W. Bot’s deep connection to the Australian landscape resonates poignantly throughout her upcoming exhibition, *Grasslands - Glyphs*. Bot conveys with masterful skill and great sensitivity the beauty, power and vulnerability of the bushland she has observed and explored for many decades. Bot’s attention and devotion to the natural environment that surrounds her have culminated in a magnificent new body of work including two large scale paintings, a series of intricately detailed linocuts on Kozo paper and graphic bronze sculptures.

Bot’s unique pictorial language of ‘Glyphs’ has been explored and refined over several decades and through thousands of sketches the artist has made of our distinctive environment. This system of marks, Bot has devised, has become a language of the Australian Bush, and tells a story of Australia. These images are highly evocative, poetic and moving, realised through a variety of media, textures and surfaces to reflect the tactility, fragility and strength of the landscape she depicts. Like the delicate grasslands she deeply reveres, Bot’s works are alive, stirring, evoking joy, tension, acute awareness and breathtaking moments of serenity.

Grasslands – Glyphs is current until 27 August 2017

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