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PRESS RELEASE

JULIE DOWLING

NIDJA WIDI (This is wild)

13 March - 9 April 2006

This is Julie Dowling's first works on paper show and the first exhibition Brigitte Braun (formerly Artplace Perth) is holding since moving to Melbourne.

Works on paper are an intimate process for Julie Dowling. Found images from books such as old encyclopaedias, are positioned beside intense mono print and mixed media portraits of her community and family. Each work is a statement about location both on the land and within time.

Most of these works highlight the changing relationship between Australia's native flora/fauna and Aboriginal people. Each image reflects an ongoing auto-ethnographic process used by Dowling to discuss and highlight the relationship between Wudjula (non-Aboriginal) people and that of her own community.

Julie Dowling is a highly regarded artist. Her works are included in the collections of the National Gallery of Australia, National Gallery of Victoria, Art Gallery of WA, Art Gallery of SA, Kelton Foundation California, Kerry Stokes, Sir James & Lady Cruthers and many more. Her most recent international exhibitions include a solo show at Galerie Seippel, Koeln, Germany as well as being part of "Australië, het land en de mensen" in the Rijkesmuseum voor Volkerkunde in Leiden Holland and "The Human Image by Indigenous and Non Indigenous Artists" at the University of Virginia, USA.

Locally her work can be seen in **Land Marks** at the National Gallery of Victoria and **Dancelines** in the George Adams Gallery in the Arts Centre.

Nidja Widi starts on 13 March and runs until 9 April at
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The exhibition can be seen by appointment: phone 03 95211517
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