

Press Release; **Shaun Atkinson** excites internationally renowned West Australian poet **John Kinsella** with work from his upcoming exhibition 'Margaret River Series' at Jahroc Galleries in Margaret River.



On the 28<sup>th</sup> of July Jahroc Galleries will host the first solo exhibition by Shaun Atkinson in Margaret River for 14 years.

Atkinson, who's extensive CV includes some major collectors including the State Gallery, has lived in Margaret River since the mid 70's. In recent years Atkinson has travelled extensively and exhibited in Florence, Dubai, Jakarta, Bali, Hong Kong, the UK and North America with a high degree of success. His last major exhibition at Greenhill Galleries in Perth in 2005 was a virtual sell out.

John Kinsella, who has written poetry relating to early Australian landscape artists such as Boyd, and Blackman, became aware of Atkinson's work when he wrote poetry for Silhouettes at Jahroc in 2004. John had recently published 'Peripheral Light' in America and was quite taken with Shaun's exploration of the peripheral view in his abstracted landscapes. Kinsella immediately agreed to open 'Margaret River Series' for Shaun as well as writing some new poem's which he will recite on the night.

'Margaret River Series' is a coming home for Shaun as he explores the effect of light and dark on the land and sea scapes in the region that surrounds his Studio. The physical properties of the work evoke the strength and conflict within nature. The shadow, which is ever present in Atkinson's work, is a vehicle that explores territories of the subconscious.

By painting these sometimes very large works on panels it gives the opportunity for them to be hung in varying configurations. They are ultimately connected by a horizon but can travel around a room creating landscapes with a peripheral view.

Artistically this will be an exceptional evening. The power of Atkinson's large scale dynamic works shown in Jahroc's cavernous new gallery space introduced with poetic intensity by John Kinsella will be a cultural feast for the eye's and ears.



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