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David Paulson *Drawing Back*

Gloria Petyarre *Leaves*

Exhibition opening Friday 26 September 2014, 6pm

Exhibition dates 26 September – 24 October 2014

David Paulson *Drawing Back*

Having painted the Maleny creek on the Sunshine Coast for the past ten years, David Paulson's exhibition of new works re-explores and re-connects with his ongoing interest in the figure and the human condition. Paulson, renowned for his draftmanship, has been refining his practice as both artist and teacher since the 1970s. His bold and confident works in this exhibition capture an emotional intensity and reveal a curiosity with the subconscious mind and anxieties. The inspiration for the exhibition's major work, a large-scale portrait of Major General John Cantwell, followed the artist's meeting with Cantwell at his book launch for *Exit Wounds*. This exhibition *Drawing Back* includes over thirty life drawings, self-portraits and complex figure studies on canvas and paper.

Gloria Petyarre *Leaves*

Gloria Petyarre's *bush medicine leaves*, the subject of this exhibition, showcases her original classic design. The *bush medicine leaves* are derived from the Kurrajong tree found in her Atnangkere country, Utopia region in the Northern Territory. Petyarre is recognised as a luminary of the Utopia art movement. *Leaves* features detailed and small scale works alongside larger *broad brush* paintings in a vibrant array of colours and compositions, painted between 2003 and 2011.

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