

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Local landscape reflected in new exhibition

A new exhibition of paintings and works on paper by Canberra based artist and former lecturer Helen Geier has just opened at the Araluen Arts Centre in the Alice Springs Cultural Precinct.

The exhibition – *Meander II: A Reflective Path* - is a continuation of a dialogue and exchange that Ms Geier began in June 2007, with her open studio and exhibition, *Meander: Shadow Screens and Scrolls*.

Araluen Arts Centre Curator Kate Podger said there is a strong tradition of artists coming to and finding inspiration from the Red Centre.

“Artists are often profoundly challenged and moved by the experience; in this respect Ms Geier is in good company,” Ms Podger said.

“Her response to this challenge is to physically sculpt the form of the landscape by pleating, tearing cutting into paper, applying pigment, painting, folding and faulting the landforms.”

The three-dimensional structures are further enhanced with careful illumination to create deep shadows.

“Together these works on paper and canvas will explore my response to the local landscape: its clarity of light and deep purple shadows: the physical layering and sense of suspension in space often found in the framed views in the ‘gaps’: its illusive imagery, camouflage and the transforming effects of light,” Ms Geier said.

Both the works themselves and the way in which they are grouped will encourage gallery visitors to meander through a ‘landscape’ of horizontal and vertical movement where images, shapes and shadows drift and play, continually unfolding into random patterns and chance connections that provoke new and unexpected ways of experiencing and perceiving space.

Ms Geier said the subtle interplay of different forms, including screens, scrolls, canvas and textiles allude to her engagement with cross cultural symbols and perceptions that can be found layered throughout her work.

The exhibition closes Sunday 27 April 2007.

The Alice Springs Cultural Precinct is open from 10am to 4pm on weekdays and 11am to 4pm on weekends.

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