



MEDIA RELEASE

MAPPING PLACES THROUGH POETRY — The Disappearing

*Only takes minutes for history to be bulldozed
plenty of those minutes have been found in this city*

~ from 'Potts Point Redevelopment' by Sarah Attfield, commissioned poet

Three hundred established and emerging poets are mapping Australia's hidden and disappearing histories as part of The Red Room Company's *Disappearing* projects. A reimagining of the 2012 app, using geo-location technology pinning poetry to place. Poets include award-winning authors Omar Musa, Pam Brown, Berndt Sellheim, Miro Bilbrough, Michelle Cahill, Nick Bryant Smith and Lionel Fogarty. (See below for full list)

From Alice Springs to Port Arthur, poets explore place through the language of loss, land, culture and memory. Charting the past of hundreds of cities, ghost towns, parks and pubs, *Disappearing* has grown to be Australia's largest poetic travel guide.

Open to the public on Thursday 20 October, this latest *Disappearing* edition features 30 new poems mapping sites across Western Sydney as well as Cowra, Wollombi, Wagga Wagga and Gundagai in regional NSW. These poems map critical histories, preserving place and memory by giving voice to the invisible stories often neglected in conventional cartography.



Get involved

Poets and the public are invited to take a poetic tour of Australia, explore neighbourhoods through new eyes, listen to hidden histories, and publish their poems to the *Disappearing* map alongside Australia's most celebrated poets. www.disappearing.com.au

Available for interview:

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About The Red Room Company

The Red Room Company's vision is to make poetry a meaningful part of everyday life.

We create poetic arts projects and learning programs in collaboration with a spectrum of poets, schools, communities and partners for positive social impact. Our mission is to make poetry accessible to all, especially those who face the greatest barriers to creative opportunities.

Founded in 2003, The Red Room Company (RRC) has grown to be Australia's key organisation for the creation and commissioning of new poetry by established and emerging poets as well as students. Reflecting the diversity of Australian voices, RRC embraces all styles of poetry (page, performance, hip-hop, rap, visual) promoting the form across a range of languages and mediums including radio, stage, installation, digital publishing initiatives and learning programs. This has seen RRC poets collaborating with truck drivers, pigeon fanciers, Indigenous communities, musicians, inmates, botanists, and translating poetry into over 15 languages, as well as developing Australia's first interactive poetry mapping site.

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List of Commissioned Poets for *The Disappearing*

Adam Aitken, Kaye Aldenhoven, Ali Alizadeh, Richard James Allen, Cathy Altmann, Ivy Alvarez, Eunice Andrada, Sarah Attfield, Maryam Azam

Luke Beesley, Miro Bilbrough, Peter Boyle, Susan Bradley Smith, RA Briggs, Lachlan Brown, Pam Brown, Nova Brown Longhurst, SOLO (Nick Bryant Smith), John Muk Muk Burke, joanne burns, William Byrne

Michelle Cahill, Anne M. Carson, Coral Carter, Megan Casey, Bonny Cassidy, C. M. Chadwick, Kim Cheng Boey, Nandi Chinna, Eileen Chong, Stuart Cooke, Rico Craig, Louise Currenti

Tricia Dearborn, Jake Dennis, Jake Dennis, Steve Dibirdi Hodder Watt Bunbajee, B. R. Dionysius, Diwurruwurru Poetry Club + Mista Phillip, Benjamin Dodds, Oliver Driscoll, Penny Drysdale, Zoe Dzunko

Lorin Elizabeth, Joel Ephraims

Michael Farrell, Sue Fielding, Toby Fitch, Stuart Flavell, Alison Flett, Lionel Fogarty

Andrew Galan, Susanne Gannon, Juan Garrido-Salgado, Danny Gentile, Michael Giacometti, Ian Gibbins, Jane Gibian, Paul Giles

Martin Harrison, John Hawke, Tim Heffernan, Kelly-Lee Hickey, Fiona Hile

Jackson, Virginia Jealous, Gareth Jenkins, Lorne Johnson, Jill Jones

Anna Kerdijk Nicholson, Graham Kershaw, Katie Keys, Andy Kissane

Peter Lach-Newinsky, Mike Ladd, Bronwyn Lang, Jeanine Leane, Tom Lee, John Leonard, Kate Lilley, Tony Lintermans, Astrid Lorange

Kent MacCarter, Julie Maclean, Laurie May, Rachael Mead, Alice Melike Ulgeze, Hannah Mettner, Kate Middleton, Peter Minter, Scott-Patrick Mitchell, Tara Mokhtari, Judi Morison, Lorna Munro, Omar Musa

Jal Nicholl, Sarah Nicholson, Matt Norman, Sarah-Jane Norman

Stephen Oliver, Meredi Ortega, Genevieve Osborne

Geoff Page, Josephine Parsons, Bruce Pascoe, Glen Phillips, David Prater, Saxby Pridmore, Brian Purcell

Helen Ramoutsaki, Kate Rees, Sarah Rice, Mark Roberts, Frances Rouse, Candy Royalle

Omar Sakr, Philip Salom, Brenda Saunders, Oscar Schwartz, Paul Scully, Berndt Sellheim, Michael Sharkey, Jaime Shields, Leni Shilton, Tim Sinclair, Andrew Sneddon, Pete Spence, Bert Spinks, David Stavanger, John Karl Stokes

Sandra Thibodeaux, Scott Thouard, Todd Turner

Isi Unikowski

Corey Wakeling, Amelia Walker, Lesley Walter, Ben Walter, Erica Weatherlake, Mercedes Webb-Pullman, Annamaria (A.M.) Weldon, Anna Westbrook, Hamish Wood, Jena Woodhouse, Fiona Wright, Fiona Wright

Mark Young