

# ART ROCKS!

Simon Poole

22 May - 28 June 2009



*'As I sat pondering the form of the rock face opposite me in the gorge, I began to sense its enduring history; of how the rock has tolerated all that has elapsed and of how it still enjoys a stoicism that remains to the last weathered facet.'*

In the work developed for this exhibition, I have employed a range of media to explore the concepts of scale, form and perspective in the landscape; of how, as a viewer of an artwork, we only get to experience an abstracted feature of the world seen through the artist's eyes. My investigations therefore take us through some of the processes employed by artists to simulate the real world, utilising an aspect of the Australian landscape, namely rock faces, as an example of how a sense of form is created in a 2 dimensional environment.

Rocks are central to life; central to the urban forms we inhabit, of being witness to the passage of a juvenile humankind, and of being crushed and brushed by the artist. My sculptures, installations and paintings, through the application of digital technologies, rediscover how the use of colour and tone add to our comprehension of 3 dimensions. I aim to coax the viewer into a closer sensory association with what I have experienced and been moved by. Figures begin to appear in the renderings leaving me with a feeling that I have awoken to the spirit of Country and I am overcome with respect for the land and its story.

*Simon Poole – Artist*

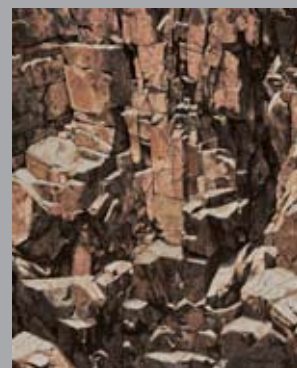
**EXHIBITION LAUNCH:  
SATURDAY 23 May 2.30pm**

**ARTIST TALK  
Saturday 23 May- 2:00pm**

Local artist Simon Poole will discuss the techniques used and themes explored in his solo exhibition.

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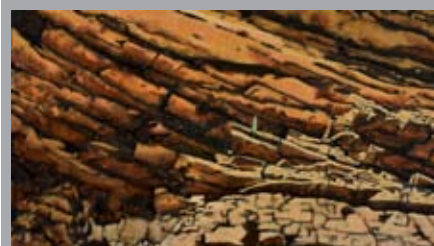
SUPPORTING ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF CAIRNS



Simon Poole,  
*Annan Gorge Rocks* 2008



Simon Poole,  
*Mt Isa Rocks* 2008



Simon Poole,  
*Kakadu Rocks* 2008

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