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### DEB MANSFIELD'S 'SOFTENING (OR BREAK THE LEGS OF WHAT I WANT TO HAPPEN)'

Chapter House Lane presents Newcastle artist Deb Mansfield's oceanic photo-tapestries in 'Softening (or break the legs of what I want to happen)', from 6 November to 4 January 2015.

The ocean is a great Australian preoccupation – whether you're a bold swimmer or stick warily to the sand, we are all somehow drawn by the motion and expanse of the sea. Having grown up on the east coast of Australia, artist Deb Mansfield often returns to these geographies, the coastline and tides through her art practice. Steering clear of surf icons and bronzed mythologies, Mansfield's work looks at 'in-between spaces' such as the littoral shoreline, which is neither ocean nor land, but a curious space between the two.

The works presented in 'Softening (or break the legs of what I want to happen)' are photo-tapestries, mechanically woven from photographs of the Bay of Fires in Tasmania and the Breakwater in Mansfield's home of Newcastle. Creating the tapestries involves multiple techniques, bringing together a negative, digital image, textiles and weaving machine. The resulting artworks are the sum of all of these elements, while singularly none of them, occupying their own unique 'in-between' form.

Exhibition: 6 November 2014 – 4 January 2015

Opening: Thursday 6 November, 6–8pm

### WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2015

After an incredible year, we look forward to great things for Chapter House Lane in 2015. We have an inspiring line-up of visual artists from across Australia slated to present their work this year. We have plans to launch a brand new website, and to add new dimensions to our projects by collaborating with non-profit organisations, curators and local festivals. Exciting times ahead!

### CONTACT US

Get in touch for further information, media enquiries, interviews or images.

#### Chapter House Lane

A non-profit contemporary art space located in Chapter House Lane, entry via Flinders Lane, Melbourne

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