
Media Release: Exhibition



Virginia Kaiser (L – R) Boxes containing objects relating to Darling River, 2006, river reed, 20cm x 15cm. Photo Boris Halvica; *complex web*, 2006, paperbark, iris string, rattan and recycled paper, 35cm (h), 2006. Photo: Boris Halvica

Object Gallery 13 January – 25 February 2007

PROJECT SPACE: Virginia Kaiser

As one of Australia's most renowned basket makers, Virginia Kaiser has been creating works for over 23 years – and in this, her first exhibition at Object Gallery's Project Space she will showcase her most recent collection.

Borne from 18 months' research spent in western New South Wales, her exquisitely constructed baskets, vessels and sculptural forms express the lost craft traditions of this area. Kaiser uses locally sourced materials, such as jacaranda and pine needles, and traditional weaving, coiling and twining techniques. Her resulting forms resonate with a contemporary sensibility while raising awareness of lost weaving traditions. As with all her work, this recent collection pays tribute to the colours, textures and ruggedness of the Australian landscape.

Largely self-taught and having exhibited both nationally and internationally for over 20 years, Kaiser also lectures in textiles at the University of Wollongong, runs basketry workshops and regularly curates exhibitions. She was the 2003 and 2005 Artist-in-Residence at the Sturt Craft Centre, Mittagong, NSW; has been profiled in numerous publications, including *Vogue Living* and *Craft Arts International* and is also represented in numerous collections from the National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, through to the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney.

For all media enquiries contact Christina Neubauer (02) 9361 4555 or c.neubauer@object.com.au

Object Gallery
St Margarets 417 Bourke Street
Surry Hills NSW 2010
Open Tuesday to Sunday
11am - 6pm (Closed Monday)
Tel: +61 2 9361 4511
Free admission

Media Partner

VOGUE
LIVING



Australian Government



NSW Government

THE VISUAL ARTS AND CRAFT STRATEGY



Australian Government



Australia Council
for the Arts

arts|nsw

