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New resident for Grindell's Hut

The Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Co-management Board, Department for Environment and Heritage in partnership with the Port Augusta City Council and Country Arts SA are pleased to announce Barry Wemyss as the 2010 recipient of the Grindell's Hut Artist in Residency program.

As an emerging artist with increasing recognition Wemyss' artistic objectives are creating works of art that portray the strong visual language emanating from the alluring beauty of our Australian landscape. His interests lie in art forms that portray the organic beauty of the innate features of places.

Wemyss said of the residency, "my vision is to gain a sense of place, in which my desire is to produce a body of free-formed work that portrays my association with the park and selected distinguishing features within the landscape".

Wemyss has a BA, Visual Arts from the University of Ballarat and is currently the Senior Technical Officer, University of Ballarat Arts Academy, Victoria. He works in a variety of mediums mainly sculpture, ceramics, artist's books as well as papermaking, screen-printing and photography. His studies in art forms have taken him to Canada for bookbinding and Japan to investigate traditional Japanese pottery methods. Wemyss is represented in private collections in Australia, Ireland, Japan, Scotland, New Zealand and the USA.

Sara Twigg-Patterson, Arts Officer said, "we received the highest number of applicants to date making the selection process very competitive, especially as all the applicants were of a high calibre".

"The selection panel was impressed by Barry's inspirational ceramic forms and intricate artist's books. His work is highly technical, exquisite with a presence that emanates its own sculptural terrain. Barry's work will bring diversity and a new perspective on the Flinders Ranges through the eyes of a ceramic artist."

"The Grindell's Hut program is undoubtedly on the national arts program calendar with a reputation for selecting ground-breaking artists no matter what the art forms. It reinforces the value and importance of arts and culture in the community; its ability to inspire, educate, and challenge the community; and create new experiences for the benefit of the community," she said.

Barry Wemyss is expected to begin his three week residency mid October 2009, followed by an exhibition of his inspired work in June/July 2010.

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