



**Contemporary Australian Drawing:  
20 Years of the Dobell Prize for Drawing**  
The Temporary Exhibitions Gallery

**Friday 18 October – Sunday 24 November**

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*Contemporary Australian Drawing: 20 Years of the Dobell Prize for Drawing* was curated in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the prestigious Dobell Prize for Drawing. Established in 1993 at the Art Gallery of New South Wales with the support of the Trustees of the Sir William Dobell Art Foundation, the annual prize encouraged excellence in drawing and draughtsmanship. The award has been known to stimulate debate about the nature of drawing as the boundaries are deliberately not defined in the entry guidelines. With this freedom, the exhibition continually showcases the wealth of talent amongst Australian artists and the diversity of this expressive medium.

The exhibition features winning drawings and other works acquired throughout the history of the Prize in the Art Gallery of New South Wales collection, including work by David Fairbairn, Judy Cassab, Wendy Sharpe, inaugural winner Kevin Connor, and the winning work of the 2012 Dobell Prize, Gareth Sansom's *Made in Wadeye*. *Contemporary Australian Drawing: 20 Years of the Dobell Prize for Drawing* celebrates the significant contribution the Dobell Prize has made to the development of contemporary drawing in Australia.



An Art Gallery of New South Wales exhibition toured by Museums & Galleries NSW

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**Nicholas Harding**

*Eddy Avenue (3)* 2001

black ink on two sheets of torn and abraded paper  
132.4 x 149.0cm

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