

RIVERS RUN

Julie Gough

5 February to 14 March 2010



Rivers Run is an exhibition of four artworks that together reveal my ongoing physical and psychological engagement with Tasmania and its history. The works *Rivers Run*, *We ran/I am*, *Driving Black Home 2* and *Trespass* document my attempts to move not only through place but time. The actions of running, driving, kayaking, climbing fences and wandering roadsides are reformed into two video projections, a floor and a wall installation that together record, test and visually represent my attempts to track myself in the land of my maternal Aboriginal ancestors. These works were motivated by the desire to transact with a past that seems just beyond the horizon, around the next bend, through that locked farm gate. Testing how I recognize my island and if it still recognizes my six generations since my tribal past, each piece is a fragment of the desire to recall and understand what happened in lethal frontier Van Diemen's Land before it became amnesiac Tasmania. Gough's process involves uncovering and re-presenting historical stories to evaluate the impact of the past on our present lives. Combining found human made and natural materials from indoor and outdoor sites, I manifest places that are anywhere and nowhere, internal worlds through which we might engage with our conflicting and subsumed histories.

Julie Gough - Artist



Julie Gough: *We ran/I am*.
Journal of George Augustus Robinson 3 November 1830, Swan Island, North East Tasmania -
"I issued slops to all the fresh natives, gave them baubles and played the flute, and rendered them as satisfied as I could. The people all seemed satisfied at their clothes. Trousers is excellent things and confines their legs so they cannot run".
2007 calico, 14 photographs on paper, earth pigments,
c.2.0 x 7.5 x 0.05m. Photography by Craig Opie;

ARTIST TALK

Friday 5 February – 5.30pm

Tasmanian artist Julie Gough will explain the research and concepts behind her fascinating mixed media and installation works and their reference to her own wider and personal cultural background.

EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Friday 5 February – 6.30pm

GALLERY OPENING HOURS:

10.00am - 5.00pm Monday – Saturday
1.00pm – 5.00pm Sunday and Public Holidays
Gallery admission: Adults \$5.00
Children up to 16 years are free

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