

South African artist's work shown at gallery



Tamborine Mountain artist Louise Grove-Wiechers will show her work at Graceville Gallery.

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LOUISE Grove-Wiechers provides a unique snapshot into Australia's landscape in her first Brisbane exhibition at Graceville Gallery.

The South African artist's work is known around the world and since moving to Australia just five months ago, her latest exhibition *The Intimate Landscape* shows the diversity of the land from a foreigners eyes.

Ms Grove-Wiechers fell in love with the Australian landscape during several visits and has decided to make Australia a permanent home settling in Mt Tamborine with her husband.

The pair often take trips around the area taking in the natural beauty and this is where Ms Grove-Wiechers finds her inspiration.

"My husband has a motorbike and when we go riding, I see something I like, I tell him to stop and then I shoot and from that I take a snapshot from

the picture," she said.

"I started photographing rural areas in Brisbane and choosing a little piece of landscape I like.

"I love the rural landscape around Brisbane."

Far from just loving the landscape, Ms Grove-Wiechers has a love of sheep and tries to incorporate them into her paintings.

"I've always loved sheep," she said.

"I love the innocence and the shape and you can create depth from them."

Born in South Africa, Ms Grove-Wiechers completed a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art at the University of Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg majoring in Graphic Art and Printmaking.

In her honours year, her subjects were Art Criticism and Fine Art Printmaking, she completed a higher diploma in Education, and started a career teaching and lecturing in art.

The Intimate Landscape is on display at Graceville Gallery from October 16 to November 30 and the community will have a chance to meet Ms Grove-Wiechers on October 19 from 6pm to 8pm.

Graceville Gallery is open Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 5pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm and is located at 465 Oxley Road, Sherwood.