



CHAPTER HOUSE LANE

# TED BARRACLOUGH

## *Birdman*

2 March – 29 April 2017



Ted Barraclough, *Sacred Kingfisher*, 2017, Acrylic on Camphor Laurel, 14 x 12 x 10 cm.  
Image courtesy Doggett Street Studio and arTHIVES

Chapter House Lane, in association with CLIMARTE, is pleased to present the exhibition, *Birdman*, as a part of **ART+CLIMATE=CHANGE 2017** Festival. *Birdman* will feature over 250 sculpted Native Australian birds by Queensland artist Ted Barraclough.

Barraclough, 81, has been carving Australian birds for nearly two decades. His staggeringly prolific practice is a marriage between two lifelong passions – ornithology and wood carving. His love of birds started in his childhood in rural Queensland. In later life, frequent kayaking and camping trips around the Fitzroy River brought him into close contact with many Native Australian birds.

Birds have long provided inspiration for artistic practices. Their cultural impact upon humans is immense. In many representations, they been used to connote both human and divine spirits, peace and freedom, and are woven in to practices and beliefs. Barraclough's work is a departure from an art history that imprints humanity on birdlife – his practice is an attempt to understand birds 'as they are'; their own relationship with our continent, their lives and their form.

**ART+CLIMATE=CHANGE 2017** is a festival of exhibitions and events harnessing the creative power of the arts to inform, engage and inspire action on climate change. Please join us as we celebrate the exhibition opening on Thursday 2 March from 6-8pm. The exhibition will be opened by one of Australia's leading commentators on birds and bird habitat, Sean Dooley, Editor, Australian Birdlife.

**Opening: Thursday 2 March, 6–8pm**

**Chapter House Lane, entry via Flinders Lane  
Melbourne VIC 3000**

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