

## With a pencil in my pocket Rosemary Upton The Macnaughton Focus Gallery

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"I have spent the past decade travelling around Australia, gathering an abundance of memories and photographs. Exploring the country reveals breath-taking scenery, wonderful wildlife and views that leave me in awe of the inherent beauty of our Australian countryside. I am predominantly captivated by the shape and often eerie formations of trees; the twists and folds, color, density and texture of their sometimes smooth, sometimes gnarled trunks.

In this exhibition I have recaptured, through drawing, a number of these discovered places. Constraining myself to the use of a single medium - graphite, I have kept my lines clean and strong, with only a small amount of pastel or watercolour in each work to bring a focal point to the page. With little colour, I use a structure of clear simple lines to gradually form mass. Intricate and detailed, this twisting of line work, multi-layering and crosshatching are techniques I use to create depth, form, light and shade.

I hope that those who view my work will experience the essence of my passion for this subject matter. This series of work is an ongoing process, as I continue to explore and travel through the vast Australian landscape and document my experiences through my hand, eyes, heart and soul."

Rosemary Upton, March 2013

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Greenup Weir (Inglewood, Qld) 2012 graphite and watercolour on paper 57 x 76cm