

SEVEN ARTISTS LOOK TO 'FAMILY' IN UPCOMING EXHIBITION AT BUNDOORA HOMESTEAD

The Family Mantle

22 September – 11 November 2018

Featuring new works by Sofi Basseghi, Katayoun Javan, Janelle Low, Morganna Magee, Andy Mullens, Talia Smith and Pia Johnson. Curated by Pia Johnson.

The concept of family and the family photo album are the centrepieces of an upcoming exhibition at Bundoora Homestead Art Centre opening on 22 September 2018. Bringing together new work by seven female Australian artists, *The Family Mantle* presents a series of photographic responses to notions of the family. Through the exploration of memory, archive, video and photography, the artworks sift through the cultural and social constructs of familial relations and the role of the individual within them.

Curator Pia Johnson describes the exhibition as “intense and intimate – *The Family Mantle* speaks to the tangled webs of families – the memories, the domestic and all the territory that goes with it.”

The exhibition interrogates the role of photography as part of everyday life, and the way in which family photography and the family photo album shape family narratives. We value our family photo albums like treasures, and instinctively know they are bridges to memories and moments in our history. Across cultures, seas and times, our understanding of family and how we are shaped by it is universal.

“I wanted to curate an exhibition that looked at a range of different cultural backgrounds, birthplaces and relationships to family in Australia today,” Johnson reveals, as her own artistic practice is concerned with cultural difference and belonging. Most of the artists in this exhibition come from a mixed cultural background. Their individual upbringings, family values, locations, and perspectives inform their artistic works to reveal a range of responses to what family means.

Exhibition details:

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22 September – 11 November 2018

Bundoora Homestead Art Centre

7 Prospect Hill Drive, Bundoora

Thursday - Sunday 10am-5pm

Exhibition opening: Saturday 22 September | 2–4pm

Exhibition curator/artist talk: Saturday 20 October | 2pm