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Contemporary Aboriginal Art from the Ann Lewis Collection Mosman Art Gallery 16 October – 14 November

The Mosman Art Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition from one of Australia's most important private collectors and benefactors of art, Dr Ann Lewis, AO who was born and raised near Mungindi, NSW. A prodigious collector from the 1970s, Dr Lewis has in recent years also acquired a significant collection of Aboriginal art, from which this exhibition has been drawn.

For some 20 years, from 1964 to the early 1980s, Dr Lewis directed Gallery A in Sydney. The gallery's achievements are to be celebrated in 2009 with an exhibition in Campbelltown and Newcastle and an accompanying book.

Dr Lewis was Chairman of the Australia Council's Visual Arts Board in the 1980s and, among other key roles, is now Vice-President of the International Council of New York's Museum of Modern Art and a Member of the International Board of London's Tate Gallery. As well, she has been a Board Member of Artbank and a supporter the Australian Youth Orchestra, the Biennale of Sydney and the Museum of Contemporary Art.

In 2006 she received an Honorary Doctorate in Fine Arts from the University of Sydney for her long and distinguished service to the visual arts.

The works in this exhibition represent Aboriginal art across Australia, from Papunya in Central Australia and Balgo Hills in Western Australia to Ramingining in central Arnhem Land, NT, as well as Sydney and Brisbane, which are home to such artists as Judy Watson and Tracy Moffatt.

In addition to her much appreciated gift to the Moree Plains Gallery, Dr Lewis has generously loaned her newly-acquired Aboriginal pictures especially for show at Mosman Art Gallery.

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The exhibition will be opened on Friday 22 October at 6.30pm by prominent Aboriginal curator **Djon Mundine**.

Public Program

Saturday 30th October, 2.30pm.

Curator Talk

Join Katrina Rumley, Director of Moree Plain Gallery for an insightful talk about the wealth of visual culture represented by the artists and artworks within the exhibition

‘Contemporary Aboriginal Art from the Ann Lewis Collection’.

RSVP 9978 4178 Free, afternoon tea included

Saturday 6 November, 11.00am

Free Exhibition Tour with the Gallery guides

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