

## KATE DORROUGH

THE ENDURING LANDSCAPE

### 26TH JULY TO 13TH AUGUST 2011 OPENING: SATURDAY 30TH JULY, 2 TO 4PM

Notes from the Artist's Diary Art Vault Residency - Mildura

#### 12th March

Great being in a new landscape, place... big walk along the Murray River, which runs right through the town. Love all the different gum trees here ... There is a real resonance of the horizontal line of the river and the vertical with the gum trees.

#### 19th March

Started sketching in the bush, not sure what will evolve out of this yet, ... Looking at the abstract shapes and negative spaces between trees, lots of sticks. Also photographed the ground, with all the rocks, stones, cracked earth and delicate natives, all in bloom.

#### 24th March

24th March Realised this country is really the beginning of the "outback". Lots of Red River gums and salt bushes.... the endurance and stoicism needed to survive here ... I feel like an empty plane ... but everywhere there are signs of life and fortitude. Think of the Mallee tree: they create a large bulb at their base to store water to keep going in the hard times.

Image: Studio, Kate Dorrough, May 2011

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